

Council Meeting of
May 15, 2007

SUPPLEMENTAL #1 TO AGENDA ITEM 10C

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Community Development Department –Circulation
Enhancements at the vicinity of Sam Levy School as part of Hull
Middle School Relocation**

Expenditure: \$139,000

Correspondence which was received after the item was prepared or distributed is attached for your consideration. Staff recommends approval of improvements in Categories I and II, and further exploration of the recommended improvements in Category III.

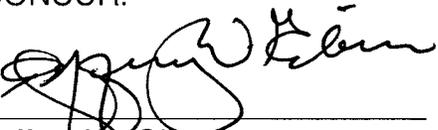
Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

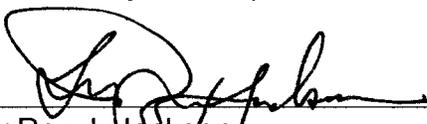
By 

Ted Semaan, Manager
Transportation Planning, Development
Engineering and Records Division

CONCUR:



Jeffery W. Gibson
Community Development Director



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment:
A. Correspondence

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST MANAGEMENT CO

23125 Madison Street
Torrance, California 90505
(310) 373-4825



May 10, 2007

Mr. Ted Semaan
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503

Re: Barricade Removal
Madison and Samuel Streets @ Lomita Blvd.

Dear Mr. Semaan:

At next Tuesday evening's City Council meeting, we are scheduled to discuss the issue of barricade removal at the above captioned intersections. Being that I have owned apartment complexes on both streets for over seventeen years, I feel I am well qualified to express the feelings that the neighborhood has over the proposal to remove these barricades. Since the School District's traffic report has only recently become public knowledge (the Traffic Commission has not even gotten a copy yet), many of the one thousand plus effected residents are only now hearing of this proposal. I have personally spoken with many of the residents, building managers, and owners. Without exception, opinions have been vehemently opposed to the proposal. Concerns about the safety of both local children and adults is paramount. Quality of life issues such as congestion, noise, and the removal of the beautiful trees are also major concerns. Fiscal issues such as how much will the city have to spend to modify and expand the affected streets have also been expressed.

The safety of the residents is obviously the primary concern of both the City Council and the Madison and Samuel Street building owners. Over twenty-five years ago, the City Council made the decision to install these barricades. This decision had nothing to do with the Levy School, but was intended to eliminate the collisions that were occurring along the two streets

when workers from the commercial areas to the south and east of the subject streets were taking short cuts through the neighborhood. The same decision confronts you today. Looking at an area map, you can see that the Hull School parents will not be using these intersections to access the school. Even the school district's traffic consultant indicates only 28 cars during the peak afternoon hour will be using the Madison/Lomita north turn intersection. The traffic studies done twenty-five years ago showed hundreds of cars per hour taking this short cut during peak times. Traffic volumes are considerably heavier today than twenty-five years ago; it is reasonable to conclude that even more cars today will seek the short cuts than did prior to the installation of the barricades. The only drivers going north on these streets will be people leaving the commercial and industrial areas, and seeking a quick short cut through our neighborhood. There will be virtually no school-related traffic using these streets. The City Council made a good decision twenty-five years ago. Since then, history has proven it to be a good decision. Why reverse a decision that has proven to be so successful and popular?

The Madison/Samuel Street neighborhood is 100% high density multi-family. When these buildings were designed 30 to 40 years ago, the traffic counts along the streets were "low and slow." Ingress and egress to the buildings was not a critical issue. But today, speeds have greatly increased and if the volumes--both north and southbound--were allowed to increase, getting in and out of the buildings would become very difficult, and at peak hours, could become quite dangerous. Accessing street parking would also become a dangerous undertaking. Strictly from a quality of life standpoint, the added traffic, congestion, and noise will greatly diminish the appeal of our neighborhood.

Many residents expressed a concern over the fiscal aspects of this proposal. Just along Madison Street, it will be necessary to add nearly 1000 feet of street, curbing, storm drain, etc. Who will pay for the land; by purchase or taking by eminent domain? How much will the actual improvements cost? Once in, who will pay for the maintenance of the streets and drains? I'm certainly not an expert, but I would guess the cost of acquisition and construction would be in the seven digit area. Ongoing maintenance is another issue. As a taxpayer, these questions cause me great concern. A million dollars here and a million dollars there begin to add up to real money. As a taxpayer, I don't feel I'm getting my money's worth.

