

Council Meeting of
April 20, 2010

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Development - Consider an appeal of March 1, 2010 Traffic Commission's recommendation regarding the approval of the proposed stop signs at Cerise Avenue and 225th Street; Eriel Avenue and 230th Street; and Eriel Avenue and 225th Street.

Expenditure: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations of the Community Development Director that the City Council review the staff report, take public input, deny the appeal and concur with staff's recommendation to: install all-way stop signs at 1) Cerise Avenue and 225th Street; 2) Eriel Avenue and 230th Street; and 3) Eriel Avenue and 225th Street.

BACKGROUND

City of Torrance received complaints and concerns regarding speed and traffic circulation along 225th Street in the vicinity of Cerise Avenue. On September 10, 2009, City staff was invited to a neighborhood meeting held at one of the homes on 225th Street, to hear residents concerns with speeding and cut-through traffic along 225th Street. Staff from Community Development, City Manager and Torrance Police Department attended this meeting.

In the interim, the City received complaints regarding traffic operation on Greenwood Avenue at its intersection with 227th Street, adjacent to Hickory Elementary School. In order to address these issues without adversely impacting the adjacent streets, staff has opted to study the Southwood Sunray Neighborhood in the vicinity of Sepulveda Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, 232nd Street and Iris Avenue. Notices were mailed out to residents inviting them to attend the Traffic Commission meeting of December 7, 2009 and express their concerns.

At the December 7th Traffic Commission meeting, approximately 60 residents from the Southwood Sunray Neighborhood attended, 26 of which voiced their concerns regarding lack of right of way assignment, enforcement, speed and cut-through traffic. Staff comprised of representatives from the Community Development, Fire and Police departments as well as from City Manager's office.

After public input and discussions, the Traffic Commission directed staff to:

- 1) Install two stop signs for the North and Southbound directions on Greenwood Avenue at 227th Street thereby creating an all-stop 3-way intersection; and
- 2) Collect data, conduct an analysis and bring back an item to the Traffic Commission with proposed recommendations to improve traffic operations in this neighborhood.

The analysis was completed and presented at the March 1st Traffic Commission meeting. Approximately 20 people were in attendance, 12 of which voiced their opinions regarding the proposed stop signs. After reviewing the staff report and having discussions with staff and residents regarding the installation of the stop signs, the Traffic Commission concurred with the staff's recommendation to: Install all-way stop signs at Cerise Avenue and 225th Street; Eriel Avenue and 230th Street, and Eriel Avenue and 225th Street; and Install 25 mph speed limit signs at various locations, as outlined in Attachment A.

On March 15th, the City Clerk's Office received an appeal, Appeal 2010-04, of the Traffic Commission's recommendation to install stop signs at three subject intersections, Attachment B.

ANALYSIS

The neighborhood study area is bordered by Sepulveda Boulevard to the north, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east, 232nd Street to the south, and Iris Avenue to the west. The area is predominantly single family residential. Hickory Elementary School with 800 students is located within this neighborhood. Crenshaw Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard are the two major arterials servicing this area. The remaining streets in this neighborhood are local streets with a prima facie speed limit of 25 mph.

Volume and speed data was collected for this neighborhood. In addition, staff conducted turning movement counts at specific intersections to identify potential cut-through traffic into and out of this neighborhood. Staff also completed a 5-Year accident history review of all the internal intersections in this neighborhood and found two reported collisions.

Considering the layout of the local streets and hearing the concerns from residents, staff focused on a corridor approach of the primary neighborhood street systems to better manage traffic operation along Greenwood Avenue, 230th Street, 225th Street, and Eriel Avenue.

Greenwood Avenue connects 225th Street and 232nd Street with all-way stop controls at 232nd Street. Greenwood Avenue is bisected by 230th Street and 227th Street adjacent to the Hickory Elementary School, and it carries a volume of approximately 1,500 vehicles per day. The Traffic Commission action of December 7th, resulted

with the installation of all-way stop controls on Greenwood and 227th Street to provide positive right-of-way assignment at this intersection.

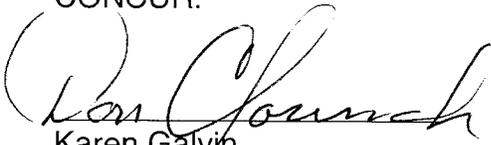
230th Street connects Crenshaw Boulevard to Greenwood Avenue with stop controls at each end. There are no other traffic controls devices along 230th Street and it carries approximately 900 vehicles per day.

Eriel Avenue connects Sepulveda Boulevard to 230th Street with a northbound stop control at Sepulveda Boulevard with no other traffic controls to 230th Street, and it carries approximately 1,400 vehicles per day.

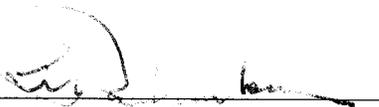
225th Street connects Hickory Avenue to Eriel Avenue with stop control at Hickory Avenue. There are no other traffic controls along 225th Street and it carries approximately 1,200 vehicles per day.

Based on our collected data, field observation, professional judgment of neighborhood traffic circulation, staff recommends the installation of all way stop signs at 1) Cerise Avenue and 225th Street; 2) Eriel Avenue and 230th Street; and 3) Eriel Avenue and 225th Street. These installations will better manage each corridor, assign right-of-way, and make these corridors less desirable for cut-through traffic.

CONCUR:

FOR 
 Karen Galvin
 Traffic Commission Chair


 Jeffrey W. Gibson
 Community Development Director


 LeRoy J. Jackson
 City Manager

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
 Community Development Director

By 
 Ted Semaan, Manager
 Transportation Planning,
 Development Engineering &
 Records Division

Attachments:

- A) March 1, 2010 Traffic Commission Item and Draft meeting Minutes
- B) Appeal 2010-04
- C) Correspondence
- D) Vicinity Map

Traffic Commission Meeting
March 1, 2010

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission

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

SUBJECT: Discussion of Traffic Circulation and Proposed Recommendations for Southwood Sunray Neighborhood in the vicinity of Sepulveda Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, 232nd Street and Iris Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Director recommends that the Traffic Commission review the staff report, receive public input, and concur with the staff's recommendation to:

- Install all-way stop signs at 1) Cerise Avenue and 225th Street, 2) Eriel Avenue and 230th Street, and 3) Eriel Avenue and 225th Street; and
- Install 25 mph speed limit signs at various locations, as shown on Attachment A.

BACKGROUND

City of Torrance has received complaints and concerns regarding speed and traffic circulation along 225th Street in the vicinity of Cerise Avenue and along Greenwood Avenue at its intersection with 227th Street. In order to address these issues without adversely impacting the adjacent streets in the Southwood Sunray neighborhood, staff mailed notices to residents inviting them to attend the Traffic Commission meeting of December 7, 2009 and express their concerns. Attachment F contains the Commission item and notification for the December meeting.

At the Traffic Commission meeting, approximately 60 residents from the Southwood Sunray Neighborhood attended, 26 of which voiced their neighborhood concerns to the Commission and Staff. Staff comprised of representatives from the Community Development, Fire and Police departments as well as from City Manager's office.

After public input and discussions, the Traffic Commission directed staff to:

- 1) Install two stop signs for the North and Southbound directions on Greenwood Avenue at 227th Street thereby creating an all-stop 3-way intersection; and

- 2) Collect data, conduct an analysis and bring back an item with proposed recommendations to the Traffic Commission.

Notification for the March 1, 2010 Traffic Commission meeting, Attachment E, was mailed out on February 18 inviting Southwood Sunray residents and Torrance Unified School District representatives, Phillip Fielding and Dr. Don Stabler, to this meeting.

ANALYSIS

The Southwood Sunray neighborhood and the area of study are bordered by Sepulveda Boulevard to the north, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east, 232nd Street to the south, and Iris Avenue to the west.

The Study area is predominantly residential and has approximately 500 dwelling units that have the potential of generating 5,000 trips per day. Hickory Elementary School with 800 students has the potential of generating approximately 1,000 trips per day. The school boundaries are shown on Attachment B. The potential trips and traffic generated by local residents and school in this neighborhood can be as high as 6,000 trips per day.

Crenshaw Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard are the two major arterials servicing this area. The remaining streets in this neighborhood are local streets. The expected volume on local streets ranges between 1,000 and 2,000 vehicles per day. Volume and speed data were collected for this neighborhood. The summary of the volume and speed counts is shown on Attachment C. In addition, staff conducted turning movement counts at specific intersections to identify potential cut-through traffic into and out of this neighborhood as shown in Attachment D. The volume and speed in this neighborhood are within the expected range.

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) sets the prima facie speed limit along local streets at 25-mph. Unless changed via an Engineering & Traffic Survey, this 25-mph speed limit is radar enforceable by the Police Department. Currently, there are several posted speed limit signs throughout this neighborhood as shown on Attachment A.

Staff has also completed a 5-Year accident history review of all the internal intersections in this neighborhood and found two reported collisions. The first occurred at the intersection of Cerise Avenue and 225th Street on 8/28/08 at 6:34 PM as a vehicle verses bicyclist resulting in injury. The second occurred at the intersection of Cerise Avenue and 232nd Street on 11/27/08 at 7:36 AM as a vehicle verses pedestrian resulting in a fatality. For further review, staff will be reviewing the actual traffic collision report for additional details. Nonetheless, the number of accidents in the five years time period indicates that most drivers are driving in a safe and prudent manner.

In addition to the residents' input, staff concluded that primary neighborhood concerns are speed, right-of-way assignment and enforcement.

Based on the results of the collected data, analysis, field observations, and input from the other departments, staff has concluded that traffic circulation, speeds and volumes in this neighborhood are within expectation. There are no apparent operational issues.

However, to provide positive right-of-way assignment and remind drivers of the speed limit on residential streets, staff is recommending the following circulation enhancements, as outlined on Attachment A:

- Installation of all-way stop signs at the intersections of:
 - Cerise Avenue and 225th Street;
 - Eriel Avenue and 230th Street;
 - Eriel Avenue and 225th Street; and
- Installation of 8 additional 25-mph speed limit signs at various locations.

Respectfully submitted,

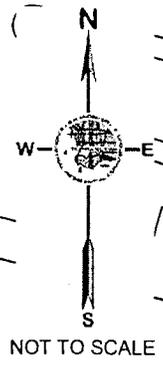
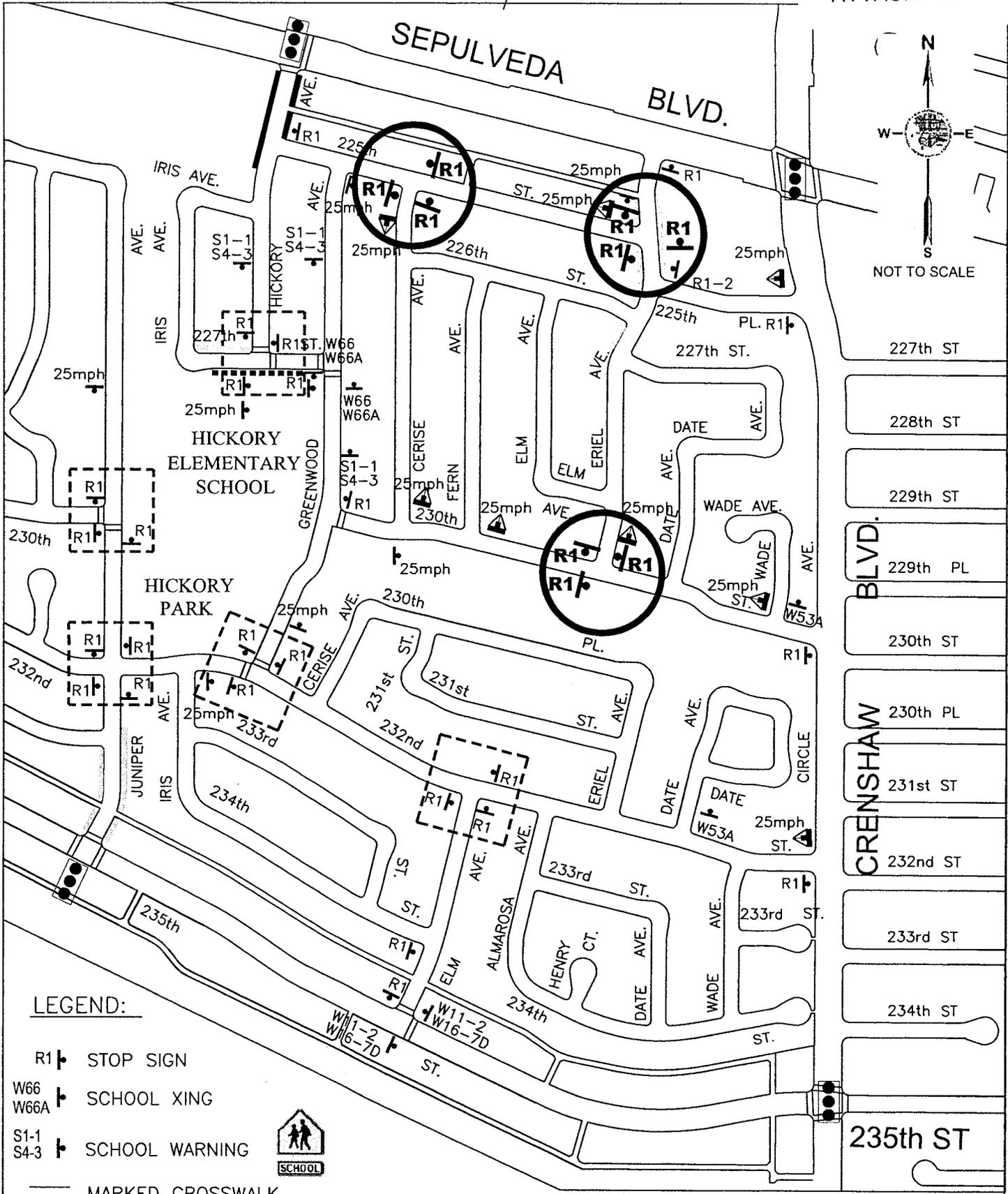
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By 

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

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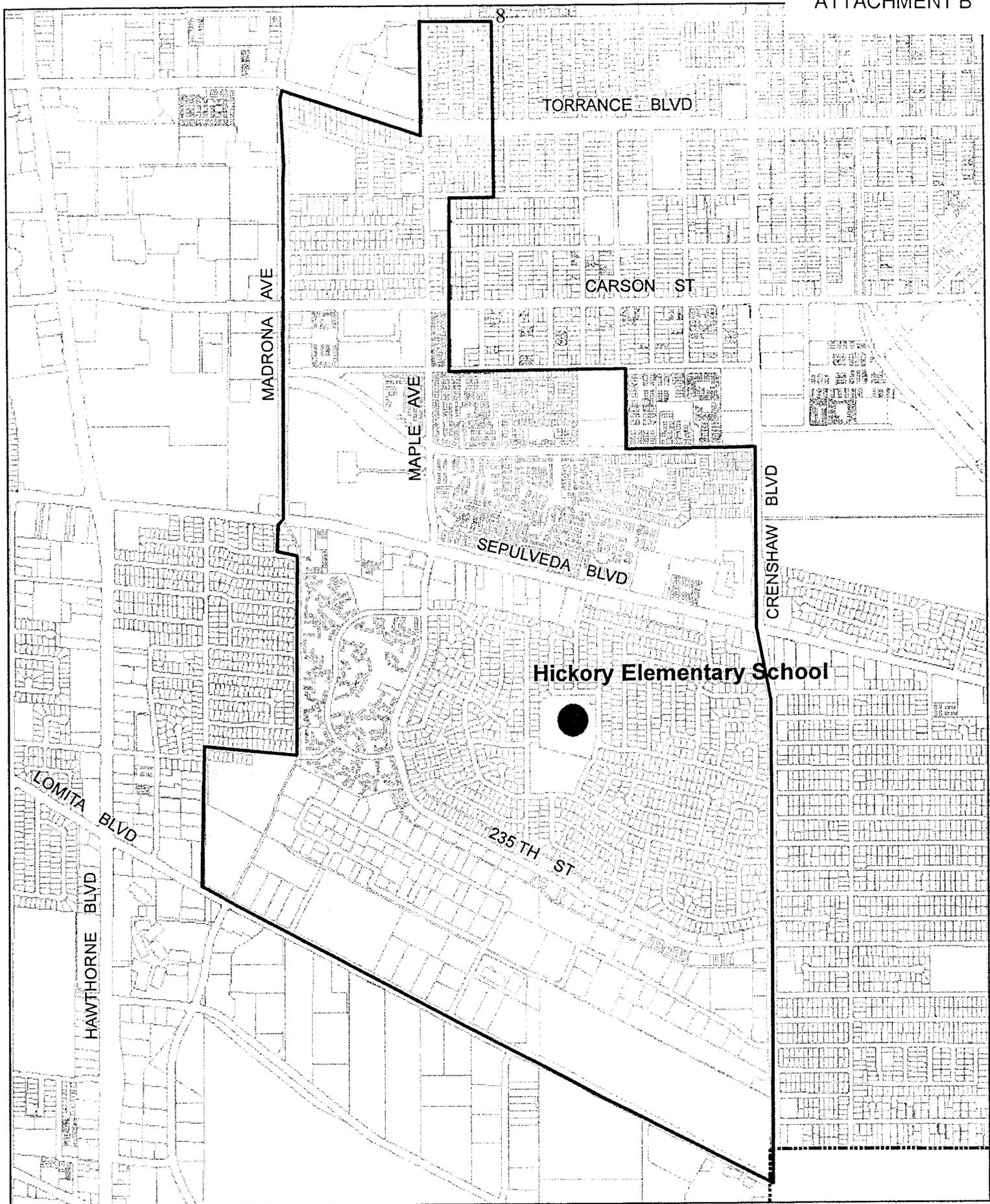
- A) Proposed Enhancements
- B) Hickory Elementary school Boundaries
- C) Speed and Volume Counts
- D) Turning Movement Counts
- E) March meeting Notification
- F) December 7th Traffic Commission Item
- G) Correspondence



