



Kate Harrison
Councilmember District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 12, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Kate Harrison
Subject: Budget Referral: Evaluation and Implementation of Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Along Oxford Street

RECOMMENDATION

Refer \$75,000 to the FY20 2019 AAO Process for the purpose of assessing, identifying, and implementing improvements to pedestrian and bicycle safety across Oxford Street, particularly between University Avenue and Bancroft Street.

BACKGROUND

Oxford Street connects the University to Downtown Berkeley, and hundreds of pedestrians and cyclists cross it every day. As a four-lane street with a curve at Kittredge Street, drivers approach at high speeds and limited visibility, and there are frequent collisions (see Attachment 2).

Pedestrian safety measures were installed at Addison and Oxford; there have not been collisions involving a pedestrian or cyclist since 2013. Similar measures should be considered for other intersections along this stretch, particularly at Kittredge and/or Allston.

A similar budget referral was passed by the Council in 2017 but not funded (see Attachment 1). Since 2017 the street continues to pose a threat to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

\$75,000 from excess equity.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Protecting the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists is directly in line with the Climate Action Plan and subsequent plans as it has the potential to lower greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging residents to use bicycles and other low-carbon methods of transportation.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1: Item 32, "Budget Referral: Evaluation and Implementation of Pedestrian Safety Features at Oxford Street and Kittredge Street." May 30, 2017 Berkeley City Council Meeting
- 2: Collision data along Oxford Street. Organized by cross-street, then date. Data gathered from TIMS (Transportation Injury Mapping System).



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May 30, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City

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SUBJECT: Budget Referral: Evaluation and Implementation of Pedestrian Safety Features at Oxford Street and Kittredge Street

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager to assess, identify, fund, and implement improvements to pedestrian safety for the crosswalk across Oxford St. at Kittredge St. Our office requests that the Department evaluate the installation of pedestrian activated beacons, such as those at Oxford and Addison, or a similarly effective improvement for the Oxford and Kittredge intersection.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Cost of improvements to be determined.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No ecological impact.

BACKGROUND

This pedestrian intersection at across Oxford at Kittredge is adjacent to a parking garage, a carwash, an affordable housing development, and a bus stop for the 6 and the F bus lines. At the intersection, Oxford is a four-lane street with limited visibility for drivers, who often approach the crosswalk at high speeds from around a curve. No significant pedestrian safety features currently exist at this crossing.



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Collision Data on Oxford/Fulton

Between University and Durant

(Organized by Intersection, then by date)

Highlights represent collisions involving pedestrians and/or bicyclists.

Cross Street	Month, Year	Kind of Collision	How many injured?	How many killed?
University	January 2011	Broadside: 2 cars	4	0
	August 2012	Broadside: 1 car and 1 bicycle	1	0
	October 2014	Vehicle-Pedestrian	1	0
Addison	January 2013	Vehicle-Pedestrian	1	0
	November 2013	Sideswipe: 2 cars	1	0
	April 2016	Rear End: 2 cars	1	0
	June 2017	Rear End: 2 cars	1	0
Center	September 2011	Rear End: 2 cars	1	0
	September 2012	Vehicle-Pedestrian	1	0
	July 2013	Rear End: 1 car and 1 bicycle	1	0
	September 2015	Vehicle-Pedestrian	1	0
	December 2011	Sideswipe: 1 car and 1 bicycle	1	0
Oxford Lane	April 2015	Sideswipe: 1 car and 1 bicycle	1	0
	July 2016	Vehicle hit a fixed object	3	0
	January 2011	Sideswipe: 1 car and 1 bicycle	1	0
Allston	April 2013	Rear End: 2 cars	1	0
	April 2016	Vehicle hit a fixed object	1	0
	November 2016	Vehicle hit a fixed object	1	0
	September 2017	Head-on Collision: 2 cars	1	0
	July 2012	Rear End: 1 moving car and 1 parked car	1	0
Kittredge	December 2012	Vehicle-Pedestrian	1	0
	June 2013	Sideswipe: 2 cars	1	0

	February 2016	Vehicle hit a fixed object	1	0
Bancroft	September 2011	Broadside: 1 car and 1 bicycle	1	0
	July 2012	Broadside: 1 truck and 1 bicycle	0	1
	October 2013	Vehicle-Pedestrian	1	0
	December 2017	Rear End: 2 cars	1	0
	July 2017	Vehicle hit a fixed object	1	0
Durant	May 2013	Broadside: 2 cars	1	0
	February 2014	Rear End: 1 moving car and 1 parked car	1	0
	August 2014	Broadside: 2 cars	1	0
	September 2014	Broadside: 2 cars	1	0
	January 2017	Vehicle-Pedestrian	1	0
	August 2017	Vehicle-Pedestrian	1	0
	September 2017	Sideswipe: 2 cars	1	0