In closing, the increased danger to residents—both drivers and pedestrians—is indisputable. The need for the removal of these barricades is certainly questionable. The financial cost of implementing this proposal is extreme. And the overwhelming unpopularity with the neighborhood is undeniable. I see no reason why the City should “bail out” the school district from the mess it made with its ill-conceived school “flip-flop” plan. The school district had no consideration for the neighborhood in its school transfer plan. They should solve the problems they have created, and not ask the City or our neighborhood to pay the costs. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking with you next Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,



John Sanders-Owner
23125 Madison Street
23104 Samuel Street

Rosalyn Moran

3427 West 226th Street
Torrance, California 90505

May 11th, 2007

Mr. Ted Seemaan,
Transportation Planner
Community Development Dept.
CITY OF TORRANCE

re: TRAFFIC ON MADISON AND 229th STS
SAM LEVY SCHOOL AREAS IMPACTED

I recall too well the last council meeting I attended years ago regarding TRAFFIC changes around here. It was apparent to me then that your department had already decided what it was going to do, and we were only window dressing.

I refer of course to the misguided move that opened up MADISON onto the very very busy SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD with a double traffic light at that intersection which then was only a traditional street sans a light. UNTIL then traffic coming from the east came from the wide MAPLE from 235th Street and Crenshaw onto Sepulveda, or went from MAPLE down 229th onto HAWTHORNE Blvd.

People living on any of the numbered streets from 229th along to 225th drove from their street abutting MADRONA straight down onto HAWTHORNE BLVD and made their right turn there. Now everyone coming from the Mall turns ONTO Madison.

What your department did by putting that traffic light in at MADISON and SEPULVEDA was to transfer ALL OF THE TRAFFIC THAT WENT PER ABOVE DOWN ONTO HAWTHORNE BLVD, to MADISON ITSELF which is now the arterial route from both MAPLE and CRENSHAW as well as picking up all of the traffic from the numbered streets cited. We used to have a quiet street. Now, its around 5 or 6 cars every half hour going west, plus double that in evenings. MADISON IS NOW THE BUSIEST STREET IN THE ENTIRE AREA, THAT WAS A RESIDENTIAL STREET.

And the discussion is going to be about ADDING TRAFFIC to 229th? by opening Sam Levy Adult to children from Hull Middle? I assume parents know how very busy that Street IS and that Maple is often backed up the entire block from NADINE all the way to Crenshaw? I drive that route often and while the move may be suitable for the city it can be a nightmare for driving I assure you, if the parents live east of Crenshaw. Traffic noise on my street tripled when Madison became an arterial route, as people had trouble getting ON to Madison from our side streets so they would drive all the way along Madrona and then turn on to 227th or 226th going west. But it sure helped Maple out, in the New Horizons area, which used to take the brunt from Sepulveda. Now it's traffic OFF Maple onto Nadine and 229th and then MADISON to Sepulveda, or down 229th onto 230th and Hawthorne. Residential areas have really been impacted.

And, to boot, we have one out of every 10 planes that leave the airport do U-turns OVER our streets heading east. In foggy mornings they are so low one can see the cockpits. Once upon a time they had to do their turns over the ocean, for safety. Guess no one cares if they crash on Del Amo Mall.....