LEGEND:

- R1 STOP SIGN
- W66 SCHOOL XING
- W66A
- S1-1 SCHOOL WARNING
- S4-3
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- MARKED CROSSWALK
- LOADING ZONE
- NO STOPPING ANY TIME
- NO PARKING STREET SWEEPING
- PROPOSED 25 MPH SIGN
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SOUTHWOOD/SUNRAY TRAFFIC STUDY



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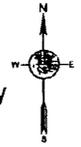
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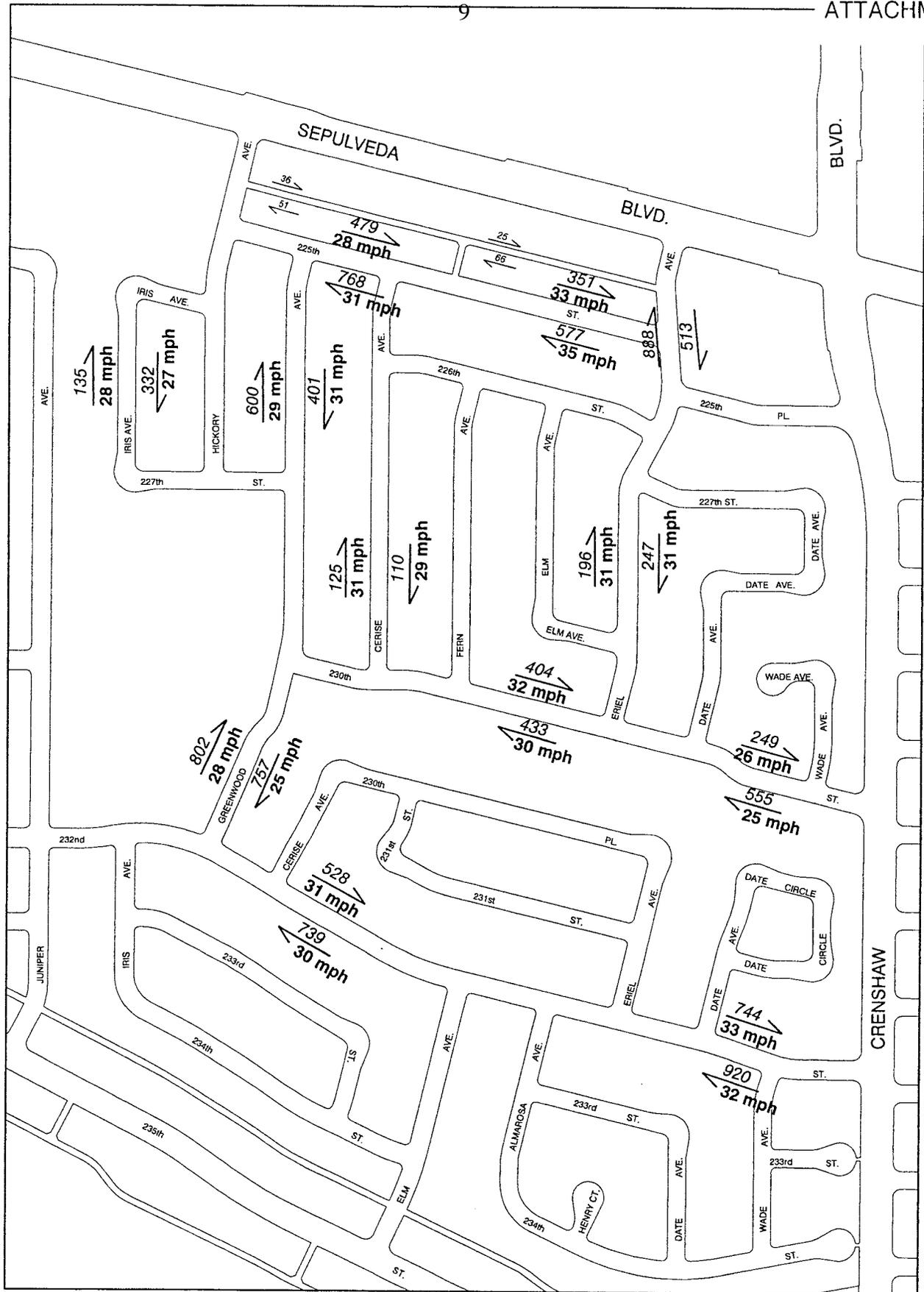
Hickory Elementary School Boundary

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 Community Development Department





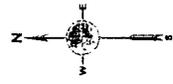
SOUTHWOOD SUNRAY TRAFFIC STUDY
SPEED & VOLUME COUNTS

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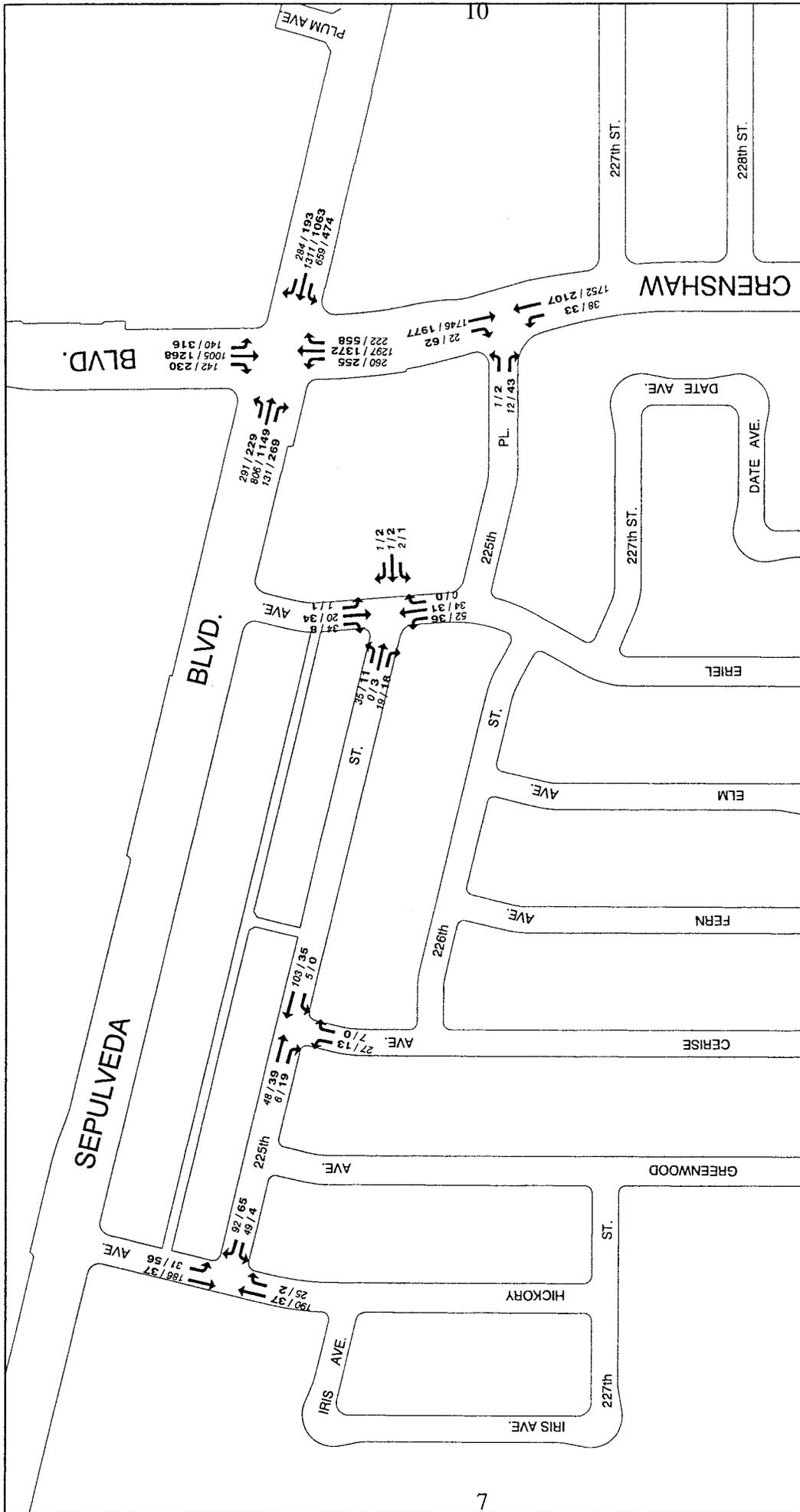


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SOUTHWOOD SUNRAY TRAFFIC STUDY
PEAK HOUR TURNING MOVEMENT COUNTS

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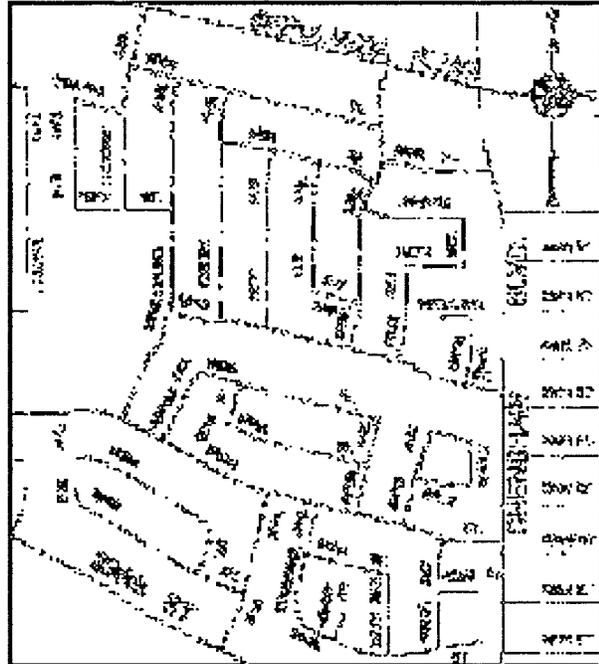
NOTICE FOR SOUTHWOOD SUNRAY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING Traffic Circulation in the vicinity of Sepulveda Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, 232nd Street and Iris Avenue

March 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.
West Annex Commission Meeting Room
3031 Torrance Boulevard

You are invited to attend the Traffic Commission meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The Traffic Commission would like to receive input from the residents regarding traffic conditions along the neighborhood streets bordered by Sepulveda Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, 232nd Street, and Iris Avenue.

If you cannot attend and would like to convey your views on this matter, please send any correspondence to Ted Semaan, Transportation Planning Manager of the Community Development Department (3031 Torrance Blvd.). You may also e-mail your comments to CDDTraffic@TorranceCA.Gov and they will become part of the official record.

Should you have any questions about the meeting, please call the Transportation Planning Division of the Community Development Department at 310-618-5990.



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Community Development Department
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Torrance, California 90509-2970
Jeffery W. Gibson
Community Development Director

Traffic Commission Meeting
December 7, 2009

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission

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

SUBJECT: Traffic Circulation for Southwood Sunray neighborhood in the vicinity of Sepulveda Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, 232nd Street and Iris Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Director recommends that the Traffic Commission receive public input regarding traffic circulation for Southwood Sunray neighborhood in the vicinity of Sepulveda Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, 232nd Street and Iris Avenue, and direct staff to bring back an item addressing the concerns brought up by the residents in this neighborhood.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

The Sunray neighborhood and the area of study are bordered by Sepulveda Boulevard to the north, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east, 232nd Street to the south and Iris Avenue to the west.

The Traffic Commission would like to receive input from the residents regarding traffic conditions along the neighborhood streets. More than 500 notifications have been mailed out to the impacted residents and the Sunray Homeowners Associations (Attachment A) to come before the Traffic Commission and express their concerns with the traffic circulation in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By 
Ted Semaan, Manager
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Attachment:

- A) Notification
- B) Correspondences
- C) Area Map

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December 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM

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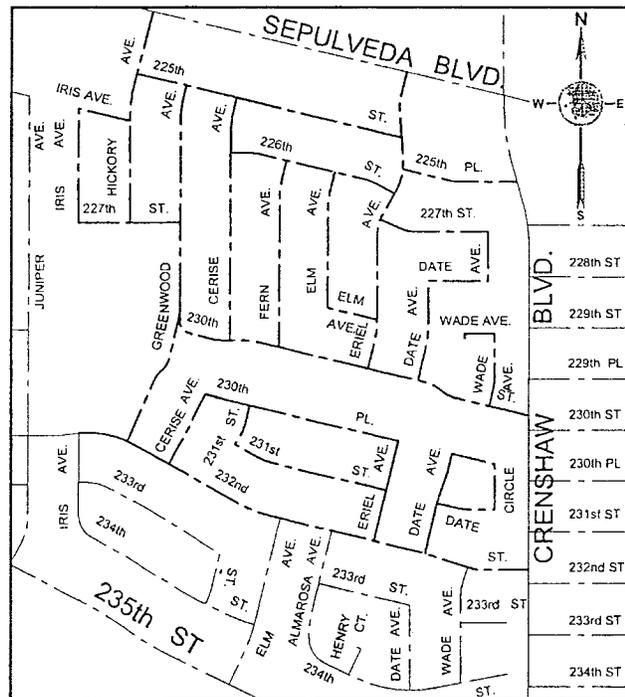
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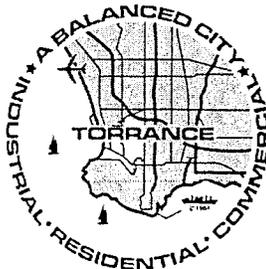
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Community Development Director

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 2:07 PM
To: Megeff, Jon; Bilezerian, Craig; Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: 225th Street Speeders

FYI

From: KLINTMIKE [mailto:klintmike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 1:53 PM
To: Fulton, Fran
Subject: 225th Street Speeders

Fran,

Just a quick heads up. Parents taking their kids to Hickory school who are apparently running late are tearing down 225Th St. a frightening speeds every morning (east to west). I flagged one of the speeders down this morning, an Indian gentleman with his two kids in the back seat; I asked him what he thought the speed limit was on this street, he replied that he had no idea, so I told him and he apologized. So it's business as usual. My guess is the speeds are in the 50-60 MPH range, they treat 225Th street as if it's Sepulveda Blvd. Please forward this info to the traffic officials for the Dec. 7Th meeting. Thanks.

Mike Klint

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:25 AM
To: Michael O'Brien
Cc: Mike Klint; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: 225th Street Traffic Concern

Yes, we will make sure to include copies of all correspondence received to share with the Commission.

From: Michael O'Brien [mailto:donnybruk2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 9:52 AM
To: Fulton, Fran
Cc: Mike Klint
Subject: RE: 225th Street Traffic Concern

Fran,
 Thanks for the quick response and update. I am a little concerned that it might be a little difficult for some of my neighbors to make the December 7th meeting. I am sure that some of them feel that they have already voiced their opinion in letters and cast their vote at the September 10th community meeting at the Kint home. My question is, will the Traffic Commission, and if later necessary, the City Council be made aware of the opinions of those who attended the Klint residence? Will you provide them with copies of the letters sent to the city regarding this matter?

