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Safer Streets in Point Loma-Five Dangerous Intersections

Dear Director Marabian and Council Member Zapf,

The Peninsula Community Planning Board Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee posted requests on NextDoor.com and Facebook asking the community for input as to which neighborhood intersections were considered dangerous. There were hundreds of responses. Those responses were initially consolidated to sixty unsafe intersections and that list was further reduced to prioritize these five dangerous intersections.

The PCPB is requesting that the City analyze these five intersections and collaborate with the Community to identify and implement specific traffic safety improvements. Community suggestions have been offered at some intersections as possible solutions.

1. Chatsworth, Hyacinth and Clove at Plumosa Park: This area is extremely dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, due to high vehicle speeds, problematic flex posts and blind corners. These issues makes this area very unsafe, especially during the morning school commute.

2. The triangle of intersections near PLHS (Voltaire and Chatsworth) , Point Loma Presbyterian Church (Chatsworth/Voltaire/Poinsettia) and the PL Hervey Library (Voltaire and Poinsettia): These three intersections are each adjacent to popular community destinations, are within an identified Safe Route to Schools area and impact one another. All have their specific issues, but they should be looked as a whole, not individually. Additional Continental Crosswalks and Countdown Timers should be installed.

3. Emerson/Rosecrans, Emerson/Scott: This area has both high traffic volume and high speeds. It is very unsafe to cross Rosecrans Street, or Scott Street for pedestrians and cyclists between Harbor Drive and Shelter Island Drive. Flashing Beacon Lights and Continental Crosswalks should be installed at Emerson/Rosecrans and Emerson/Scott. This would alert motorists to reduce their high speeds along these dangerous sections and create a safer pedestrian/bicycle corridor from Roseville to San Diego Bay.

4. Catalina at Canon: This is a very dangerous area for pedestrians and cyclists. There have been terrible accidents at this location. The City should eliminate the “free right” turn from Catalina northbound to Cañon and redesign the intersection hardscape. The redesign should create a controlled right turn, along with other features, improving traffic safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

5. Nimitz at Evergreen: This is a very dangerous intersection traveling southbound on Nimitz. Several times vehicles have approached this turn too quickly and crashed into homes. The City needs to redesign this intersection and implement changes to slow down vehicles and create safer traffic conditions.

The Peninsula Community Planning Board looks forward to the City of San Diego’s response to these requests within the next 45 days. We look forward to collaborating with the City Staff to improve these intersections and to make our streets safer for its residents.

Sincerely,

Jon Linney
Peninsula Community Planning Board- Chair