Yours very truly,
Rosalyn Henderson Moran

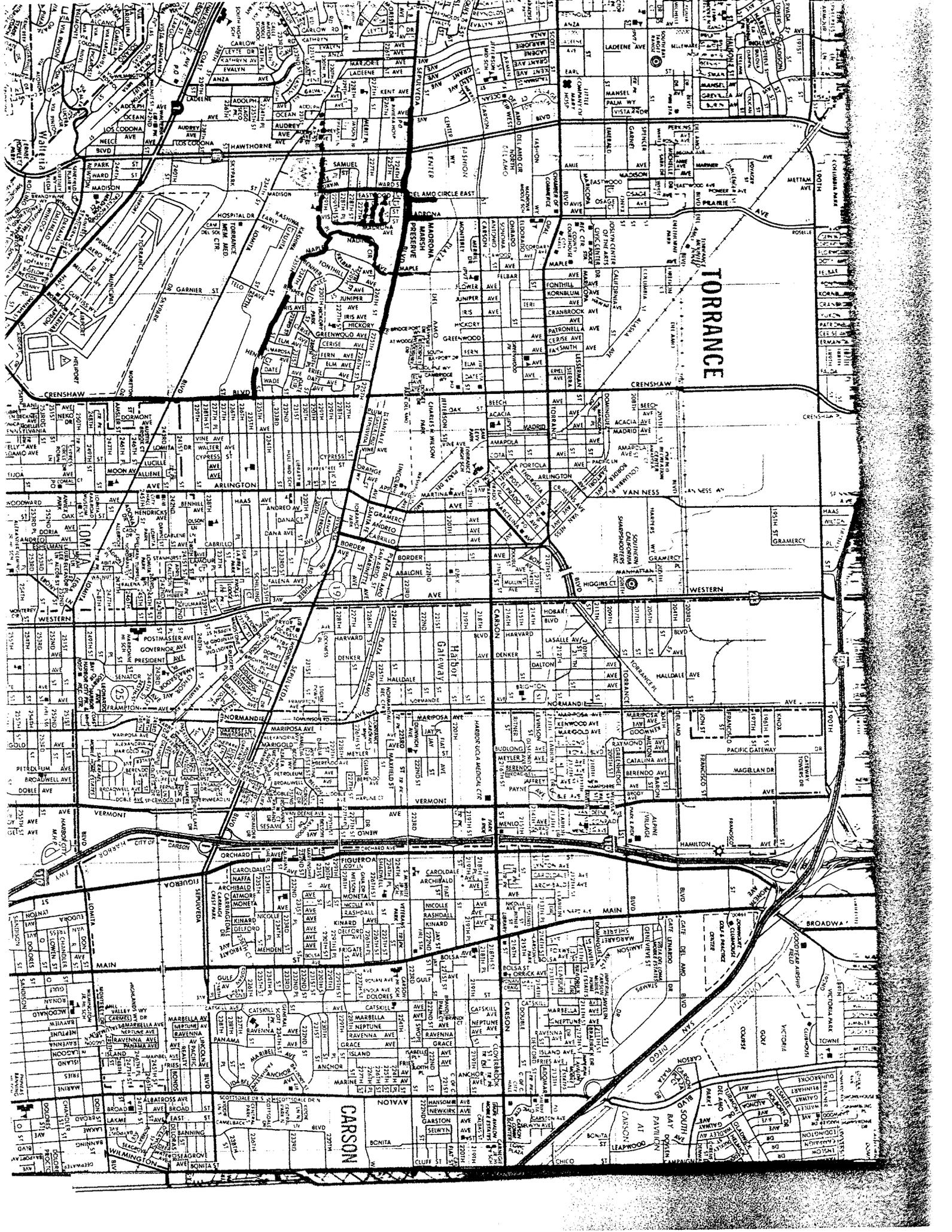
Writer/Researcher

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tel: 310/539-4922
enc: map
cc: City Council
Mayor Scott

Rosalyn Henderson Moran

MAY 14 2007

Your mailer rec'd PM Thursday May 10th -too late for many?



TORRANCE

CARSON

Map showing street names and neighborhood labels in Torrance, California. Major streets include Western Avenue, Normandie Avenue, Carson Boulevard, and Pacific Avenue. Neighborhoods such as Normandie, Carson, and Torrance are labeled. The map also shows the coastline and the location of the Carson City to the south.

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Suree, Peerapol

From: santangelo.clorinda [mailto:fraclo55@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 12, 2007 8:48 PM
To: CDDTraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Hull School

As a resident of New Horizons we are overrun with speeders during morning & evening rush hour. Please do not add school buses to Nadine Circle. Traffic does not adhere to the 25MPH speed limit.

Frank Santangelo
22835A Nadine Circle

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<http://farechase.yahoo.com/promo-generic-14795097>

Suree, Peerapol

From: JANEY90505@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, May 12, 2007 12:49 PM
To: CDDTraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Traffic Mitigation Alternatives RE: Hull Middle School Relocation

Dear Mr. Semaan,

My name is Janey Hall and I have lived at 2615 W 235th St. #D for 19 years.

Should Hull Middle School be relocated to the Sam Levy Adult School location, I am sure that the traffic on 235th Street would increase substantially. As it is, in the afternoon the E/B traffic backs up to past Elm waiting for the light at Crenshaw. I attended the community meeting when they proposed to change 235th from a two lane street to a one lane in each direction street. At that time they said that if this change was instituted it would slow down the traffic. Well, the traffic on 235th Street hasn't slowed down any and I almost never see TPD traffic enforcement on our street anymore.

If Hull Middle School is relocated to Sam Levy, to assist with the additional traffic, I would suggest making our street two lanes in each direction for the time period that the relocation is in affect.

Thank you for your time.

Janey Hall
2615 W 235th St. #D
Torrance, CA 90505
310-534-0292

See what's free at AOL.com.

Suree, Peerapol

From: Dennis Lim [dennisrlim@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2007 9:46 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Hull Middle School

To whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of Samuel Street.

I am in favor of making Samuel Street a two way street, if and only if it will add more parking onto the southern end of the street near the medical center. The parking on this street is terrible. Please convert the red no parking zones at the end of the street into parking spaces for the many residents who live on Samuel Street.

As it is, it is not uncommon for people to have to park on Madison Street to find an open parking space. This is mostly a result of the ridiculously small amount of parking spaces each apartment building has - commonly as little as one space for a two bedroom apartment. Things will get even worse when the condominium project near Samuel Street and 230th Street is completed. Please help alleviate this with more parking at the end of Samuel Street.