I understand that Pat and Chuck Jacob don't want a stop sign. However, Chuck has made numerous calls to the police and written letters to the city dating back to 1996 regarding the speeds on our street. They were approached by me as well as Mr. Klint and the topic of a stop sign was discussed. They were both in favor of the sign. Now for some reason they have changed their mind. They have both stated that they would not even tolerate speed bumps if they were to be placed in front of their home. It is my belief that these are two miserable people who don't have the ability to accept any type of change, even if it is for the safety and betterment of our neighborhood.

I have also heard through neighborhood chats and noticed in your response that the city is going to possibly consider a stop sign at Greenwood and 227th Street. As I'm you are already aware there is already a crosswalk and painted curbs at this location, the only thing missing is the stop sign. With the lack of driving ability by the majority of parents at Hickory school this stop sign is imperative!

Thank you for your help with this matter, we all truly appreciate it!

Mike O'Brien
 (310) 977-6657

--- On Wed, 10/21/09, Fulton, Fran <FFulton@TorranceCA.gov> wrote:

From: Fulton, Fran <FFulton@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: RE: 225th Street Traffic Concern
To: "Michael O'Brien" <donnybruk2002@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Sutherland, Bill" <BSutherland@TorranceCA.gov>, "Numark, Cliff" <CNumark@TorranceCA.gov>,

"Barnett, Gene" <GBARNETT@TorranceCA.gov>, "Furey, Pat"¹⁶ <PFurey@TorranceCA.gov>, "Scotto, Frank" <FScotto@TorranceCA.gov>, "Rhilinger, Susan" <SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov>, "Brewer, Tom" <TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov>, "Neu, John" <JNEU@TorranceCA.gov>, "klimtmike@yahoo.com" <klimtmike@yahoo.com>, "Semaan, Ted" <TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov>, "Bilezerian, Craig" <CBilezerian@TorranceCA.gov>, "Megeff, Jon" <JMEGEFF@TorranceCA.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 11:10 AM

Dear Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien,

No decisions have yet been made on how to address the traffic concerns on 225th Street. The City Traffic Team has decided that this concern, along with a request to address a similar issue at 227th & Greenwood should be brought before the Traffic Commission for consideration as a neighborhood traffic calming measure. This will take more time and analysis as staff will need to look at the area near Hickory School as a whole and what is a reasonable approach to address concerns with speeding, cut-through traffic, and congestion. Suggestions such as stop signs, speed bumps, turn restrictions, light synchronization on Crenshaw and Sepulveda, among any other possible alternatives will need to be discussed and considered.

The Traffic Commission will be hearing concerns on this matter at their December meeting which is scheduled for December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Room at City Hall. I invite you and your neighbors to attend.

Sincerely,

Fran Fulton

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From: Michael O'Brien [mailto:donnybruk2002@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 7:23 AM

To: Fulton, Fran

Cc: Sutherland, Bill; Numark, Cliff; Barnett, Gene; Furey, Pat; Scotto, Frank; Rhilinger, Susan; Brewer, Tom; Neu, John; klimtmike@yahoo.com

Subject: 225th Street Traffic Concern

Mike & Julie O'Brien
2737 W. 225th Street
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Donnybruk2002@yahoo.com

October 17, 2009

Dear Mrs. Fulton,

I am writing to you to see if the City has reached a possible solution to the traffic issue on 225th Street. I have seen the traffic speed monitor come and go and as it is now a month since our neighborhood meeting, I was wondering what the City was going to propose.

I am aware that you have received letters from my neighbors reneging their support of a stop sign to either support their own biased opinions or to support a neighbor's views on what a stop sign would do to the esthetics of their houses or their own "property values." However, I have yet to find any statistics that support their views and

none of the opposers have presented any "real" facts to support their case. In fact, I have done some research of my own and surveyed other streets in Torrance who faced similar traffic issues and who have had stop signs placed in front of their houses. Surprisingly, their responses were unanimous; they were in favor of their stop signs and said they went a long way in easing their traffic problems. And interestingly enough in 225th Street's case, when you view all the correspondence from this block, even the naysayers are in agreement that there is a safety problem with the traffic on our street and they agree that it needs to be addressed before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

I realize that some neighbors continue to argue for speed bumps, but I know from our meeting that this is not a viable option period, and putting no turn signs or other traffic limitations don't solve the problem either as they cause additional traffic or speed problems on surrounding streets. I also recognize that the Torrance Police Department can't sit on our block twenty-four hours a day and since this issue has been raised two months ago, they have patrolled our block only two times. It is evident that these aren't permanent "solutions" and no matter how much people oppose it; the City owns the parkway and must do what is best for the entire community.

I was glad to see at the meeting that you acknowledged the size of Hickory School but nowhere in the meeting was it addressed that there aren't any delineated crosswalks on 225th Street to cross children enroute to either Hickory or Madrona Middle School. Or for that matter, to aid the Happy Face Preschool when they walk the children to and from Hickory Park .

Another fact to consider is that the few opposing a stop sign on our street have driveways where they can enter and exit their cars safely on a daily basis. As my house is built on an alley with garage access in the rear of our property, my children, their grandparents, my wife and myself face hazards everyday from ongoing traffic.

Please be aware that my concern for slowing the speeders on my street has everything to do with the safety of my three children and the safety of the children walking to and from school or to the park. I can't afford to win any popularity contests like my neighbors because this problem is real and I won't compromise my family's safety. And let's face it; with the growing population in Torrance , I only foresee the problem getting worse.

I would also like to point out that I am a Police Detective who has over 20 years experience in public safety. There are four other police officers who live on my street as well as a fire captain on an adjoining street. All of us share the same concern regarding the city's ability to control this intersection and effectively manage the traffic speeds on 225th.

I know that there are a lot of opinions on what should be done, but, it is time for a solution. I am absolutely certain that every home on our street received the notification regarding the "Town Hall Meeting" at the Klint residence. It was at this meeting that an overwhelming majority of our residents voiced their opinion that a stop sign at 225th street and Cerise would go a long way in controlling the traffic on our street. I respect my neighbor's opinions and their right to disagree, but I don't agree with my neighbor's idea that, "A solution that divides is not a solution." The bottom line is this, I have three children who ride their bikes and play near 225th Street daily. And let's face it, at the end of the day, a problem without a solution only becomes a bigger problem in the future. I look forward to hearing your decision. Thanks for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

Mike and Julie O'Brien

Semaan, Ted

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Subject: 225th Street Traffic Concern

Mike & Julie O'Brien
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 (310) 977-6657
 Donnybruk2002@yahoo.com

October 17, 2009

Dear Mrs. Fulton,

I am writing to you to see if the City has reached a possible solution to the traffic issue on 225th Street. I have seen the traffic speed monitor come and go and as it is now a month since our neighborhood meeting, I was

wondering what the City was going to propose.

I am aware that you have received letters from my neighbors reneging their support of a stop sign to either support their own biased opinions or to support a neighbor's views on what a stop sign would do to the esthetics of their houses or their own "property values." However, I have yet to find any statistics that support their views and none of the opposers have presented any "real" facts to support their case. In fact, I have done some research of my own and surveyed other streets in Torrance who faced similar traffic issues and who have had stop signs placed in front of their houses. Surprisingly, their responses were unanimous; they were in favor of their stop signs and said they went a long way in easing their traffic problems. And interestingly enough in 225th Street's case, when you view all the correspondence from this block, even the naysayers are in agreement that there is a safety problem with the traffic on our street and they agree that it needs to be addressed before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

I realize that some neighbors continue to argue for speed bumps, but I know from our meeting that this is not a viable option period, and putting no turn signs or other traffic limitations don't solve the problem either as they cause additional traffic or speed problems on surrounding streets. I also recognize that the Torrance Police Department can't sit on our block twenty-four hours a day and since this issue has been raised two months ago, they have patrolled our block only two times. It is evident that these aren't permanent "solutions" and no matter how much people oppose it; the City owns the parkway and must do what is best for the entire community.

I was glad to see at the meeting that you acknowledged the size of Hickory School but nowhere in the meeting was it addressed that there aren't any delineated crosswalks on 225th Street to cross children enroute to either Hickory or Madrona Middle School. Or for that matter, to aid the Happy Face Preschool when they walk the children to and from Hickory Park .

Another fact to consider is that the few opposing a stop sign on our street have driveways where they can enter and exit their cars safely on a daily basis. As my house is built on an alley with garage access in the rear of our property, my children, their grandparents, my wife and myself face hazards everyday from ongoing traffic.

Please be aware that my concern for slowing the speeders on my street has everything to do with the safety of my three children and the safety of the children walking to and from school or to the park. I can't afford to win any popularity contests like my neighbors because this problem is real and I won't compromise my family's safety. And let's face it; with the growing population in Torrance , I only foresee the problem getting worse.

I would also like to point out that I am a Police Detective who has over 20 years experience in public safety. There are four other police officers who live on my street as well as a fire captain on an adjoining street. All of us share the same concern regarding the city's ability to control this intersection and effectively manage the traffic speeds on 225th.

I know that there are a lot of opinions on what should be done, but, it is time for a solution. I am absolutely certain that every home on our street received the notification regarding the "Town Hall Meeting" at the Klint residence. It was at this meeting that an overwhelming majority of our residents voiced their opinion that a stop sign at 225th street and Cerise would go a long way in controlling the traffic on our street. I respect my neighbor's opinions and their right to disagree, but I don't agree with my neighbor's idea that, "A solution that divides is not a solution." The bottom line is this, I have three children who ride their bikes and play near 225th Street daily. And let's face it, at the end of the day, a problem without a solution only becomes a bigger problem in the future. I look forward to hearing your decision. Thanks for all your hard work.

Sincerely,
Mike and Julie O'Brien

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 10:36 AM
To: CHASEANGUS@aol.com
Subject: RE: proposed stop sign

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Chase,

No decisions have yet been made on how to address the traffic concerns on 225th Street. The City Traffic Team has decided that this concern, along with a request to address a similar issue at 227th & Greenwood should be brought before the Traffic Commission for consideration as a neighborhood traffic calming measure. This will take more time and analysis as staff will need to look at the area near Hickory School as a whole and what is a reasonable approach to address concerns with speeding, cut-through traffic, and congestion. Suggestions such as stop signs, speed bumps, turn restrictions, light synchronization on Crenshaw and Sepulveda, among any other possible alternatives will need to be discussed and considered.

The Traffic Commission will be hearing concerns on this matter at their December meeting which is scheduled for December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Room at City Hall. I invite you and your neighbors to attend.

Sincerely,

Fran Fulton

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From: CHASEANGUS@aol.com [mailto:CHASEANGUS@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 9:59 PM
To: Fulton, Fran
Subject: proposed stop sign

Dear Ms Fulton

As home owners on Cerise ave in Torrance - we are very concerned about the proposed stop signs at the corner of W 225th street and Cerise Ave. We were unaware of any meeting called to discuss the resolution of this matter and feel that the neighborhood should be heard before any decision is made. Although we agree that the through traffic on 225th St (and on Cerise for that matter) needs to be addressed, we do not feel that placing THREE stop signs on this tiny corner is the way to accomplish this. One stop sign on the corner of Greenwood and 225th would be a better choice. Or what about speed bumps or warning signs - there are other, less obtrusive solutions for this problem. One of the reasons we purchased a home in Hickory Park was the quiet, small neighborhood feeling, and we are completely opposed to the added noise that would result from cars idling constantly outside our windows, not to mention how it will diminish the appeal of the neighborhood as a whole. We would like to go on the record as being completely opposed to this proposal.

Thank you

Robert and Ellen Chase
 22516 Cerise Ave
 Torrance

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Semaan, Ted; Megeff, Jon; Bilezerian, Craig
Subject: FW: 225th and Cerise Ave stop sign status

FYI

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 1:54 PM
To: 'Rustrum, Kerri L (AS)'
Subject: RE: 225th and Cerise Ave stop sign status

Sorry for the delay in response! I have been receiving many emails on this issue.

I'm preparing to respond to everyone who has contacted me re the traffic concern on 225th Street. No decisions have been made. The City Traffic Team has decided that this concern, along with a request to address a similar issue at 227th & Greenwood should be brought before the Traffic Commission for consideration as a neighborhood traffic calming measure. This will take more time and analysis as staff will need to look at the area near Hickory School as a whole and what is a reasonable approach to address concerns with speeding, cut-through traffic, and congestion. Suggestions such as stop signs, speed bumps, turn restrictions, light synchronization on Crenshaw and Sepulveda, among any other possible alternatives will need to be discussed and considered.

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From: Rustrum, Kerri L (AS) [mailto:Kerri.Rustrum@ngc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 9:18 AM
To: Fulton, Fran
Subject: 225th and Cerise Ave stop sign status

Good Morning Ms. Fulton,

I was just wondering what the status is of the stop sign on Cerise Ave?

Thank you,

Semaan, Ted

From: Carolyn Saruwatari [cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 9:46 AM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: Dangerous Crosswalk, Greenwood at 227th Street

Hi Mr. Semaan,

Would it be a good idea to get a petition going for the 3-way stop or crossing guard at 227th and Greenwood? If so, how do I go about doing that? Does the city have petition forms that I could pick up or do I create my own form? If I have to create my own form, what should be written on it. Also, what kind of information is required on a petition? Thanks for all the help you've given to me. I truly appreciate it.

Also, would you recommend that we collect video evidence?

Thanks again!

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Semaan, Ted

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 10:05 AM
To: Applegate, Eric
Cc: Megeff, Jon
Subject: RE: Dangerous Crosswalk (on Greenwood at 227th)

Excellent response and information.

Carolyn's address is: 2741 W. 230th Street (at its corner with Greenwood).

From: Applegate, Eric
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 6:33 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Aoki, Denise; Bilezerian, Craig; Cooper, Steven; Crump, Jill; Fulton, Fran; Gebel, Bob; Gibson, Jeff; Goffney, Kyle; Hall, Richard; Lodan, Gregg; Megeff, Jon; Sedadi, Sepideh; Vo, Chuong; Walter, Doug; Wilk, Carol
Subject: RE: Dangerous Crosswalk (on Greenwood at 227th)

I recently worked 227th St and Greenwood Ave on Tuesday 06OCT09. I received an email complaint from another concerned parent regarding similar traffic issues on Hickory between 227th St and 225th St.

On 06OCT09, I worked 227th St and Greenwood Ave from 0830-0900. I shot laser on this street and did not observe one speeding vehicle. I did issue one citation for 21802(a) CVC, failing to yield after stopping for a stop sign.

Officer Shiosaki issue one citation at Hickory and 225th St for 22450(a) CVC, stop sign violation. Officer Shiosaki also did not observe any speeding vehicles while there.

Does anyone know Carolyn Saruwatari's address? I was wondering how she would be impacted by the installation of stop signs (noise, exhaust, etc).

Hickory School has two crossing guards assigned to it now. One at Hickory and 227th St and one at Juniper and 230th St.

The complaints from Carolyn Saruwatari are concerning, but her concerns are the same of many parents and neighbors in and around every school in Torrance. I will continue to monitor this issue along with other motor officers.

Officer E. Applegate #12825
 South Area Traffic Officer
 Torrance Police Department
 310-901-2934
eapplegate@torranceca.gov

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 6:02 PM
To: Aoki, Denise; Applegate, Eric; Bilezerian, Craig; Cooper, Steven; Crump, Jill; Fulton, Fran; Gebel, Bob; Gibson, Jeff; Goffney, Kyle; Hall, Richard; Lodan, Gregg; Megeff, Jon; Sedadi, Sepideh; Vo, Chuong; Walter, Doug; Wilk, Carol
Subject: FW: Dangerous Crosswalk (on Greenwood at 227th)

FYI

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 6:02 PM
To: 'Carolyn Saruwatari'
Subject: RE: Dangerous Crosswalk (on Greenwood at 227th)

Hello Carolyn,

I have forwarded your email to various City departments for review and consideration. As we mentioned to the Traffic Commission on Monday night, the action item will most likely not be going to them at their next meeting. It may be in December. In either case, we will send out notifications of the matter going to the Traffic Commission to residents in the area as well as those who attended the Commission meeting on Monday. You may be receiving phone calls or emails from our PW staff (who will be analyzing the request) or the Police Department's Traffic Division (who have been conducting selective enforcement in the area) responding or inquiring about your concerns. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks,
Ted

Ted Semaan
Division Manager – Community Development Department

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From: Carolyn Saruwatari [mailto:cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 3:46 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: Fw: Dangerous Crosswalk (on Greenwood at 227th)

Hello Mr. Semaan,

Here it is for the 3rd time. Please let me know if you receive it. Thank you.

