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Good evening my name is David Light and I live on South Fremont Street. I am especially concerned with how the Circulation Element and Street Classifications affect my neighborhood.

The street classifications for 5th and 9th Avenues are now called Minor Arterials. This means that 5th and 9th Avenues are now allowed to have 3000 to 14,000 trips a day. This also means that there are a total of 5 Minor Arterials designated in a very small area in our Central Neighborhood between 4th to 9th Avenues and South Amphlett to South Delaware in addition to 1 Major Collector on Grant Street which allows 1000 to 6300 trips a day. This appears to be poor planning with our streets aligned to Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration guidelines rather than to what is best for our neighborhood.

ONLY 7th Avenue is NOT a Minor Arterial!
These changes will result in severe traffic impacts to the families living in our neighborhood. We would like to request that the Minor Arterials and Major Collectors be added to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to reduce the cut-through and speeding traffic. The Kiku Crossing garage with 700 vehicles will be opening soon and this also surely impact traffic on our busy streets.

I am an avid bicyclist and it is hard to imagine 14,000 cars a day on a narrow tree lined like 5th Avenue. This classification seems too high for a very narrow street that is a bike boulevard. This street classification should be reduced to a local street for the safety of the bicyclists since it is only a two-lane shared street parking on both sides. Thank you.