Thank you,
Dennis Lim
23125 Samuel Street #3
Torrance, CA 90505

Suree, Peerapol

From: YnotGGG@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2007 4:26 PM
To: CDDTraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: relocation of Hull

Dear Ted Semaan,

I am an early morning 'walker' here at New Horizons who actually only crosses Nadine Circle two times during the morning. It would help if the school district provided us hours of excessive traffic on the streets so we could adjust our schedules accordingly. These hours could be printed in our News Letter.

There are several side streets that enter onto Nadine Circle and even a signal at 229th would not allow easy access during early morning traffic, again at dismissal.

I am particularly concerned about bicycle traffic on the sidewalk. Even now there are three young men who bicycle to school using the sidewalk on the west side of Nadine Circle where there is no bike path. It is extremely dangerous for a bicycle to pass an elderly person. This can easily cause a lack of balance with a resulting fall. I also know that it is illegal to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk but the street is a scary place. There is a need for more 25 mile an hour signs or street markings on Nadine Circle.

This is a massive job for the city and I appreciate all the planning that is going in to this move.

Sincerely yours Gladys Golding

See what's free at AOL.com.

Tina Bermudez
23125 Samuel Street #4
Torrance, CA 90505

May 3, 2007

To The Torrance Traffic Commission:

I've lived on Samuel Street for the past 10 years and cannot express strongly enough how much I am against the removal of the barricade on the street near Lomita Boulevard. Currently there are motorists who disregard the barricade and race up the street as though it's a speedway. If the barricade is removed, our street will inevitably be bombarded by an abundance of motorists who are seeking a quick escape from the westbound Lomita Boulevard traffic turning northbound onto Hawthorne. As a resident of Samuel Street, I have never minded driving "all the way around the block" to return home when driving westbound on Lomita Boulevard. According to the TUSD website, the relocation of Hull to the Levy site is temporary so there is no legitimate reason for the barricade on Samuel Street to be removed. And once Hull is returned to its original site location, Samuel Street would be unnecessarily exposed to excessive traffic. It doesn't seem likely that much school related traffic would utilize Samuel Street anyway.

The bottom line is this: opening up Samuel Street will cause accidents. It will make the street very unsafe for the residents, particularly those who live closest to Lomita Boulevard. Please do not remove the barricade! We do not need any additional traffic or parking problems – there is too much traffic and too little parking as it is.

In addition, I would like to ask that you consider the installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of 230th and Samuel Street – this intersection is incredibly dangerous and the addition of school related traffic will only magnify this pre-existing situation.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Respectfully,



Tina Turrentine Bermudez

~
20 people
attended

Letters provided by resident, Don Peter,
at May 7, 2007 Traffic Commission meeting
Letters related to the Hull School to Levy
relocation. Should be included as
part of "Correspondence" for Tuesday's (5-15-07)
Council meeting. Please stamp date 5-7-07
Sherbs, P. 21

Commissioners

I am very concerned about the proposed removal of the barricades which prevent north bound traffic on Samuel St. I lived on Samuel St over 20 years ago (at 23136) before the barricades were in place. Traffic on Samuel St at that time was both inconvenient and dangerous due to drivers taking a short cut from Lomita Blvd to Hawthorne Blvd. Around 5 PM the traffic would be bumper to bumper from Lomita Blvd to 230 St. The situation was so bad that the current barricades were installed. Please do not remove them.

Concerned resident.

Philip R Hall

23115 Samuel St
apt 12

Torrance Ca 90505

Phone # 310 812 9965

Philip Hall
3115 Samuel St
apt 12
Torrance Ca 90505

Torrance Traffic Commission

TRAFFIC COMMISSION
TORRANCE CITY HALL

MAY 6, 2007

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I'M WRITING TO YOU ABOUT MY CONCERN OF THE TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE ON SAMUEL STREET IN TORRANCE, SAMUEL ST. IS ALL APARTMENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET AND IF THE BARRICADE IS TAKEN AWAY THE TRAFFIC COMING OFF OF LOMITA BLVD. WILL BE SO HEAVY THAT TENANTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET IN AND OUT OF THEIR DRIVE WAYS. PLEASE LEAVE THE BARRICADE THERE ON SAMUEL ST.

THANK YOU

Robert H Lord

Beverly Lord

ROBERT LORD & BEVERLY LORD

23115 SAMUEL ST.#19

TORRANCE, CA. 90505

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THANK YOU



CHANAN LORD

23115 SAMUEL ST.#20
TORRANCE, CA. 90505

Torrance, April, 2007.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re : Traffic Pattern Change.

I, Daniel Eugene Russian and my wife, Christine Russian, have lived at 23115 Samuel St. #32 for 3 years. We disagree with The School District reasoning that the removal of the barricades on both Madison and Samuel St. will only have a minimal impact on our streets traffic.

The barricades contribute to street safety and reduce noise from the heavy traffic.