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From: Carolyn Saruwatari <cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net>
To: tsemaan@torranceca.gov
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2009 8:03:21 PM
Subject: Fw: Dangerous Crosswalk (on Greenwood at 227th)

Hello Mr. Semaan,

Here is the e-mail I sent to you per your request at the meeting tonight. Would you recommend that I gather contact information from other concerned parents and residents? When this issue is on the agenda for a future meeting, will we be asked to speak again about our concerns? Let me know if there is anything else I need to do on my part. Thank you.

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From: Carolyn Saruwatari <cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net>
To: tsemaan@torranceca.gov
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2009 11:13:18 AM
Subject: Fw: Dangerous Crosswalk (on Greenwood at 227th)

Hello Mr. Semaan,

Sorry about that. I guess I typed the wrong e-mail address. My e-mail to you is below. Thank you.

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From: Carolyn Saruwatari <cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net>
To: tsemaan@torrance.ca.gov
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2009 11:09:20 AM
Subject: Dangerous Crosswalk (on Greenwood at 227th)

Hello Mr. Semaan,

Thank you for talking to me on the phone a few minutes ago. I appreciate your help. As I was telling you, I'm very concerned about the crosswalk across Greenwood Avenue at the corner of 227th Street (near Hickory Elementary School). This is an extremely dangerous crosswalk and I've had too many near (and I mean NEAR) misses with my children. I can tell you that if I stuck out my hand, I would've been able to touch the car! The situation is getting worse. The school year has just begun and there have already been more incidents than I care to recall. It's gotten to the point where parents are yelling at people in their cars about the near misses. I'm very fearful about crossing the street in this crosswalk with my children. I actually have them wait on the sidewalk while I walk half way across before I have them join me. I shouldn't be this scared to cross the street. All I'm asking for is a 3-way stop at this intersection or at least have a crossing guard there for drop-off times and pick-up times. It's only a matter of time before a tragedy will occur in this crosswalk. Frankly, by that time, it will be too late.

As you can see below, I've included several e-mails/responses about this issue. At first I was only concerned about how fast cars were traveling on Greenwood during school hours and was asking for speed bumps/humps to be put in. That is also still a concern. In the later e-mails, you can see that I've stated my concern about the crosswalk.

If you need me to further elaborate, just let me know.

Once again, thank you for your time and consideration.

From: Carolyn Saruwatari <cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net>
To: fscotto@torrnet.com
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2009 10:16:14 AM
Subject: VERY Concerned Torrance Resident

Hello Mayor Scotto,

I've written to you a couple of times about the corner of 227th and Greenwood in Torrance. This corner is near Hickory Elementary School. There is a crosswalk at that corner and there have been too many near (and I mean NEAR) misses with cars and pedestrians in those crosswalks over the last year. You forwarded my previous e-mail to the Torrance Police Chief and I was told that there would be patrols during drop-off and pick-up times. That didn't work very well. That is a temporary solution and doesn't solve the problem. I just had another near miss this morning with another mother and her baby in a stroller. Will it take an accident in order for something to be done? Why can't that corner be made into a 3-way stop? Does it really cost that much to put in 2 more stop signs? A tragedy shouldn't need to occur in order for something to be done. I have 2 children attending Hickory and 1 about to start and we have to cross that intersection everyday. I'm scared to death to cross that street with my children. I shouldn't be!

Will it take a petition from all the parents at Hickory Elementary school in order for something to be done? Do I need to take this to the residents in the area? I'm very concerned and getting rather upset about this situation.

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Traffic Speed around Hickory School
 Wednesday, October 17, 2007 8:19:55 AM

"Stark, Thomas"

From: <TOSTARK@torrnet.com>

Add

To: cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net

Cc: "Wilkins, Marc" <MWILKINS@torrnet.com>

Ms. Saruwatari

I am the Traffic & Special Events Division Commander for the Police Department and was forwarded your e-mail that you sent Mayor Scotto.

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In response to your request, I will be initiating a Directed Enforcement request for the area you indicated. To better deploy our resources, can you let me know when the problem is occurring. Is it just the morning hours, afternoon or both? You will see motor officers in the area as a result of this request. This is a common complaint around schools and our officers move from school to school to help educate the parents on safe driving. But please realize that often when we move on to another school, your problem may begin again. If this does occur, please contact me directly for future enforcement requests.

If you have any further questions that I may help you with, please let me know.

Thanks

Tom

*Lt. Thomas C. Stark
Torrance Police Department
Traffic & Special Events Division Commander
310/618-5568
310/678-2062 (Cell)
tostark@torrnet.com*

RE: Traffic Speed around Hickory Elementary School
Monday, October 15, 2007 9:57:07 AM

From: "Scotto, Frank" <FScotto@TORRNET.COM>
View

To: "cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net" <cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net>

Thank you for your email . I have forward it to our Police Chief. They will look into it.....frank scotto

From: Carolyn Saruwatari [cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 11:40 AM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Traffic Speed around Hickory Elementary School

Dear Mayor Scotto,

My name is Carolyn Saruwatari. I'm a resident near Hickory Elementary school. I moved into the area 3 years ago. My children just started attending Kindergarten this year. I have a great concern about how fast people are driving on Greenwood Avenue, especially when the children are arriving and leaving school. The other day, a woman nearly missed my children and myself in the crosswalk. Also, Hickory Elementary School is right next to Hickory Park and we usually have a lot of children coming and going from the park. Is there anyway speed bumps could be installed on Greenwood? Would I need to get a petition signed by the neighbors around Hickory? Please let me know what your thoughts are and what I might be able to do as a very concerned parent/resident of the area. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Carolyn K. Saruwatari
cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net

RE: Traffic Speed around Hickory Elementary School
 Saturday, October 13, 2007 3:35:03 AM

From: "Scotto, Frank" <FScotto@TORRNET.COM>
 View

To: Carolyn Saruwatari <cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net>

I will have our police dept check it out.....frank scotto

-----Original Message-----

From: "Carolyn Saruwatari" <cksaruwatari@sbcglobal.net>
 To: "Scotto, Frank" <FScotto@TORRNET.COM>
 Sent: 10/12/2007 11:40 AM
 Subject: Traffic Speed around Hickory Elementary School

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Semaan, Ted

Subject: FW: 225th Traffic Issue

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 6:10 PM
To: Semaan, Ted; Bilezerian, Craig; Megeff, Jon
Subject: FW: 225th Traffic Issue

From: Glhfg@aol.com [mailto:Glhfg@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 12:01 AM
To: ffulton@torrance.gov
Cc: pjacob@socal.rr.com; klintmike@yahoo.com; Kerri.Rustrum@ngc.com; Glhfg@aol.com
Subject: 225th Traffic Issue

Dear Ms. Fulton,

Please let me thank you for your and your colleagues attendance at the neighborhood meeting on Sept.10th. I realize this is a difficult issue to solve with the saddest part being the battle lines it has seemed to cause. The issue is the traffic and what options do we have to improve it. I know we did not really 'vote' at the meeting and there are no specific solutions about to be permanently implemented. It was merely a quick measure of where people stood on the issue. Everyone CALM down!

To restate my opinion. I still believe we have a traffic and speed issue and wish there was a GOOD solution. I still am in favor of speed bumps despite the poor reasons given for the city's policy of not having them. They clearly would slow traffic and be far less intrusive on anyone. I should also say that the temporary radar/speed indicator does have an impact, but of course needs to be smaller and for BOTH directions. And a 'no left turn' sign on Crenshaw at traffic hours would help at least in the West direction. But the biggest issue is the dreaded stop sign. I do believe a stop sign at Cerise would slow traffic on part of 225th street. But it is a poor solution at best because it is not centrally located. Too much of 225th would still be open to accelerate down to 'make up' time so to speak.

And so to my biggest point of all. I am a relatively new neighbor having been here only 3 years. But my family and I have been extremely happy here, especially due to the close neighbors we have and the friends they have become. I understand that everyone has different views and I agree that when it comes down to it, I don't want a stop sign at my house either. (Sadly there will probably be a traffic light at my corner (225th and Greenwood) within 25 years!) I accept that my neighbors do not want the stop sign and therefore hope a better set of solutions can be found. **A solution that divides us is not a solution.** Several small things can still have an impact. Signs, radar, more patrols may be the right answer. (Did I mention speed bumps are still the best solution!!!)

To the city, please keep up the effort to make an impact. And to my neighbors, lets be sensitive to people's feelings whether we agree or not. Let's not let this stupid street break up the neighborhood. If anything, it should bring us together. Sounds like a good excuse for another party!

Again, **A solution that divides us is not a solution.**

Gary Gawlas
 2750 W. 225th St

Please forward to whomever may be interested. These were the only email addresses I had available.

October 2, 2009

Dear Ms. Fulton,

We live at 2725 W. 225th St. We are opposed to having stop signs placed in front of our house and across the street. We have lived here for 34 years and do not think the problem warrants such a drastic measure.

The main problem is heavy traffic, due to many people trying to get from Crenshaw to Sepulveda, and vice versa, who wish to avoid the signal at the corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw. We have not seen many people speeding along 225th St, although it would be ideal to get everyone to slow down. We feel that the stop signs would not be beneficial and would create the following problems:

- People will go through the signs without stopping, not expecting to see them on 225th St. They automatically stop on Cerise, already, to look for the east-west traffic on 225th St.
- There will be increased noise at all hours of the day and night from brakes squealing, tires skidding to a halt, and accelerating after stopping.
- There will be an increase in gas consumption and pollution, due to all the stopping and accelerating (and idling while waiting for others in front of them to go).
- Because the traffic is heavy at times, people will be lined up in the street.
- We will most likely lose a parking space in front of our house and we will have to park one or two cars in front of someone else's house. Because we and our immediate neighbors don't have driveways, the street parking is vital to us.
- Traffic Officers would have to occasionally monitor the area and ticket those not stopping. We feel their time can be better spent on other tasks.

A speed hump (not a high bump) would help people to slow down without having to stop completely. Another solution would be to put up "Slow Down" signs with the speed limit posted.

Some traffic could be diverted by posting a "No Left Turn" sign on Crenshaw, northbound at 225th Pl. The hours could be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., or whatever is found to be the peak hours of traffic.

At this time, it seems that further studies should be made to determine the number of cars using 225th St. and the percentage of cars exceeding the speed limit before any solutions are decided upon.

Thank you,
 Andrea and Stafford Howlett
 2725 W. 225th St.
 Torrance, CA 90505
 310-325-8858

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 3:50 PM
To: Semaan, Ted; Bilezerian, Craig; Megeff, Jon
Subject: FW: Stop signs proposed at 225th St. and Cerise Ave
Attachments: Letter re stop signs on 225th St.doc

Comments from another resident

From: Andrea [mailto:ahowlett@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 3:31 PM
To: Fulton, Fran
Subject: Stop signs proposed at 225th St. and Cerise Ave

Dear Ms. Fulton,

Please see the attached Word document explaining our position in opposing stop signs being placed at 225th St. and Cerise Ave.

Thank you,
Andrea and Stafford Howlett
2725 W. 225th St.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-325-8858

Semaan, Ted

Subject: FW: Against stop signs on 225th and Cerise Ave.

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 9:00 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Megeff, Jon
Cc: Bilezerian, Craig
Subject: FW: Against stop signs on 225th and Cerise Ave.

From: Mark and Kristen Michaelian [mailto:mkmichaelian@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 10:36 PM
To: Fulton, Fran; PWTraffic
Subject: Against stop signs on 225th and Cerise Ave.

Dear Ms. Fulton and Mr. Craig Bilezerian,

I am writing to you about the proposed stop signs at the corner of 225th and Cerise. My name is Mark Michaelian and my family and I live at 22517 Cerise Ave in Torrance and are current on our property taxes for that address. There have recently been rumors circulating through the neighborhood that there is going to be a three-way stop sign placed at the corner of Cerise and 225th streets near our house. My first question to you is - is this true about the three-way stop sign and the red paint on the street/curbs? Sometimes it is hard to decipher what is true when you hear unsubstantiated rumors. We have lived in this neighborhood for three years. Our main complaint concerning traffic in this neighborhood is the safety of our children as they walk to Hickory Elementary School. Greenwood Ave, which passes by the back of Hickory, is notorious for drivers going well over the speed limit. I have talked with several neighbors and all agree that the crosswalk on Greenwood at the corner of 227th is in dire need of a stop sign. This is a major passageway for children crossing from the school into the neighborhood and they are in need of a safer passage.

I understand that there was some kind of unadvertised meeting in our neighborhood with possibly involvement from city officials concerning this speeding/safety problem in the neighborhood. I do not know if this is true, but I am concerned that there might be a rush to judgement about this matter, set in motion by a few well-meaning people rather than a well-deliberated decision that is good for the entire neighborhood and involves the whole neighborhood and the city. This whole issue seems to be pitting neighbor against neighbor, rather than everyone working together to solve the problem that everyone surely can find common ground upon, that of the safety of the people who live and go to school in the neighborhood. Everyone wants a safe neighborhood and no one wants property values to go down - this will hurt individuals as well as a loss of revenue for the city. Likewise, from what I hear, no one wants stop signs in front of their houses - no one minds if the signs are in front of someone else's home, but not their own. These signs can cause a parking nuisance to people who live near the signs as well as trash, fumes, noise pollution, etc. I personally feel that a well-placed police officer at Greenwood and 225th and surrounding streets at peak school times for a week or two will do much good in eliminating people from outside the neighborhood from being a safety hazard to people in the neighborhood and provide the city with some extra revenue above and beyond the officer's pay.

I would like to go on record as asking the city to refrain from making a hasty decision about this and truly involve the whole neighborhood to find a solution that everyone could be happy with. I appreciate your consideration in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Michaelian
22517 Cerise Ave.
Torrance, CA 90505
(310)891-2350
mkmichaelian@gmail.com

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 11:19 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Megeff, Jon; Bilezerian, Craig
Subject: FW: 225th st proposal

From: Rustrum, Kerri L (AS) [mailto:Kerri.Rustrum@ngc.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 9:31 AM
To: Fulton, Fran
Subject: 225th st proposal

Dear Ms. Fulton,

When I wrote my last email to you I was under the assumption that the neighborhood was going to discuss a resolution and then have another meeting to finalize the resolution. I am very much in support of slowing down the traffic on 225th street, but we DO NOT support the fact of putting a stop sign in front of our home or in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood is a very desirable place to live and a positive for the real estate market. Being in real estate myself in the very current past, I have the knowledge that this not only will bring down the value in my home but also the values in the neighborhood. I cant believe that this was even an option. I was misdirected when I sent off my email to you. I was just informed that there was a meeting regarding the speeding on 225th and to discuss any resolution options at that time. Please ignore my last email to you as we DO NOT support this option and it should be stopped. I would like to have the traffic issue handled but not at the expense to my property value, the property value of my neighbors, the appeal of the neighborhood and the amount of noise pollution it will create for this very quiet neighborhood. There has to be another way to control this issue. If in fact this is the only way to control this then the stop sign should be placed on Greenwood and 225th street due to the traffic volume created by the school and to ensure the safety of the children attending Hickory. Not at a three I am sorry for this misunderstanding and feel that it should be brought back up to the neighbors for a revote. I know that there are a lot of neighbors that are not even aware of this situation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kerri Rustrum & Terry Traina

22506 Cerise Ave

Semaan, Ted

Subject: FW: Stop Signs

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 11:16 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Megeff, Jon; Bilezerian, Craig
Subject: FW: Stop Signs

From: Traina, Terry (AS) [mailto:terry.traina@ngc.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 10:18 AM
To: Fulton, Fran
Subject: Stop Signs

I urge you to come up with a better solution than putting Stop signs up at 225th and Cerise. The problem could easily be resolved with Speed Bumps rather than Stop Signs. I have lived in this neighborhood for years and feel that this idea of Stop Signs will diminish the Neighborhood Appearance and have a direct impact on everyone's Property Values. If you were to do an analysis you would realize the most effective solution would be the Speed Bumps. People can Run the Stop Signs but you have to slow down for a Speed Bump. I also have heard some of the Neighbors encouraging people to Speed past your Speed Monitoring Device to give false readings to the City. I would recommend a Police Officer to the area to monitor this. Enough is enough with this situation and I recommend getting everyone together to discuss this further.

