PPCC DISCUSSION

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PACIFIC PALISADES

PEDESTRIAN, DRIVER & BICYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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1. OVERVIEW:

The attached documents represent over a year of research, action, and discussions which have not previously been considered by the PPCC board. Given community response, these safety issues, and other related items, are “ripe” for discussion at PPCC and consistent with its mission to “protect and improve the quality of life” in the Palisades. They are also consistent with the PPCC code of conduct that dictates each and every board member to “serve as a model of leadership and civility to the community” and to “inspire public confidence” in the PPCC. To not publicly discuss these issues for our community and consider appropriate, supporting motions is, in fact, contrary to the PPCC mission.

These documents contain information, data, analysis, and solutions for your review culled from discussions, emails, calls, and supporting research from the following:

PACIFIC PALISADES RESIDENTS
CD11
LAPD
LAFD
WLA TRAFFIC DIVISION
L.A. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION (VISION ZERIO, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, PLANNING)
LAUSD
MADD
CALTRANS
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC INSTITUTE
LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS
UC BERKLEY SCHOOL OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
GOOGLE/WAZE CONNECTED CITTIZENS’ PROGRAM
MULTIPLE URBAN PLANNERS, ARCHITECTS, AND OFFICIALS FROM US CITY GOVERNMENTS

Because of the complexity of the issues, I am distributing this information now so our eventual discussions can be more focused and, hopefully, produPPctive. I look forward to discussing these issues and the supporting motions at future PPCC meetings.

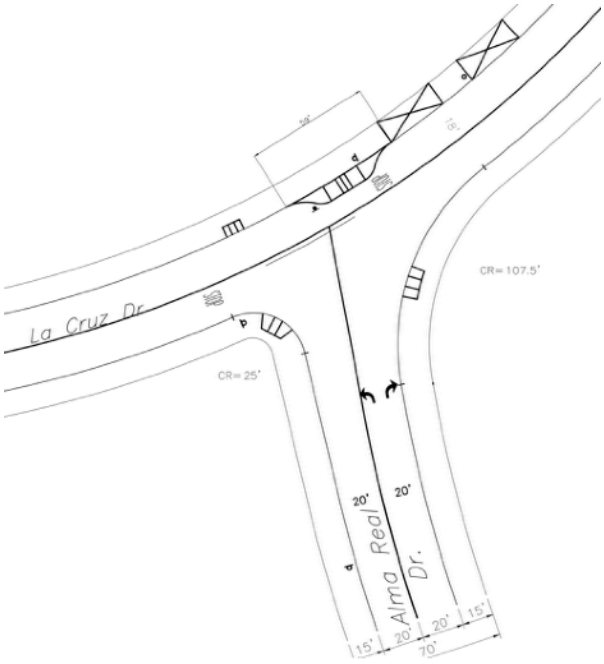
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(this information is also available online at fb.me/paliwork)

5. LA CRUZ CROSSWALK UPDATE

Unrelated to the rejected “Parklet” proposal at La Cruz & Alma Real (in front of Palisades Garden Cafe), there is an ongoing safety issue related to the lack of a crosswalk from Garden Cafe to the “car wash” corner across the street. Cars overshoot the stop sign and many kids cross at that corner. Due to the grade and existing sidewalks, just painting (or striping) a crosswalk is not possible.

On Jan. 5, 2017, I met with Jessie Holzer, Sharon Shapiro (CD11), LA Bureau of Engineering, LADOT, select local Organization Reps, and Land Owners/tenants to discuss the crosswalk. The initial plan would have required significant disruption and construction. After working together, we came up with an alternative that is sketched here. We also discussed the possibility of private funding.



This option would require a “bump-out” lined up with Garden Cafe for ADA compliance. It would also shorten the distance across La Cruz and encourage drivers to stop at the stopsign. Most importantly, it would offer safe passage across La Cruz to areas SouthEast.

The “ballpark” cost estimate from the city for this project was $100k. We subsequently reached out to an “A” licensed contractor able to work on city street projects and the estimate was $40k.

The question at hand: Does the Community want a crosswalk here and, if so, what are our options to get it done.

6. THE NEED FOR A PPCC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

Based on the many issues above, as well as numerous others in our community, our residents are searching for leaders to guide and provide tools and resources to maintain their safety and protect their quality of life. Much of this can be done through outside initiatives by other individuals and organizations; however, as the PPCC is the only community forum that bridges residents, businesses, and government, coordinating this function would seem a requisite goal of its history and purpose. I look forward to discussing this with the public and the Board.