As it is right now, even with the barricades, cars still speeding through only to have a short cut. This fact can be verified by the number of police citations.

As residents, we are concerned about this proposal. It will impact our community safety on Samuel St.

New Homes are under development, even now that will increase our traffic.

Thank you for considering our concern.

Regards,



Daniel E. Russian



Christine Russian

To Whom It May Concern;

Regarding: Traffic Pattern Changes

I have been informed that the Levy School campus is being converted to a middle school. And that the school district is planning to remove the barricades from Samuel Street.

This signed letter is to request that the barricades remain on **Samuel Street**. We do not want the heavy traffic from Lomita, loss of street parking or the noise to be brought to our neighborhood. To remove the barricades will be an inconvenience and very dangerous for those entering and exiting our garage.

We are requesting the city of Torrance do not remove these barricades.

Sign Deborah R. May Date 4-24-07

23115 SAMUEL ST #26

May 4, 2007

Dear Traffic Commission,

Please Do Not Remove the Barricade on our Street,
Samuel St, 23100 block, that prevents Northbound
traffic from Lanita Blvd to cut through our
neighborhood instead of using Hawthorne Blvd to
go North.

I feel + can see that the dramatic Increase
in traffic w/ all the cars parked on our St.
limiting our visibility would Increase the
frequency of auto Accidents and jeopardize
our safety.

Thank you.

Francis X. Appell, Jr.



23115 Samuel St #22

Torrance, Ca. 90505

Hea Lan Kim

Hea Lan Kim

May 1, 2007

To The traffic Commission:

Regarding the removal of the barricades on Samuel St.

I am completely against the removal of the barricades because it will make it impossible for us to get out of our garages and the traffic will be out of control because the cars are trying to take short cuts to get back to Hawthorne Blvd.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST MANAGEMENT CO
23125 Madison Street
Torrance, California 90505
(310) 373-4825

May 7, 2007

COPY

Traffic Commission
City of Torrance

Re: Northbound barricade removal
Lomita Blvd and Madison Street and
Lomita Blvd and Samuel Street

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to make both my feelings and my tenants' feelings known to the Commission as to the school district's plan to remove the traffic barricades that prevent traffic from turning north on both Madison Street and Samuel Street at Lomita Boulevard. I have discussed this plan with many of my Residents and without exception, they have vehemently opposed it. They have expressed great concern with the obvious threat to their safety, and with the significant increases to both congestion and noise. In reviewing the traffic consultant's report, it appears that the school district plans on funneling the maximum amount of traffic onto Madison Street--both north and southbound. The negative effect on the neighborhood is indisputable.

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In closing, the Traffic Commission saw fit to install these barricades over twenty five years ago. They have served the neighborhood well during that time--whether the school was open or closed. There is no reason to open our neighborhood to the noise, congestion, and dangers that this mostly non-school related traffic would bring. Please let the school district change the traffic patterns within their property and leave our property alone. There is no reason to "undo" the good idea the Traffic Commission had twenty-five years ago and replace it with the school district's bad idea of today.

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John Sanders-Owner
23125 Madison Street
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John Sanders-Owner
23125 Madison Street
23104 Samuel Street

April 3, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

We the residents of Madison Street are not able to attend the meeting on Monday May 7th at 7pm. We would like to express our concerns about the conversion of the Levy School and the impact it would cause if the barricades are removed from Madison Street in this letter. This will definitely increase the already high traffic. Everyone driving on Lomita will use both Madison St. & 229th as a "short cut" to get to Sepulveda & Hawthorne.

Drivers are already speeding down our streets, way over the speed limit. If a gateway is opened to more oncoming traffic, you can count on more traffic accidents on our streets. Pedestrians trying to cross the street to their parked cars will have an even more difficult time trying to cross the street on Madison and will have to be even more careful not to get run over. This will be very inconvenient and dangerous for those entering and exiting the parking garage. The loss of the street parking will impact us the residents and our guests. We all feel that this is not best for the neighborhood and our children. Please hear our words and reconsider, by leaving the barricades as is. We all would like to thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Madison Street residents.