Thank You,

Terence N. Traina

P.S. Another option would be to limit Traffic from Sepulveda Blvd. cutting through the neighborhood with some sort of Signage.

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 10:57 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Bilezerian, Craig; Megeff, Jon
Subject: FW: 225th Street Neighborhood Issue

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Fulton, Fran
 Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 10:56 AM
 To: 'pjacob@socal.rr.com'
 Subject: RE: 225th Street Neighborhood Issue

Thanks Ms. Jacob for the email. We are still considering all possibilities to address the concerns that have been raised re the traffic on your street. We are eager to hear from as many residents as possible.

Fran Fulton
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ffulton@torranceca.gov | www.torranceca.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: pjacob@socal.rr.com [mailto:pjacob@socal.rr.com]
 Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 9:20 AM
 To: Fulton, Fran
 Subject: 225th Street Neighborhood Issue

Ms. Fulton,

Thank you for meeting with my husband yesterday.

Several of our neighbors are not aware that the City is considering installing stop signs on 225th Street and Cerise Avenue. You will be receiving emails and/or phone calls against the proposed stop signs.

As I explained in my 09/03/09 email, we are concerned about the fumes, noise, and the decrease in property value. Will the City compensate for the decrease in property value?

Patricia Jacob
 2736 W. 225th Street
 Torrance, CA 90505
 (310) 539-1164
 Email: pjacob@socal.rr.com

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 10:12 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Bilezerian, Craig; Megeff, Jon
Cc: Jackson, LeRoy
Subject: FW: 225TH STREET TRAFFIC FLYER
Attachments: City Mtg Flyer.doc

FYI

From: KLINTMIKE [mailto:klintmike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 7:20 AM
To: Fulton, Fran
Subject: 225TH STREET TRAFFIC FLYER

Fran,

For your records.

Here is the verbiage of the flyer's that I delivered last Saturday, Sept. 5th. A stop sign on 225th and Cerise is no longer a 'traffic calming option' based on recent events and is not mentioned in the flyer. I also included a Word document which should format properly when printed.

We are looking forward to hearing about other alternatives that the city has to offer.

Hope everyone attends and shares their ideas and/or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Mike

CITY OF TORRANCE TO MEET WITH RESIDENTS OF W. 225TH STREET
SEPTEMBER 10TH * 6PM * 2764 W. 225TH STREET
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I urge you to make every effort to attend as this may³⁹ be our only opportunity to control the traffic on our street. If you cannot attend, would you please contact Ms. Fulton by writing a brief sentence or two about the traffic situation and include your name, address and telephone number. Ms Fulton can be emailed at ffulton@torranceca.gov; please copy me at klintmike@yahoo.com. Mail can be sent to **City of Torrance, 3031 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503, Attn: Ms. Fran Fulton** or simply call me or drop it off at my residence and I will make sure she receives it.

Thank you in advance for your support and action in resolving the traffic issues on our street and in our neighborhood.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mike Klint

2764 W. 225th Street

Torrance, CA 90505

Home: (310) 326-6429

Email: klintmike@yahoo.com

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Mike Klint
2764 W. 225th Street
Torrance, CA 90505
Home: (310) 326-6429
Email: klintmike@yahoo.com

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 11:59 AM
To: Rustrum, Kerri L (AS)
Cc: Traina, Terry (AS); klintmike@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: 225th Street resolution

Thank you. See you Thursday.

Fran Fulton
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From: Rustrum, Kerri L (AS) [mailto:Kerri.Rustrum@ngc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 11:53 AM
To: Fulton, Fran
Cc: Traina, Terry (AS); Rustrum, Kerri L (AS); klintmike@yahoo.com
Subject: 225th Street resolution

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of resolving the traffic issues on 225th street. I currently reside on 22506 Cerise ave (on the corner of Cerise and 225th street). I have a eleven year old son that has been prohibited to play out in the front yard due to this very issue. One day he was playing basketball with one of the neighborhood kids and a car came speeding down the street flipped around the corner almost hitting the kids playing. If they were in front of our home instead of next door the children both would have been hit. Another instance is where my fiancé and I were out walking our dog down 225th street and we needed to cross the street. A car came rushing down the street and wasn't going to stop for us. We had to run across the street. Our neighborhood is a wonderful place to live. People are very friendly and are very proactive. At any time when driving around the neighborhood you will see people walking and kids playing. Unfortunately this has been coming to a stop due to the high volume of speeders and it is unfortunate. Please help us put this to a stop and allow the kids to be kids once again as well as the families to continue doing what the families in our neighborhood do best.

Please take this email as my attendance to the meeting set for 9/10.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kerri Rustrum

&

Terry Traina

22506 Cerise Ave

Torrance, CA 90505

310-534-8846

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 10:55 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Bilezerian, Craig; Megeff, Jon
Subject: FW: Traffic Issue on W. 225th Street from Jacobs

FYI

From: KLINTMIKE [mailto:klintmike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 10:14 AM
To: Michael O'Brien; alan jeffries; rdelgado6@socal.rr.com; rick lee-yahoo; Susan Safer; PHIL CONNORS
Cc: Fulton, Fran
Subject: Traffic Issue on W. 225th Street from Jacobs

FYI - the stop sign on 225th and Cerise was brought to Pat and Chuck's attention early on and several times, both verbally and in emails, as one possibility for the safety and benefit of all the residents on W. 225th St. There was no indication that they would not tolerate a stop sign at Cerise until a rather 'racy' phone call made to me by Chuck Jacobs at 8PM Wed. evening on Sept. 2nd. By the way, Pat also indicated she would not tolerate a speed bump in front of her house. **Surprised, not really !**

Fran, the meeting is still on as the rest of us remain positive and want work with the city.

**See you next Thursday at 6PM at our house !
 Have a safe Labor Day weekend.**

--- On **Thu, 9/3/09**, pjacob@socal.rr.com <pjacob@socal.rr.com> wrote:

From: pjacob@socal.rr.com <pjacob@socal.rr.com>
 Subject: Traffic Issue on W. 225th Street
 To: ffulton@torranceca.gov
 Cc: klintmike@yahoo.com
 Date: Thursday, September 3, 2009, 7:30 PM

Ms. Fulton,

We are writing pertaining to the traffic issue on W. 225th Street.

We live on the corner of W. 225th Street and Cerise Avenue. We do not want a stop sign in front of our home.

The stop sign will cause cars to speed up abruptly after they stop, emit fumes, and create more traffic noise. We are also concerned that the stop sign will decrease our property value.

We are disappointed that the City of Torrance will not consider placing speed bumps on our street. I suggest that signs be placed at the intersections of Sepulveda & Eriel and Crenshaw & 225th Place which limit thru traffic.

Thank you.

Charles & Patricia Jacob
2736 W. 225th Street
Torrance, CA 90505
(310) 539-1164
Email: pjacob@socal.rr.com

Semaan, Ted

From: KLINTMIKE [klintmike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2009 10:19 AM
To: Sutherland, Bill; Numark, Cliff; Barnett, Gene; Furey, Pat; Scotto, Frank; Rhilinger, Susan; Brewer, Tom
Subject: Traffic on West 225th St.

Mayor Scotto and City Council Members,

Please keep in mind that all we want to do is **SLOW TRAFFIC DOWN** with a stop sign (similar to 232nd St.), speed bumps, speed-limit monitoring indicator, or what ever else might help. In our opinion the Torrance Police Department, which this entire neighborhood supports; has more important issues to deal with versus monitoring 225th St. with radar. Their time is much appreciated and, when present; **has indeed slowed traffic dramatically as validated by the lack of speeding tickets**, however this is not a final solution. The result of counting cars when Hickory School is closed has no bearing on the actual traffic congestion we encounter 9 months of the year. However, that is another issue not to be confused, which it obviously has been; with the sole objective of **slowing** the traffic down. The city has the resources and leadership in place to effectively deal with this issue once and for all; please do so. If needed, we can collect signatures from all the residents on 225th St. if need be. We supported you with our votes, please support us with our attempt to protect our neighborhood.

Respectfully,
 Mike Klint

--- On Wed, 8/12/09, KLINTMIKE <klintmike@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: KLINTMIKE <klintmike@yahoo.com>
 Subject: Traffic on West 225th St.
 To: PublicWorkInfo@TorranceCA.gov
 Cc: BSutherland@torrnet.com, CNumark@torrnet.com, gbarnett@torrnet.com, "PFurey@torrnet.com" <PFurey@torrnet.com>, "FRANK SCOTTO" <fscotto@torrnet.com>, "SRhilinger@torrnet.com" <SRhilinger@torrnet.com>, "TBrewer@torrnet.com" <TBrewer@torrnet.com>
 Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 10:08 AM

Public Works Engineer(s),

The residents on West 225Th Street have been in contact with city officials with respect to speeding and traffic on our street (between Hickory and Eriel). Yesterday, car counting and speed indicator devices were installed across 225th St.. I'm not sure what weight '**car counting**' will carry with respect to initiating a 'traffic control action' by the city. However, please keep in mind that for 9 months out of the year we have a tremendous increase in street 'non-neighborhood traffic' due to Hickory School being in session. Thus the car counting data being collected this week will not reflect accurate numbers as school is not in session until Sept. 10, 2009. Again, **if car counting weighs significantly** on rectifying the traffic/speeding issues, the car counts currently being taken will not accurately reflect the volume of traffic that 225Th St. incurs 9 months out the year; i.e. 75% of the time. Please keep this in mind and consider **re-initiating** this study after school is in session to obtain more accurate counts and to some degree speeding as well. You will see a dramatic difference in the data being collected. Today it is bad, in September it becomes worse.

Thank you for addressing our concerns and we look forward to your support in resolving the traffic issues on our street and neighborhood.

Michael Klint
2764 W. 225TH St.
310.326.6429

Semaan, Ted

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 2:31 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: Traffic problem on 225th st

FYI

From: Fulton, Fran
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 2:30 PM
To: 'donnybruk2002@yahoo.com'
Subject: FW: Traffic problem on 225th st

Thank you Mr. O'Brien for bringing your concern to our attention. Our internal "Traffic Team" will be reviewing this issue at our meeting tomorrow. I hope that we are able to come up with a possible solution(s). I will provide you an update once this meeting has transpired to let you know the status.

Sincerely,

Fran Fulton
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From: Jackson, LeRoy
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 1:56 PM
To: Fulton, Fran
Subject: FW: Traffic problem on 225th st

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael O'Brien [mailto:donnybruk2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 11:53 AM
To: Jackson, LeRoy
Subject: Re: Traffic problem on 225th st

Thank you for your response. I would appreciate any help you could give.

Mike O'Brien

--- On Mon, 8/10/09, Jackson, LeRoy <LJACKSON@TorranceCA.gov> wrote:

From: Jackson, LeRoy <LJACKSON@TorranceCA.gov>
 Subject: Traffic problem on 225th st
 To: "Michael O'Brien" <donnybruk2002@yahoo.com>

Cc: "COUNCIL2" <COUNCIL2@TorranceCA.gov>, "Fulton, Fran" <FFulton@TorranceCA.gov>, "Neu, John" <JNEU@TorranceCA.gov>, "Gibson, Jeff" <JGIBSON@TorranceCA.gov>

Date: Monday, August 10, 2009, 2:36 PM

The Mayor and Council have received your e-mail and the Mayor has asked the City Manager's Office to look into your concerns. Fran Fulton of our staff will be in contact with you and we will see that the proper City personnel receive your e-mail and explore the issues and concerns you have raised.

ljj

Semaan, Ted

Subject: FW: Traffic Issue on 225th St.

From: Bilezerian, Craig
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 3:55 PM
To: Megeff, Jon; Applegate, Eric; McDonald, Jason; Sedadi, Sepideh; Semaan, Ted
Cc: Bilezerian, Craig
Subject: FW: Traffic Issue on 225th St.

FYI. I called resident to give an update on city's efforts and the upcoming survey.

From: Phillip OConnor [mailto:lawman15066@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2009 1:54 PM
To: PublicWorkInfo
Cc: Pat Jacob; alan jeffries; MIKE O'BRIEN
Subject: Traffic Issue on 225th St.

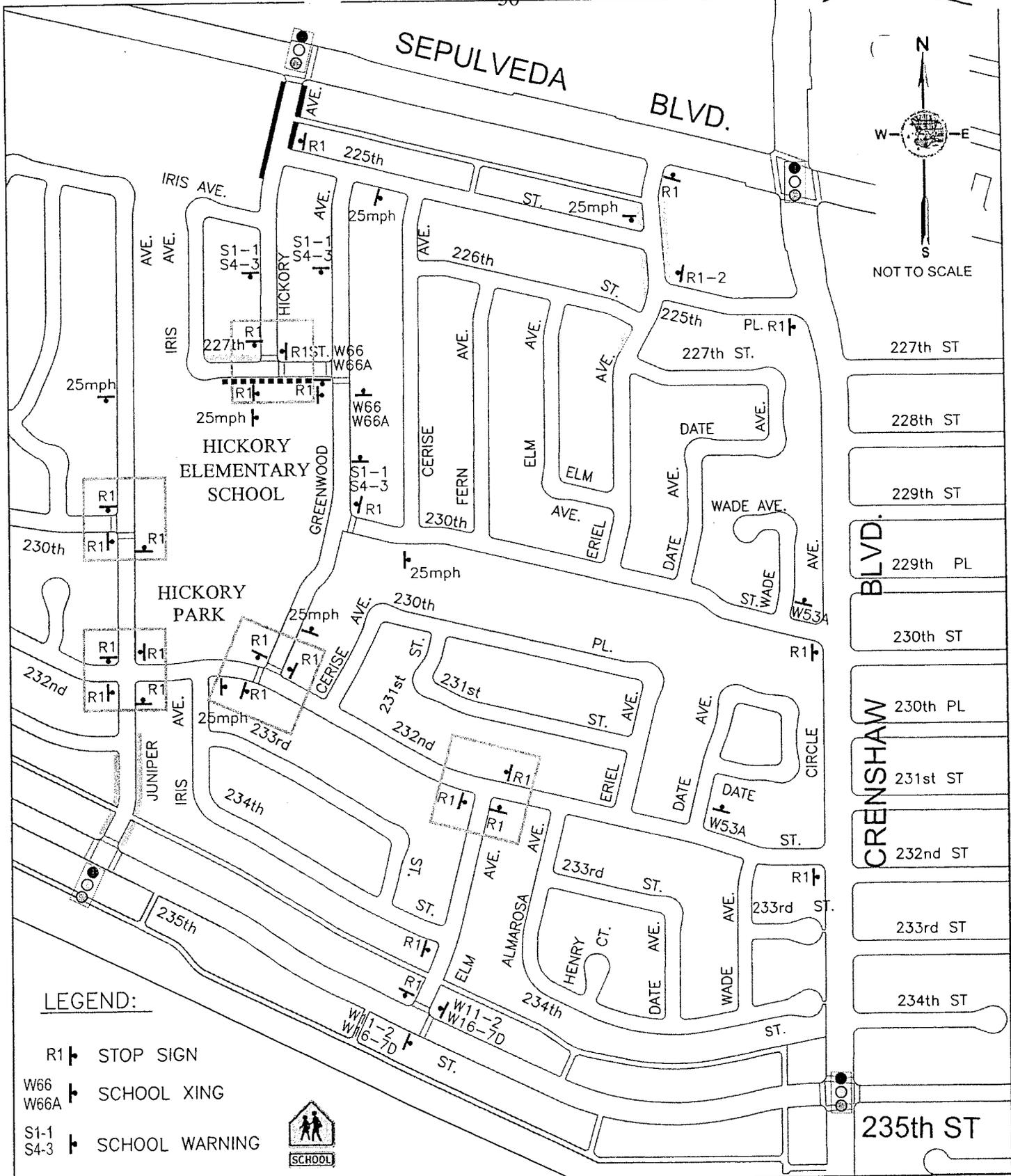
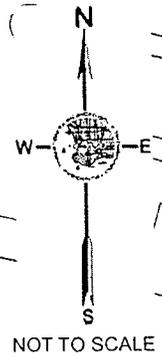
To whom it may concern.

