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Proposed Amendment to December 7, 2004 City Council
Agenda #18
Encroachment Permit: UC Pedestrian Bridge over Hearst Avenue

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 7, 2004

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Max Anderson

RECOMMENDATION:

- #1. That the Berkeley City Council table the item to January 17th, 2005.
- #2. That the Berkeley City Council request the City Manager to schedule a tour of the proposed location of the Foothill bridge for any interested City Council members. This tour will allow visual inspection of the disability access, pedestrian and traffic safety, landmark and other student and neighborhood issues.

BACKGROUND:

As one of the three new Berkeley City Council members at our very first meeting in our first week in office, I need time to become familiar with the arguments for and against this proposal. Since several City Commissions have taken contradictory positions on the subject, it appears sufficiently important and worthy of doing some site research.

I am personally and firmly committed to improving disabled accessibility at this location and throughout Berkeley. Additionally, I am also concerned about the safety issues for students, pedestrians and all the people in the neighborhood.

My personal preference would be for a tour where proponents and opponents would have a chance to point out the relevant information they would like us to consider, with clear time limits so both sides would receive equal time.

If a majority of the City Council chose to participate in the tour, we could notice the tour as a special meeting of the City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

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