Please Sign the Petition

Signatures of residents against the removal of the Barricades on Madison Street

Last Name	First Name	Signature	Address
Kabala	Gerry		3601 Comky Blvd, Torrance
Dominguez	Kristel		3201 Comita Blvd, Torrance
Antolin	ADIBBY		7182 Ails Ave, Torrance
MAPP	SERRAHO		3601 Comita Blvd, Torrance
Andersen	THOMAS		3045 ARZA Ave, Torrance
ALLDERBOTH	EMILIO		2823 Marconi St, Torrance
PSALLE	MILKE		2305 WARS HALLER LN
ROSE	GREEN		2209 W. IRELAND ST, Torrance
JOHNSON	ANAYE		2550 PEH TORRANCE
JOHNSON	JOHATHAN		33185 SCHMIDT ST.
JOHNSON	KAO		24000 Apple Ave #2 Torrance
Chopolas	ALEX		2645 P.C.H. TORRANCE
Chopolas	CARMELITA		4314 Newlin St, Torrance
ROBERTO	ROBERTO		2321 W 934 St Torrance
Ludiano	SIMONE		222 N PUNYA AVE
DEAN	DEAN		356 Via Coluza Road, Torrance
DEAN	JESSICA		2135 Madison #105 Torrance
GARCIA	SARAH		1121 WINDSOR AVE
FERRAZ	DIANE		1017 Bayview Ave, Wilmington CA 90781
Diaz	FELIX		1655 259th Avenue, City 90731
MATTIA	JOEY		2141 Barnwood Ave S.P 90731
DAVID	DANIEL		1540 W 263rd St Apt. 6
REGAN	ROQUELLE		2304 W. 235th St Torrance 90501
YVES	HOWARD		2325 W 24th St Torrance CA 90701

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Last Name	First Name	Signature	Address
Noughlood	Randa		3601 LOMITA BLV, TORRANCE
STOLER	Justin		2054 W. 155th St. Torrance
BROUFE	Lacey		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORR.
Wren	Bina		3601 LOMITA BLVD, TORRANCE
LADD	AL		3601 LOMITA BLVD. TORRANCE
Ronks	Alvin		4747 ESTIMATE AVE TORRANCE
KROSTHER	Jim		760 COMITE BLVD Q1
Boalzell	Rebecca		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORRANCE
APARATA	LYNN		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORRANCE
WINTER	Tim		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORRANCE
Mend Oron	Mend Oron		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORRANCE
Dornbor	Reggie		3305 MADISON TORRANCE
Kolva	Possive		3615 NEWTON ST. TORRANCE
Swanson	Keith		25205 Cypress St. #14 Lomita
SILKSON	JOEY		25205 Cypress #14 Lomita
Chilaka mouri	Neelima		3649 Laurel St. Torrance
Balaker	Quar		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORRANCE
VAN METER	CARL		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORRANCE
Hovick	Igor		1628 W 210th St. #15.
Hovick Shbandry	Volodymyr		1568 W. CARSON ST. TORRANCE
WALSH	ELIYAH		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORRANCE
MARTINS	FRANK		3601 LOMITA BLVD TORRANCE

Please Sign the petition.

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Last Name	First Name	Signature	Address
REED SCHREVENKE	ART RUIR		1771 Lincoln Ave. #2, Richmond 9303
CHINIA	ANGELA		3115 NEBBILL DR #35 TARP, 90503
LISSACK	JOHN		3907 W. 17P APT 3 TORONTO 90504
SUENAGA	U2		5326 CLERIST ST TORONTO
GRENJA	JOH		5326 CLERIST ST TORONTO
MONTAGNA	ANTONIO		705 Bayview Ave Hilling. 907 WY
MONTAGNA	GIUSTINA		705 Bayview Ave #3 Hilling. 907 WY
SMITH	NICK		1741 Greenwood Ave
NATHAN	ROBERT		2302 SHUR ST TORONTO
ECCERT	KEN		1753 Flower St 90503
Ramellos	Ramon		2463N WINDMILL 90704
GAUER	Paula		211921 West ASTOR, H C
BARRA	MICHAEL		1685 W LORAINA MONSIE SARO
BRUBECIC	JOSEF		
PERE PIERO	TRENAI		3702 W. 17th St. TORONTO ONTARIO
PHAM	VANTHACH		3734 W. 146th ST/HANWORTH RD
SUNSHINE	SUN		32054 WINDHOLM TORONTO ONTARIO
(Constance) DIBRUIT	CONSTANCE		507 ALICE #11 RD 490877
(Simone)	Simone		4954 WINDHOLM ST TORONTO
ESTER	MARY		
WELMAN	WELMAN		23135 WINDMILL
CARPICO	MARILYN		503 E. 24th St. TORONTO
OKR			

Please Sign the Petition.