I have lived on 225th St. since 1983 and own two homes located at 2639 & 2643 W. 225th St. The traffic situation has made it at times difficult to rent the house next door to people who have children, due to their concerns for child safety and the traffic on this street. I have watched the residential street change from just that, to a freeway of sorts. I have read all the other comments and wholeheartedly agree with each and everyone. However I would like to approach the problem from an entirely different perspective.

Having been in law enforcement for the past 38 years, I would like to bring up the added exposure of liability to the city and its tax payers, having already been made aware as to an existing problem. If god forbid, a child or even an adult got hit and or killed by a fast moving vehicle because of the lack of action by the city, I am quite sure a civil lawsuit would follow exceeding the cost of a stop sign and or speed bumps. Even litigation is expensive. As a taxpayer, I would **not like** to see our already dwindling revenues spent in that manner, when for a fraction of the cost it could have been averted. Its not something that needs to be studied and more money spent on a survey, Just do the right thing. The people who live on this street want it, so what more is there to say. If its a matter of money \$\$\$\$\$\$\$, than perhaps we can take up a collection for it and get it done. Its a quality life issue affecting only those who live here.

I have noticed that the city has to some degree resisted this for reasons I don't understand. Please enlighten me as to the reasons and perhaps working together we could find a solution or some middle ground. Thanks advance.

Sincerely, Phil O'Connor
 2639 W. 225th St.
 Torrance, Ca. 90505
 (310) 530-4530



LEGEND:

- R1 STOP SIGN
- W66 W66A SCHOOL XING
- S1-1 S4-3 SCHOOL WARNING
- MARKED CROSSWALK
- LOADING ZONE
- NO STOPPING ANY TIME
- NO PARKING STREET SWEEPING
- SCHOOL
- ALL WAY STOP

SOUTHWOOD/SUNRAY TRAFFIC STUDY

TT:\SWSUNRAY_TF.DWG (11/25/09)

-----Original Message-----

From: Urban [mailto:urbanok@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 9:54 AM
To: Semaan, Ted
Cc: CDD Traffic
Subject: Traffic Commission Meeting Traffic Circulation

Attention: Ted Semaan

This E mail is a response to the traffic Circulation in the vicinity of Sepulveda Blvd. , Crenshaw Blvd. 232nd St and Iris Ave

This August I will have resided in my home on 230th St for 50 years . I have observed the traffic in the area increase beyond what I could have imagined when I bought this new Don Wilson home in 1960. However; in my opinion the primary reasons for the increase in traffic on 230th street is:

1: the influx of students to Hickory School who do not live within walking distance of the school, as my children did, and are driven to school every day often at speeds exceeding 25 mph.
2: the traffic going east on Sepulveda during peak commute hours is backed up to Hickory Ave. Many of these commuters want to make a right turn at Crenshaw. To save time they cut thru at Hickory Ave or Eriel Ave and thereby use 230th St or 232nd St to get to Crenshaw.

Solution: I am not a traffic expert, but I suspect the Stop signs recently installed around Hickory School will discourage some drivers from going thru. Speed bumps could slow down drivers and also discourage drivers from cutting thru this residential area. I hope my input is helpful and look forward to the results of the meeting. I would have attended the meeting but I have a previous commitment. Thank you : Urban Klintworth

2524 W

230th St

Torrance CA 90505

From: Soli Chung [mailto:schung@georgechungrealtors.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 4:30 PM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: Southwood Sunray Neighborhood Meeting

To whom it may concern:

There is nothing wrong with the traffic on Crenshaw Blvd between Sepulveda and Iris other than some pot holes.

The traffic moves smoothly and it is easy to make a left turn with the center divider unless an Idiot driver stops on the middle divider after making a left turn instead speeding up and signaling and going into the number one lane.

I live on the corner of 232nd and Greenwood Ave lived there for over 30 years and do not wish to see anything change.

If there is to be any change let the idiots who can't drive go to driving school to learn how to drive better. We don't need traffic lights to cause more unnecessary spending for the city, and to slow traffic like over between Torrance Blvd and Sepulveda on Crenshaw.

The average speed is 40 MPH between Sepulveda and Maple

Traffic is meant to move vehicles along and not cause a conglomeration.

I hope I mentioned every thing that you city people want to say but can because of being politically correct

Well I am not going to run for no political position in any near future and I certainly will not vote for the Idiot politician that thinks like an idiot

Soli Chung
2749 w 232 St
Torrance, Ca 90505

From: KLINTMIKE [mailto:klintmike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 10:19 AM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: FOR THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MEETING RECORD FOR 3/1/2010

Please include this as part of the official record, from:
Michael Klint
2764 W. 225th St.
90505

Mr. Jackson, Ms. Fulton, Mayor Scotto and City Council Members,

Nine days after our meeting with the Torrance Traffic Commission (12/7/2009), STOP signs were in place at 227Th and Greenwood by the Hickory School.

With respect to the concerns of the 225Th St. residents, car counting is once again going to be initiated. Keep in mind that if 10 cars drive down the street at 25MPH and 10 cars drive at 50+ MPH, to the city the car count is simply 20, danger and speed seem to be left out of the equation.. A very sad situation with what appears to be of limited concern by the City of Torrance after all we've done.

We diligently attempted to have the city decisively act with respect to the cut through traffic on W. 225Th St.

We sent emails to many city officials indicating that the issue needs some serious attention. I have over 70 emails in my files.

We had a neighborhood meeting, attended by 30+ attendees plus Ms. Fulton, Ted Semaan from Traffic and a TPD Lt. Mr. Semann initiated a vote with respect to a stop sign at Cerise and 225Th St. The result 32 to 3 for those present. The 3 dissenters have all called the TPD with respect to speeding on more than one occasion and are now simply concerned as to a specific location of a stop sign. Everyone does agree that there is a cut through speeding issue and the city needs to develop and employ a permanent solution as soon as possible.

We presented our case to the City Traffic Commission along with the 227Th Street Hickory school parents on Dec. 7TH, 2009. (My presentation is attached, someone please take 3 minutes to read it).

So far here's how the city responded:

Radar was set up 2 times, which dramatically slowed down the speeders. However since 225Th St. is straight as an arrow, the officers were easily spotted out in the open; one in fact left his headlight on; but it was quite obvious that traffic did slow.

Car counting was initiated **when Hickory School was closed for the summer**, which basically is meaningless as the volume of cars increases sixfold. **However, keep in mind that speeding is our primary issue the volume of cars is secondary.**

An automated speed limit sign was placed on 225Th St. for a week.

As a result of the Traffic Commission Meeting, the STOP sign at 227Th and Greenwood was **installed 9 days later**. During the meeting the 225Th St. issue was practically ignored other than by the speakers.

So now it seems the city is going to start all over again with a traffic count and who knows whatever other bureaucratic steps follow that.

The speeding continues with no solution or serious interest by the city in sight.

Is anyone from the city seriously interested with our situation or should we simply live with the speeders and ever increasing cut through traffic and wait for a deadly incident to happen, then begin counting cars again.

Respectfully,
Mike Klint

For more insight, please read this presentation to the Traffic Commission on Dec. 7Th, 2009 that resulted in another car count planned for sometime in the future.

I BELIEVE, ACCORDING TO POLICE RECORDS, THAT IN 1996 (THIRTEEN YEARS AGO), ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS BEGAN CALLING THE TORRANCE PD REGARDING SPEEDING ON W. 225TH ST.
225TH ST IS THE MAJOR CUT-THROUGH FOR THOSE ATTEMPTING TO AVOID THE SEPULVEDA/CRENSHAW INTERSECTION –
MANY CUT THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND CONTINUE WITH THE SPEED LIMIT THEY WERE DOING ON SEPULVEDA AND/OR CRENSHAW – BOTH SIX LANE MAJOR HIGHWAYS.
225TH ST. IS A PERFECTLY STRAIGHT ¼ MILE STREET THAT DESIGN ALONE ENCOURAGES SPEED. STREETS LIKE 230TH, ERIEL, AND 232ND HAVE SLIGHT CURVES WHICH SOMEWHAT HELPS TO SLOW TRAFFIC & FURTHERMORE 230TH HAS A DRAINAGE DIP AND 232ND HAS A STOP SIGN.
AS THE HIGH DENSITY BUILDING HAS BEEN ON THE INCREASE OVER THE PASSED SEVERAL YEARS, THE QUALITY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS BEEN ON THE DECLINE.
I'VE BEEN PASSED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION ON 225TH ST.
MANY PARENTS THAT ARE RUNNING LATE TO TAKE THEIR KIDS TO HICKORY SCHOOL ARE DANGEROUS SPEEDERS – THEY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RESPECT FOR LAWS OR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
THE INDIAN GENTLEMEN I FLAGGED DOWN WHILE HEADING TO HICKORY

SCHOOL WITH HIS TWO KIDS IN THE CAR, MY GUESS HE WAS DOING 50+, TOLD ME HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE SPEED LIMIT WAS.

THERE IS NO SPEED LIMIT SIGN COMING OFF OF CRENSHAW ONTO 225TH PLACE AND PROCEEDING WEST BOUND ON 225TH ST TO HICKORY.

KEEP IN MIND THAT THE CAL. DRIVERS TEST IS OFFERED IN 31 LANGUAGES AND WITH AN EVER INCREASING DIVERSE POPULATION, MORE CONTROLLING TYPE TRAFFIC TACTICS NEED TO BE EMPLOYED. ALSO, SOME HOUSES ON 225TH ST DO NOT HAVE DRIVEWAYS WHICH ONLY ADDS TO THE DANGER.

IT'S A COMMON OCCURANCE ON OUR STREET TO HEAR RESIDENTS AND CHILDREN YELLING 'SLOW DOWN' AT SPEEDING CARS.

FURTHERMORE, THE EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF OLDER, SLOWER RESIDENTS ON THE STREET ARE AT AS MUCH RISK AS THE CHILDREN. PRESENT THE PICTURE. GIVEN TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

THE ONLY, SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE, ACTION THE CITY HAS TAKEN TO DATE WAS HAVING MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS (IN PLAIN VIEW, ONE WITH THE HEADLIGHT ON) ON TWO OCCASIONS BE PRESENT WHICH DRAMATICALLY SLOWED TRAFFIC.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS SEEM TO AGREE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION IS SPEED CALMING BUMPS OR DIPS. OTHER SOLUTIONS MAY BE DEBATED BY A FEW, BUT THE MAJORITY AGREES THAT A PERMANENT SOLUTION NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

DURING A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH WITH APPROX. 35 ATTENDEES, TED SEMAAN INITIATED AN INFORMAL VOTE AS TO PLACING A STOP SIGN ON 225TH ST. I BELIEVE THE RESULTS WERE 32 TO 3 IN FAVOR OF MR. SEEMAN'S INFORMAL PROPOSAL

From: KLINTMIKE [mailto:klintmike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 10:30 AM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: For Official Record

For the 3/1/2010 Traffic Comm. meetings official record.

Fran Fulton,,

This morning (1/27/2010) there was a person affixing hoses and orange cones on W. 225Th St. near Cerise. He indicated that the hoses count and track speed. As I am watching cars drive up and down W. 225Th St. the vast majority of them see the orange cones and hoses that cross the street and brake, as any driver would react since these elements appear out of the ordinary and are so very obvious. So Fran, I will share the City's results with you **in advance**:

Speeding/traffic on W. 225Th St. is not an issue based on our studies.

It appears that the City is determined to invalidate the concerns of the residents by ignoring the comments voiced at both the gathering at my house (30+) and at Traffic Commission meeting (15+) on 12/7/2009, and who know how many emails; all indicating there is a definite problem.

Our current neighborhood profile:

We now have massage parlors as you enter and exit our tract, we have **daily** graffiti (MOT is the gang) in the alley that parallels Sepulveda between Hickory and Eriel as well as the curbs, sidewalks, commercial buildings etc. etc. some residents carry pepper-spray when they take walks and finally we have cut-through drivers that have a complete disregard for the safety and peace of mind of the residents. What a wonderful quality of life the City has bestowed upon this once peaceful neighborhood.

And finally:

In closing and in my personal opinion; you personally have attempted to support us. Feel free to share this email with others, especially with Mr. Jackson.

From: sgnfit@aol.com [mailto:sgnfit@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 11:59 AM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: Ref Traffic Commiss meeting 3/1/2010

I received the notice about a traffic commission meeting on 3/1/10 and we are unable to attend because we are out of town. I was wonder what the meeting is about in reference to traffic conditions in our neighborhood? We live on 230th Street, could let us know the concerns that are being discussed, we could comment better if we knew.

Thank you.

Sue & Bob Nagy
2633 W. 230th Street

-----Original Message-----

From: Neil Kaplan [mailto:neilkaplan@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 8:51 AM

To: CDD Traffic

Cc: adelekaplan1@gmail.com

Subject: SOUTHWOOD SUNRAY

Please consider a crosswalk or a stop sign at 230th and Greenwood. This is a tricky intersection that frequently has cars going over the speed limit. The YMCA before and afterschool program at Hickory Elem is adjacent to this intersection and has lots of activity.

Please look at your engineering data during school days ONLY. We have seen data collection devices on this street on weekends and holidays which are not representative.

NEIL KAPLAN

neilkaplan@yahoo.com

From: ecasper100@aol.com [mailto:ecasper100@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 12:53 PM

To: CDD Traffic

Subject: Trffic Light @ Crenshaw and232nd St.

We would very much appreciate a light at this corner. The traffic is very bad and making a left hand turn onto Crenshaw is dangerous. Thank you for your consideration.

Carole and Edward Casper
2564 W. 232nd St.
Torrance

Semaan, Ted

From: Urban [urbanok@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 9:54 AM
To: Semaan, Ted
Cc: CDD Traffic
Subject: Traffic Commission Meeting Traffic Circulation

Attention: Ted Semaan

This E mail is a response to the traffic Circulation in the vicinity of Sepulveda Blvd. , Crenshaw Blvd. 232nd St and Iris Ave

This August I will have resided in my home on 230th St for 50 years .

I have observed the traffic in the area

increase beyond what I could have imagined when I bought this new Don Wilson home in 1960. However; in my opinion the primary reasons for the increase in traffic on 230th street is:

1: the influx of students to Hickory School who do not live within walking distance of the school, as my children did, and are driven to school every day often at speeds exceeding 25 mph.

2: the traffic going east on Sepulveda during peak commute hours is backed up to Hickory Ave.

Many of these commuters want to make a right turn at Crenshaw. To save time they cut thru at Hickory Ave or Eriel Ave and thereby use 230th St or 232nd St to get to Crenshaw.

Solution: I am not a traffic expert, but I suspect the Stop signs recently installed around Hickory School will discourage some drivers from going thru. Speed bumps could slow down drivers and also discourage drivers from cutting thru this residential area.

I hope my input is helpful and look forward to the results of the meeting. I would have attended the meeting but I have a previous commitment. Thank you : Urban Klintworth

2524 W 230th St

Torrance CA 90505

March 1, 2010

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular meeting at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2010 in Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

Due to the absence of Chairperson Galvin, Vice-Chairperson Clouch led the meeting.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairperson Clouch.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Rische, Rudolph, Sargent, Tsao, Walter, and Vice-Chairperson Clouch.

Absent: Chairperson Galvin (excused).

Also Present: Transportation Manager Semaan, Project Manager Sedadi, Torrance Police Area Traffic Officer Applegate, and Planning Associate Crump.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Tsao moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the February 1, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (with Commissioners Rudolph and Walter abstaining and Chairperson Galvin absent).

Vice-Chairperson Clouch explained the policies and procedures of the Traffic Commission, including the right to appeal decisions to City Council.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Transportation Manager Semaan distributed packets and discussed information regarding Census 2010. He stressed the importance of taking the ten minutes needed to answer ten questions on the Census form and returning it by April 1, 2010.

He announced a Tip-a-Cop fundraiser for South Bay Special Olympics on March 25, 2010 at the Elephant Bar.

7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

7a. TRAFFIC CIRCULATION FOR SOUTHWOOD SUNRAY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE VICINITY OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, 232ND STREET, AND IRIS AVENUE

Project Manager Sedadi provided a slide presentation on the material of record and recommended that the Commission review the staff report, receive public input, and concur with staff's recommendation to: Install all-way stop signs at 1) Cerise Avenue and 225th Street, 2) Eriel Avenue and 230th Street, and 3) Eriel Avenue and 225th Street; and to install 25 mph speed limit signs at various locations, as shown on Attachment A. She noted that this item was being continued from the December 7, 2009 Commission meeting and that there were representatives from Torrance Police Department, City Manager's Office, and Public Works Department in the audience.

She reviewed background and noted that, per direction from the Traffic Commission on December 7, 2009, two stop signs for north and southbound directions on Greenwood Avenue at 227th Street have been installed. In addition, the Commission directed staff to collect data and conduct an analysis for the Southwood Sunray neighborhood. She discussed the summary of volume and speed counts (Attachment C), turning movement counts to identify potential cut-through traffic (Attachment D), and a five-year accident history of internal intersections in the neighborhood. She described the two reported collisions and noted that neither would be correctable by any means of traffic control devices.

Project Manager Sedadi advised that, based on results of collected data, analysis, field observations, and input from other departments, staff has concluded that traffic circulation, speeds, and volumes in the neighborhood are within expectation, with no apparent operational issues. However, to provide positive right-of-way assignment but not to slow traffic, staff is recommending installation of all-way stop signs at three intersections and eight additional speed limit signs as outlined in Attachment A.

Transportation Manager Semaan distributed supplemental material received after agenda packets were prepared. He provided additional information about the two recorded accidents and an additional radar survey that was conducted with an undercover officer in an unmarked vehicle.

Commissioner Tsao commended staff for their efforts and, responding to his inquiry, Transportation Manager Semaan explained that the proposed stop signs would not serve as speed reducing or traffic-calming devices but would assign positive right-of-way and discourage cut-through traffic. He further explained that staff found no

justification for speed bumps, humps, or cushions and that turning restrictions were not considered due to potential impact on residents and businesses.

Responding to Vice-Chairperson Clouch's inquiry, Transportation Manager Semaan used Attachment D to explain how turning movement counts were taken and how it was determined if it was local or cut-through traffic.

Referring to Attachment C, Commissioner Sargent related his observation that approximately 139 vehicles, or 15%, exceed the speed limit on 225th Street.

At 7:45 p.m., Vice-Chairperson Clouch welcomed public input.

Stafford Howlett, West 225th Street, expressed opposition to the proposal to install stop signs at Cerise Avenue and 225th Street. He stated that speeding, right-of-way assignment, and accidents are not major issues and that it would cause loss of parking spaces and noise from vehicles stopping and starting all day and night.

Steve Oda, Iris Avenue, stated that stop signs at Eriel Avenue and 225th Street as well as 230th Street would not stop speeding and would be a nuisance for neighborhood traffic.

Andrea Howlett, West 225th Street, voiced concern about safety and loss of parking spaces if stop signs are installed at Cerise Avenue and 225th Street.

Alissa Materman, West 232nd Street, stated that there is high traffic volume and speeding in the area between Crenshaw Boulevard and Greenwood Avenue on 232nd street and voiced support for speed humps or bumps.

James Rodriguez, Eriel Avenue, questioned if there would be police enforcement if stop signs are installed on Eriel Avenue, if enforcement would be one time or ongoing, and if back-up of traffic onto Sepulveda Boulevard has been considered.

Phil O'Connor, West 225th Street, voiced support for installation of stop signs as a deterrent for cut-through traffic and to slow down traffic. He added that stop signs are more cost effective than speed humps and expressed concern that the City could be liable if they do not install the signs.

Mike O'Brien, West 225th Street, stated that the proposed stop signs are necessary, good for the neighborhood, serve as a deterrent for cut-through traffic, and slow down drivers exceeding the speed limit.

Michael Klint, West 225th Street, entered documentation into the material of record and expressed his support for staff's recommendation.

Chuck Jacobs, West 225th Street, (no speaker card), stated his opposition to installation of the proposed stop signs because they do not calm traffic, adding that more enforcement at peak hours is needed.

Newt Young, Hickory Avenue, represented Southwood Sunray Homeowners Association, asserted that the stop signs would slow down traffic and make the neighborhood safer. He questioned if volume and speed counts recorded in the

neighborhood are consistent with volume and speed counts in a neighborhood with the same number of homes that does not have a school.

Transportation Manager Semaan responded that every neighborhood varies and that school traffic is considered part of the neighborhood. He added that data was collected to support or deny concerns regarding cut-through traffic and that school traffic is inherent to the school's presence.

Devin Ishida, West 232nd Street, expressed support for speed bumps, humps, or cushions.

Julie O'Brien, West 225th Street, stated that 90% of Hickory Elementary students get dropped off and that she supports staff's recommendation.

At Andrea Howlett's request, Project Manager Sedadi provided additional explanation of data on Attachment C.

Responding to Phil O'Conner's inquiry, Project Manager Sedadi stated that counts were taken on January 12, January 14, and January 28, 2010, and another speed survey in an unmarked car was conducted on February 18, 2010.

Responding to Commissioner Sargent's request, Transportation Manager Semaan described differences between speed bumps, humps, and cushions. He noted that response time is impacted by speed humps while cushions are expensive but do not impact fire trucks.

Commissioner Sargent stated that he likes the idea of cushions because fire trucks can get through and they are self-enforcing. He expressed support for installation of speed cushions on 225th Street as the best solution for the problem.

Commissioner Tsao thanked audience members for attending this meeting and stated that he hoped the Commission would make the best decision for the benefit of the whole neighborhood.

At Commissioner Rische's request, Transportation Manager Semaan explained that fire trucks are wide enough to straddle speed cushions and why speed dips were not considered as an option.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Rudolph, Transportation Manager Semaan explained that traffic counts are generally collected on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of a non-holiday Monday or Friday.

Vice-Chairperson Clouch inquired if the recommendation could be passed on a temporary basis and was informed by staff that temporary stop signs are generally not installed. He offered to bring an item back in six or 12 months to see if the measures taken have been effective or not.

Responding to Vice-Chairperson Clouch's inquiry, Area Traffic Officer Applegate advised that fines for traffic violations are the same in school and non-school zones.

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to not concur with staff's recommendation and to install two pairs of speed cushions on 225th Street between Cerise Avenue and Eriel Avenue. The motion died due to lack of a second and the motion was withdrawn.

Transportation Manager Semaan advised that, if the Commission recommended speed cushions, staff would need to assess the street segment being considered, determine the cost, and bring back an analysis.

Commissioner Walter stated that he needed to abstain on this vote because he has prior information on this item.

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to continue this item until staff could provide input on installing speed cushions on 225th Street between Cerise Avenue and Eriel Avenue. The motion died due to lack of a second.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to concur with staff's recommendation to install all-way stop signs at 1) Cerise Avenue and 225th Street, 2) Eriel Avenue and 230th Street, and 3) Eriel Avenue and 225th Street; and to install 25 mph speed limit signs at various locations. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Galvin and with Commissioner Walter abstaining).

Vice-Chairperson Clouch received clarification that the item would not need to go to City Council unless it is appealed within 15 days.

The Commission was in recess from 9:05 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

7b. TRAFFIC STUDY INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Transportation Manager Semaan introduced the item and welcomed Planning Associate Crump.

Planning Associate Crump provided background on the Ad Hoc Committee on Commission Review's recommendation that the Traffic Commission review traffic studies associated with land use entitlements. She briefly reviewed Attachment B that discusses the series of methodologies used in evaluating the traffic impact by a proposed development project and showed examples of typical traffic studies that have been produced. She noted that not all projects require a formal traffic analysis and would therefore not generate review by the Traffic Commission. She advised that any recommendations or comments by the Traffic Commission regarding a traffic impact study would be forwarded to the Planning Commission before it provides review and consideration on any development.

Transportation Manager Semaan stressed the importance that the traffic generated by a development is separate from preexisting, inherent traffic on the street network. He encouraged Commissioners to review the document and to ask staff for any clarification or additional information.

Responding to Commissioner Rudolph's inquiry, he explained that, with the Committee's direction, the timeframe will be inherent to the development process to allow sufficient time for the Traffic Commission to review the traffic studies.

In response to Commissioner Rische's inquiry, staff advised that there are no new projects coming up in the foreseeable future.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

8a. Commissioners and staff welcomed new Commissioners Rudolph and Walter.

8b. Commissioner Clouch inquired how much the City receives from traffic citations and was directed to contact the Police Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 p.m., Vice-Chairperson Clouch adjourned the meeting to April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room.

CITY OF TORRANCE

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: March 15, 2010

TO: Jeffrey Gibson, Community Development

FROM: City Clerk's Office

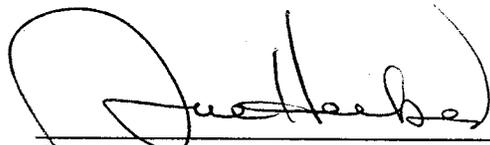
SUBJECT: Appeal 2010-04

Attached is Appeal 2010-04 received in this office on March 15, 2010 from Stafford Howlett, 2725 West 225th Street, Torrance, CA 90505. This appeal is of the Traffic Commission's denial on March 1, 2010 regarding Traffic Circulation and Proposed Recommendations for Southwood Sunray neighborhood in the vicinity of Sepulveda Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, 232nd Street and Iris Avenue citing that the Traffic Commission's arbitrary and capricious decision will have a considerably negative and costly impact on those affected by the decision

The appeal fee of \$250.00, paid by check, was accepted by the City Clerk.

SECTION 11.5.3. PROCEDURE AFTER FILING.

- a) Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, and the appeal fee, the City Clerk shall notify the concerned City officials, bodies or departments that an appeal has been filed and shall transmit a copy of the appeal documents to such officials, bodies or departments.
- b) The concerned City officials, bodies or departments shall prepare the necessary reports for the City Council, provide public notices, posting, mailing or advertising in the same manner as provided for the original hearing or decision making process, request the appeal be placed on the agenda for hearing before the City Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of the said notice of appeal, and notify the applicant in writing of the time, date and place of the hearing not less than five (5) days before the Council hearing.



Sue Herbers
City Clerk

cc: City Council
City Manager



CITY OF TORRANCE

APPEAL FORM

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AN APPEAL TO:

- City Council
- Planning Commission
- _____

RETURN TO:

Office of the City Clerk
 3031 Torrance Boulevard
 Torrance CA 90509-2970
 310/618-2870

RE: Item 7a - Traffic Circulation for Southwood Sunray
 (Case Number and Name)

Address/Location of Subject Property see attached
 (If applicable)

Decision of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Hearing Board | <input type="checkbox"/> License Review Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality & Energy Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Development Permit |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Traffic Commission</u> |

Date of decision: 3-01-10 Appealing: APPROVAL DENIAL

Reason for Appeal: *Be as detailed as necessary. Additional information can be presented at the hearing. Attach pages as required with additional information and/or signatures.*

- See attached documents:
- 1) Signature Page for all appellants (six appellants)
 - 2) Appeal
 - 3) Copy of 7a Memorandum

Name of Appellant Stafford Howlett

Address of Appellant 2725 W. 225th St.

Telephone Number (310) 325-8858

Signature Stafford Howlett

For office use only
 Appeal Fee paid \$ 250.00 Date 3/15/2010 Received by [Signature]

Notice to: Community Development Department Planning Building & Safety
 City Council City Manager City Attorney Other Department(s) TRAFFIC

Signatures:

Stafford Howlett
Stafford Howlett Appellant

Andrea Howlett
Andrea Howlett Appellant

Charles Jacob
Charles Jacob Appellant

Patricia Jacob
Patricia Jacob Appellant

Terence Traina
Terence Traina Appellant

Kerri Rustrum
Kerri Rustrum Appellant

INTRODUCTION – REASON FOR APPEAL

This is an appeal of the Torrance Traffic Commission’s decision on March 1, 2010 regarding Agenda Item number 7a (hereinafter referred to as “Item 7a”) requiring the placement of stop signs at three designated intersections, described below, to control right-of-way. The decision is being appealed because it was made in an arbitrary and capricious manner. It lacks any facts to back up the decision that demonstrate the need for right-of-way control. Consequently, if implemented, the Traffic Commission’s arbitrary and capricious decision will have a considerable negative and costly impact on those affected by the decision.

BACKGROUND

Item 7a addressed issues within the Southwood Sunray Neighborhood, bordered by Sepulveda Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, 232nd Street and Iris Avenue. Item 7a states that Staff recommends that all-way stop signs be installed at three designated intersections: 1) Cerise Avenue and 225th Street, 2) Eriel Avenue and 230th Street, and 3) Eriel Avenue and 225th St., “to provide positive right-of-way assignment...” Staff, as defined in Item 7a is comprised of “representatives from Community Development, Fire and Police Departments, as well as from City Manager’s office.” In this appeal, I will use the term “Staff” to refer to representatives so identified.

The recommendation before the Traffic Commission was made in the name of Jeffery W. Gibson, Community Development Director, and was signed by Mr. Ted Semaan, Manager, Transportation Planning, Development Engineering and Records Division.

The decision (based on Staff’s recommendation) is arbitrary and capricious because it was made without any publicly available study, survey, report, memorandum, meeting minutes or any other fact-based data or analysis. In addition, Staff did not reference any concerns voiced by residents of the study area regarding the need or desire for “positive right-of-way assignment” at any of the specifically designated intersections.

Without any supporting facts, studies, surveys, reports, data, analyses (hereinafter referred to as “data”) or expressions of concern from the residents of a neighborhood, Staff could recommend (and the Traffic Commission could approve) the costly and unwarranted installation of stop signs to provide positive right-of-way assignment in **any** intersection in the City of Torrance. Such unsupported recommendation, based only on the will or judgment of Staff, is arbitrary and capricious and should not be used to burden individual homeowners (in the three designated intersections) with loss of parking, accidents, and additional noise and air pollution due to the signs.

SEPARATION OF THE ISSUES – OVERVIEW

Item 7a includes multiple issues, concerns, conclusions or actions for specific parts of the study area. Item 7a also includes multiple facts, studies, data, analyses, observations,

recommendations and expressions of residents' concerns. The various issues, etc, are not separately stated so that specific action or recommendation can be correlated to the data, etc, relating to and supporting the action or recommendation.

Once the issues or concerns are correlated with the appropriate geographic intersection, it will become clear that certain issues or residents' concerns do not, in fact, involve any of the three designated intersections, and have already been resolved, or are unsupported and contraindicated.

Three issues in the Southwood Sunray were initially considered. These are:

1. The need for stop signs at 227th Street and Greenwood. There was no disagreement as to this need and the Traffic Commission saw it as an urgent need and quickly approved it. The work was completed within a few weeks after the December 7 meeting.
2. Traffic and speed on 225th Street between Hickory Avenue and Eriel and on Eriel Avenue between 225th Street and 230th Street. This became a non-issue after extensive studies and data-gathering were done by Staff.
3. Right-of-way issues for the three designated intersections. This was never studied or justified and is, therefore, contraindicated.

SEPARATION OF THE ISSUES – DETAILS

In the first two paragraphs of the Background section (page 1 of the 7a Memorandum), the Staff identifies concerns of the residents: speed and traffic circulation. The Item 7a identifies two specific intersections: 1) 225th Street in the vicinity of Cerise Avenue and 2) along Greenwood Avenue at the intersection of 227th Street.

The third paragraph of the Background section (pages 1-2 of the 7a Memorandum) identifies two items undertaken and completed by Staff per the direction of the Traffic Commission at the December 7, 2009 meeting. These were to 1) install 2 stop signs at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and 227th Street (which was completed), and 2) collect data, conduct an analysis, and bring back an item with recommendations to the Commission.

3. The Analysis section (page 2 of the 7a Memorandum) presents Staff's response to the Traffic Commission Director to collect data and conduct an analysis. The analysis also included several attachments to the Memorandum (Attachments A, B, C & D).

The third paragraph of the Analysis section identifies the specific items for which data was collected and analysis performed. They were 1) Volume and speed data and 2) Turning movement counts to identify cut-through traffic.

Please note, Staff did not gather any data or do any analysis of right-of-way concerns either by direction or on its own initiative.

During the March 1, 2010 Traffic Commission meeting, Mr. Semaan described the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze the volume, speed and turning movements. Mr. Semaan said devices were used consisting of hoses placed across the streets to be studied. These hoses are connected to a traffic counter and measured speed and traffic volume.

Mr. Semaan said some residents had expressed concerns that drivers would alter their speed upon seeing the hoses. To check this possible impact on the study, Staff placed an unmarked car in the vicinity of the hoses and used a radar unit to check the speed data collected by the hoses. The radar data verified the speed data from the hose device.

Mr. Semaan also elaborated on the 5-year accident history review (see paragraph 5 of the Analysis Section). He said the bicycle vs. vehicle accident involved the bicycle striking a parked vehicle. The vehicle vs. pedestrian accident occurred after the pedestrian exited his parked vehicle into the path of an oncoming car.