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Last Name	First Name	Signature	Address
Alman	MPT	<i>MPT</i>	2516 Anacapa Ave TRM 9-201
James McClary	James	<i>James McClary</i>	21737 Devel Ave 21737 Devel Ave 90503
Dehrial	Johathan	<i>Johathan Dehrial</i>	23125 Samuel St.
Khannou	Stephen	<i>Stephen Khannou</i>	26334w 2275t
Bayas	MPT	<i>MPT</i>	2368 W. 234th Place Torrance CA 90501
Kayus	Kayus	<i>Kayus</i>	2308 W. 234th Pl
Wong	Angela	<i>Angela Wong</i>	1833 W. 155th Santa Ana CA 90249
LARA	Angela	<i>Angela Lara</i>	23802 DeFord Ave Carson, CA 90745
James	John	<i>John</i>	622 S. Broadway #1 R.R. CA 90507
John Sisk	John	<i>John Sisk</i>	9999 99th Torrance CA 90503
Kevin Baker	Edward	<i>Kevin Baker</i>	1416 W. 25th St. H.C. CA 90506
Oliver	CONRINO	<i>Oliver</i>	258 AVE B PODMONT BRAC 90839
EMERDIE F. Ruiz	ALISSA	<i>Emerdie Ruiz</i>	4415 Highgrove Ave Torrance
KIRIYAMA	MPT	<i>Kiriyama</i>	24632 Walnut St. Longbeach 90717
LISACASEY	LISA	<i>Lisa Casey</i>	23125 Madison #210 Tor 90505
PETERSON	Marcela	<i>Marcela Peterson</i>	23125 Madison St #115 Tor 90505
HULL	Margorie	<i>Margorie Hull</i>	23125 Madison St #115 Tor 90505

May 4, 2007

TO: CITY OF TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

I have been a resident on Samuel Street for nearly 10 years.

Entering and exiting from the garages on our street is a daily challenge because of the traffic entering Samuel Street from Lomita Boulevard crossing the barrier.

If the barriers are removed from Samuel Street and Madison Street, these streets would become thoroughfares, creating many more hazards, including congestion and noise.

I respectfully request that for everyone's safety you reconsider your intent to have these barriers removed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



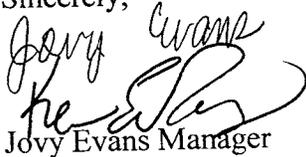
Nataline Carnicello
23135 Samuel Street #2
Torrance, CA 90505

May 3, 2007

TO: City of Torrance Traffic Commission

I am the Manager at 23135 Samuel St. #1 many of my tenants have concerns of the barrier being removed from Samuel St. some of the tenants have children and are concerned about their safety not to mention when we exit the property from the driveway. My husband has lived here Since 1994 and is very concerned about the barrier being removed it has been there since 1987. Even with the barrier up there are many cars that continue to drive through barrier from 4-6:30 pm Mon-Fri. The Torrance Police are always writing tickets because cars continue to drive through the barrier from Lomita Blvd. I hope you will reconsider having this barrier removed I feel it would really add potential hazards to the numerous amount of Apartments and Condos we already have enough cars driving through Samuel St. not to mention parking issues.

Sincerely,



Jovy Evans Manager

Ken Evans

23135 Samuel St. #1

Torrance, CA 90505

5/7/07

I am in opposition to the creation of a thoroughfare from Lomita Blvd. to Samuel St.
and Madison.

Samuel St. is already loaded with traffic and parking from the apartment complexes that line this street north of 230th from Lomita Blvd.

Samuel St. and nearby intersection of 230th are difficult as is to navigate and cross with the combination of parked cars and other vehicles, with or without hazard lights on, that park in the street and block any view of oncoming traffic.

The pace of traffic flow is increasingly reckless with the number of passenger and delivery vehicles that the nearby school, dozen apartment complexes, and three surrounding boulevards bring to this community. More traffic from creating a shortcut, along with the introduction of a middle school would only enhance the current hazards and ill-will.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paula S. Rose
23125 Madison St
23104 Samuel St. # 7218
Torrance, CA 90505

5/7/07

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CE' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

23104 Samuel St. # 112
Torrance, CA 90505

5/7/07

I am in opposition to the creation of a thoroughfare from Lomita Blvd. to Samuel St.

Samuel St. is already loaded with traffic and parking from the apartment complexes that line this street north of 230th from Lomita Blvd.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nanae Aoki
23104 Samuel St. #210
Torrance, CA 90505

5/7/07

I am in opposition to the creation of a thoroughfare from Lomita Blvd. to Samuel St.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Pistora", with a long, sweeping underline.

Eric Pistora
23104 Samuel St. #210
Torrance, CA 90505

May 7, 2007

Torrance Traffic Commission & City Council

Re: Traffic Pattern Changes

Removing Barricades and opening up Madison Street to Northbound Traffic.

I am a tenant living at 23125 Madison Street and I am deeply concerned about your plans to remove the barricade on Madison Street and Somit Blvd. and opening it up to Northbound Traffic.

Also, there are several things I would like to call your attention to.

1. Currently drivers going south on Madison Street are constantly speeding and many times it is difficult to see them. As I exit the garage, I must literally emerge half-way into the street before I can fully do my turns north or south. Therefore adding a Northbound Lane would make it much more difficult to enter or exit the garage and I believe this will cause many major accidents.

2. People in apartments are constantly moving in & out. There are always large moving vans ~~parked~~ parked on the street. The two-way lane changes will certainly affect the flow of traffic. Also ambulances are using Madison as a short cut to the hospital.