Mr. Semaan stated his conclusion that the two accidents were independent of any stop sign issues.

Based on the results of the collected data, analysis, field observations and input from other departments, Staff concluded that:

- 1) Most drivers in the study area “are driving in a safe and prudent manner” (last paragraph of page 2 of the 7a Memorandum).
- 2) Traffic circulation, speeds and volumes in the neighborhood are within expectations (second paragraph on page 3 of the 7a Memorandum).
- 3) There are no apparent operational issues (last sentence of the second paragraph on page 3 of the 7a Memorandum).

At the March 1, 2010 meeting, Mr. Semaan added that **the data collected did not justify stop signs in the neighborhood.**

Please note: Even after such extensive data collection, there is nothing that justifies any proposed action. There is no reference by Staff or residents to right-of-way issues. **There is no suggestion that any of this data supports the need for right-of-way controls at any of the three designated intersections.**

4. The first sentence on page 3 of the 7a Memorandum states:

“In addition to the residents’ input, Staff concluded that primary neighborhood concerns are speed, right-of-way assignment and enforcement.”

This single sentence is the most misleading example of comingling of facts and concerns pertaining to one issue and attempting to link them to separate, unrelated issues. The linking of residents’ input relating to speed issues (numerous examples in the 7a Memorandum and in the copies of residents’ e-mails on pages 11 through 57 attached to the Memo), along with the Staff’s unsupported conclusion that a primary neighborhood concern is right-of-way, can easily give the false impression that some residents have expressed concerns relating to right-of-way at the three designated intersections.

Once the misleading linkage is removed, it becomes clear that right-of-way issues at the three designated intersections have been arbitrarily raised by Staff and stand alone, unsupported by concerns expressed by residents or by any facts disclosed by Item 7a. In addition, I attended the

December 7, 2009 Traffic Commission meeting and listened to the residents who spoke there. I did not hear anyone raise a concern about right-of-way issues within the entire neighborhood, let alone for any of the three designated intersections.

Please note at this time, if, in fact, Staff has received some communication from residents, on or before March 1, 2010, wherein the resident has expressed some concerns for a right-of-way issue involving the three designated intersections, I am unaware of them. Any such communication should be made available to the public at Staff's earliest convenience, so that they can be evaluated for this appeal.

5. The second paragraph on page 3 of the 7a Memorandum is the conclusion Staff drew based on the collected and analyzed data. Staff concluded that "...traffic circulation, speeds and volumes in the neighborhood are within expectations. There are no apparent operational issues." This certainly supports Mr. Semaan's statement at the March 1 meeting that the data did not justify the need for stop signs.

IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Installation of stop signs in any or all of the 3 designated intersections will have several negative impacts on the nearby residents and the neighborhood. These negatives include noise caused by decelerating to a stop and then accelerating after the stop, air pollution from exhaust fumes resulting from stopping and accelerating, and loss of parking spaces adjacent to the signs from curbs that may be painted red. The noise and exhaust fumes issues were raised by Officer Applegate's October 8, 2009 e-mail to Mr. Semaan (page 21 of the 7a Memorandum), raising concerns about the impact of noise, exhaust, etc, on a resident due to the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and 227th Street.

The installation of three stop signs at each of the designated intersections and the related painting of adjacent curbs red could potentially cause the loss of three or more parking places for people residing at homes located closest to each of the designated intersections.

However, the loss of parking spaces would be especially egregious to the residents living near the intersection of 225th Street and Cerise Avenue, who already have limited parking. The homes on the north side of 225th Street from 2713 to 2743 do not have driveways. One parking space has already been lost due to a red painted curb in front of an existing fire hydrant in front of 2713 W 225th St.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

Many different cities throughout California (and all over the nation) have gone through the same situation that we are now facing. They have all done extensive studies, data-collection and research to come to their decisions. Many rely on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and/or the State of California's (Caltrans) Traffic Manual for guidance. And, all seem to come to the same conclusions regarding unwarranted stop signs. Unwarranted,

unnecessary and unjustified stop signs do not decrease speed, and, in fact, tend to increase speed as drivers tend to try to make up their lost time, give a false sense of security to pedestrians, increase accidents and increase liability for the city. There is a much higher violation rate at unwarranted stop signs than at locations meeting the adopted criteria. Drivers tend to ignore stop signs they feel are not warranted and it increases the danger for pedestrians because they expect the driver to stop. More violations mean more enforcement by the Police Department. Regarding increased city liability, the city of Alhambra lost an \$810,000 lawsuit related to an unwarranted sign, and drivers running the unnecessary stop signs have successfully fought their traffic tickets.

ARBITRARY DECISION

When we speak of an arbitrary decision, we are talking about a decision subject only to the will or judgment of a single entity, unsupported by facts.

It is critical that the decision to install multi-way stops be based on consistent and objective criteria and not in an arbitrary and capricious manner unsupported by any pertinent data.

Staff's sweeping conclusion that primary neighborhood concerns include "...right-of-way assignment and enforcement" is made without any reference to or reliance on the results of any publicly available collected data, analysis, field observations, input from other departments, reviews or historic traffic data pertaining to the three designated intersections or input from residents regarding right-of-way assignment. Such a conclusion must be deemed to be arbitrary.

UNIQUE INTERSECTION

Nowhere in the publicly available information has Staff suggested how the three designated intersections differ from any of the other intersections in the neighborhood, (or anywhere else in the city of Torrance, for that matter), indicating that these three designated intersections need some form of right-of-way assignment and enforcement.

Because Staff has not set forth any reason or facts supporting its conclusion that the three designated intersections are in some way unique from other intersections in the neighborhood and are therefore in need of right-of-way enhancement that are not required elsewhere, I must guess at the unique requirements relied upon by Staff. The first thing I think of is possible obstruction to views so that a driver approaching any of the three intersections is unable to see traffic on the cross street, and further speculate that if any street approaching these intersections is on a steep incline or grade, this may cause some obstruction of the cross traffic.

To test my speculations, I personally observed each of the three designated intersections and, perhaps, a dozen similar intersections in the neighborhood. My first conclusion is that there are no steep inclines or grades affecting any intersection in the neighborhood. Further, I did not see any objects that would block a driver's view of cross traffic at any of these intersections. Trees planted in the parking strip have been placed back from the intersection and do not block a

driver's view. In addition, trees are common sights at many other intersections in the neighborhood and do not constitute a unique issue for the three designated intersections.

My observation also did not reveal any evidence of traffic problems that might warrant right-of-way enhancement such as skid marks in the roadway at any of the three designated intersections.

We do not need to speculate that there is some history of accidents at the three intersections that could support the need for right-of-way enhancements. Staff's own study of a five-year history of accidents pointed out that there were no accidents that in any way related to right-of-way issues. In fact, Staff concluded that most drivers were driving in a safe and prudent manner. Since drivers in the area have been successfully working out right-of-way issues, there is no apparent need to impose additional burdens on the residents of the area.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

There is no publicly available data, study, survey, report, memorandum, meeting minutes or any other fact-based analysis that supports or in any way justifies right-of-way enhancements at the three designated intersections.

Further, Staff has not referenced any expression of residents' concerns for right-of-way issues at the three designated intersections.

In fact, Staff's study of a five-year accident history review of all internal intersections found there were no accidents related to right-of-way issues. Staff concluded that most drivers were driving in a safe and prudent manner. Since drivers have been successfully working out right-of-way issues on their own, there is no need to burden area residents by imposing right-of-way enhancements.

Since Staff's recommendation for right-of-way enhancements has been shown to be unsupported, it is arbitrary and capricious. The vote taken at the March 1, 2010 Traffic Commission meeting, adopting recommendations from the Staff, should be overturned. No stop signs should be installed at any of the three designated intersections.

From: glenj@aol.com [mailto:glenj@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 9:08 PM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: stop signs

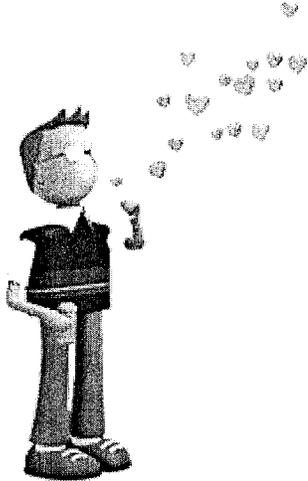
I strongly support the addition of the three stop signs in the Southwood Sunray Neighborhood. I have been a resident in the area for 44years and feel the traffic volume and the speed of the traffic have increased dramatically in the past few years. The stop signs at Greenwood and 227th have been wonderful, the issues of sound and congestion have not materialized.

The three new stop signs are needed to stop or discourage the volume of "cut through" traffic on 225th and 230th.

Please listen to the majority on this one and do what is right .

Glen Johnson 22635 Greenwood

From: Shawn Morimoto [shawnharu@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 8:40 PM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: installation of stop signs in the Hickory area



Dear Mr. Ted Semaan, I just received the notice of the appeal of the Traffic Commission's recommendation to install the signs in the Hickory area. I think it's a great idea to have these stop signs installed because we have too much traffic in this area, plus people just speed down these streets where there are many children present. I live on 230th Street and I do believe that we need even more stop signs in the area. Especially at the corner of Eriel and 225th Place, and also at the corner of Eriel and 227th Street! My husband and I have been in numerous close accidents because we travel down Eriel alot going towards Sepulveda and people just zip around the corners of these streets (225th Pl. & 227th St.) and NOT stopping whatsoever, turning right onto Eriel cutting us off because they're in such a hurry! I couldn't even tell you how many times this has happened and how I should've put in a complaint about this a long time ago. Well here it is and I appreciate your time and understanding. Sincerely, Shawn & Roy Morimoto.

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From: BUCKEYE65@aol.com [mailto:BUCKEYE65@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 5:01 PM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: Traffic on Crenshaw Blvd

Dear Ted Semaan:

I'm sorry that I missed the Sunray Neighborhood meeting regarding traffic in my community because I'd like to determine if The City of Torrance has a plan, in place, to install a computerized traffic system on Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvd's and the main arteries that run east west.

Can you get back to me on this?

Thank you,

Glenn Bazell

22902 Date Ave.

Torrance, CA 90505

Edress: buckeye65@aol.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim [mailto:jim112358@mac.com]

Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 4:50 PM

To: CDD Traffic

Subject: Traffic Commission Meeting on Monday March 1 , 2010

To the Traffic Commission

I would like to comment since I will be unable to attend the meeting.

I live on Greenwood near Hickory School. I travel on Greenwood Ave, 227th St, 225th St, 230th St, etc, several times a day. Traffic on these streets seems pretty normal to me. It is very quiet and there is very little traffic. I hope that we don't see any traffic "improvements", such as additional multi-way stop signs, one-way streets, etc. In my opinion, that would impede traffic flow more than anything else.

There is, however, a major problem at Hickory School, mostly due to parents dropping off or picking up students around 9 AM and 3 PM. This leads to congestion on Greenwood, 227th and the surrounding streets. There is also congestion due to other activities at Hickory school, e.g., the co-located Day Care Center, the use of the school field for baseball, soccer, etc.

I'm not sure what the solution is, but perhaps parents should be encouraged to pick up and drop-off their students at the loading zone on 227th St, rather than parking on the streets in the area. Also, TUSD should provide better off street parking and limit the extra activities at the school. I hope the Commission can work on ways to mitigate this situation to make the streets near Hickory School safer for all concerned.

Thank you,

James Lewis

From: KLINTMIKE [mailto:klintmike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 9:45 AM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: Slowing traffic on West 225th St.

Traffic Department,

I believe that this email should be included with the 'packet' being prepared for the Mayor and City Council regarding the appeal of the recommendations proposed by the Torrance Traffic Department.

Thank You
 Michael Klint

--- On **Wed, 8/5/09**, **pjacob@socal.rr.com** <pjacob@socal.rr.com> wrote:

From: pjacob@socal.rr.com <pjacob@socal.rr.com>
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Mayor Scotto and Torrance City Council Members,

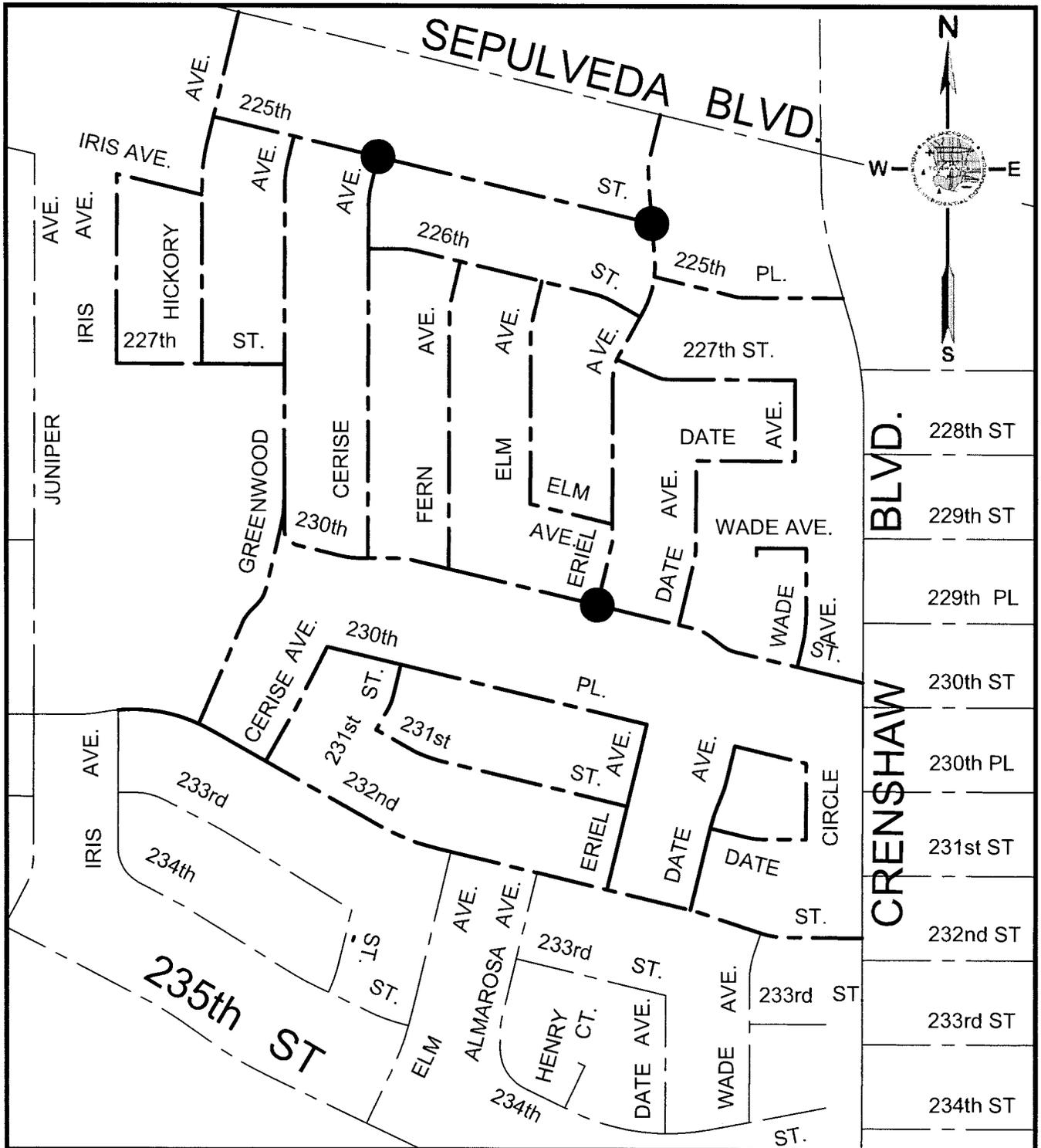
We have lived on the corner of 225th Street and Cerise Avenue for the past 17 years. Something needs to be done to elevate the speeding problem that our neighborhood has endured. We often fear for our safety when we cross the street to talk to our neighbors. We believe that speed bumps would offer the best solution to this problem. We also suggest placing signs that prohibit thru traffic during peak hours (i.e., 7-9 AM and 4-7 PM).

Thank you.

Chuck & Pat Jacob
 2736 W. 225th Street

Torrance, CA 90505
310-539-1164

VICINITY MAP



LEGEND:

● PROPOSED ALL-WAY STOP CONTROLS