3. As school lets out for the day, parents will doublepark their cars to pick up their children. It will probably impact my lifestyle of commuting at anytime during the day as I do right now. I truly do not wish to schedule my time around the hours that school starts and ends.
4. As of now, there is a strip of land across from my apartment that is used by tenants and visitors to park their cars. If a northbound lane is added, that parking will be taken away and parking will be at a premium. In closing please be concerned about the safety of this Torrance neighborhood.

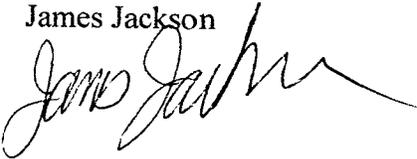
Sincerely,
 Jean R. Chang
 23125 Madison St. #212
 Torrance, CA 90505

May 6, 2007

My name is James Jackson and I live at 23125 Madison St. I would like to express my feelings about the proposed changes for the removal of barricades on northbound Madison. I believe the will be a big mistake if this happens. It is bad enough now with traffic going southbound. It is very hard to enter onto Madison in afternoons with traffic going by so fast. I walk my dog in afternoons and the people do not slow down if you are trying to cross the street. I hope that the Traffic Commission will not approve these changes.

Sincerely,

James Jackson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Jackson", written in a cursive style.

To. Whom it may concern I

Live at 23104 Samuel St
Torrance CA 90505 and have been
here for many years and have had
many close calls pulling out of my Drive
way with cars cutting across the Blockaid
and with so many cars doing this with it
There it will only get worse if you take
it down so I hope you think hard about
What all that will mean in the
increase in accidents that will happen
Because of your choice you make!

Thank you
Gregory Fischman
Gregory Fishman
23104 Samuel St
Torrance CA 90505 3103759763

5/7/07

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been brought to my attention that there is a possibility that the barrier at the end of Samuel St. is going to be removed. If this occurs it will cause great danger not only to ourselves, our children and our pets, but also to those who attempt to enter from Lomita.

The corner of Lomita and Samuel is very dangerous. Attempting to cross Lomita so close to the corner of Hawthorne is risky business. Within days of opening the barrier there will surely be an accident of some sort and hopefully it will not result in a death.

If it does result in a death, then the responsibility will rest with those who made the decision to open the barrier. Personally, I would not want to have the death of another person on my conscious. It was closed all those years ago for a reason, a good reason. To open it now is irresponsible, unreasonable, and not well thought out.

It will become impossible to exit the garage on Samuel St. Chances of being hit increase at great odds. The noise factor is bad enough with the planes without adding traffic. It will deter other people from wanting to live here because of the noise and traffic and will quickly change the area to a slum because rents will drop bringing in a lower class of people.

Please do not remove the barrier.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Ellington

Cassandra Ellington
23104 Samuel St. #215
Torrance, Ca .90505

23104 SAMUEL ST

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I TOTALLY OBJECT TO THE OPENING
OF THE STREET BECAUSE OF THE
HEAVY TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CONDITIONS

THANK YOU

Michelle Queen

Masaharu & Madoka Kotani
23104 Samuel st. #110
Torrance, 90505

1. It is absurd to remove those barricades which were installed for this neighbor's safety.
2. If they remove the barricades, accidents might increase. Because of the number of cars always parked on that street, visibility is very poor for people coming out from the apartment complexes.
3. Extra stop signs should be installed on the corner of Samuel st. and 230th st.
4. You may also want to consider school buses from Hull to Levy. Since it is too far for students to walk from that area, all the students will have to be driven.

Masa Kotani
Madoka Kotani

05-07-2007

TORRANCE

DEAR SIR,

WE RESIDENTS AT 23104 SAMUEL STREET,
APT # 209, TORRANCE, CA 90505 HEREBY STRONGLY
OPPOSE THE AUTHORITIES DECISION TO OPEN THE
BARRICADE AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SAMUEL STREET.
GIVING PUBLIC ACCESS THROUGH THE SOUTH ENTRANCE
OF THE STREET TO ALL VEHICLES WILL ADVERSELY
AFFECT THE SAFETY AND PEACE FOR ALL RESIDENTS,
ESPECIALLY THE CHILD POPULATION IN THE NEIGHBOUR-
HOOD. ~~a~~

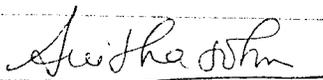
WE URGE THE AUTHORITIES TO RECONSIDER
THE DECISION AND KEEP THE STREET SAFE AND LESS
CROWDED.

THANK YOU

YOURS FAITHFULLY



SHELLY JOHN MECHERY



ANITHA JOHN.

23104 SAMUEL STREET, APT # 209
TORRANCE, CA-90505

