

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 05, 2026

Correspondence Received

Before Agenda Posting For

Consideration of Sepulveda Boulevard Traffic
Safety Study and Potential Safety Measures

Phone Correspondence:

None.

Email Correspondence:

See Attached.

From: [Ramratan Pilani](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 42000 Americans DEAD EACH YEAR ON ROAD
Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025 10:44:58 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express serious concern over the continued loss of life and serious injuries caused by preventable automobile crashes at intersections throughout our city. The scope of this crisis is staggering: in the past year alone, over 42,500 Americans died in automobile accidents, and more than 2 million were injured, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. That equates to over 100 lives lost and 1,000 injuries every single day.

The majority of these tragedies occur at intersections, where excessive speed and red-light running are leading contributors. The urgency of the situation calls for proven, evidence-based interventions—and automated traffic enforcement remains one of the most effective.

The Case for Red Light and Speed Cameras

A comprehensive international review of 35 studies on red-light and speed cameras showed consistent and powerful results:

- 10% to 35% reduction in speeding violations
- 14% to 25% reduction in total crashes near camera sites
- 30% to 40% reduction in crashes resulting in death or serious injury
- Long-term studies found results improved or remained stable over time

This evidence spans across jurisdictions, camera types, and geographic locations. Not one study in the review reported increased crash rates. The trend is overwhelmingly clear: cameras save lives.

Recent U.S. Example: City of Phoenix

In 2023, the City of Phoenix experienced at least 20 fatalities and 810 injuries due to red-light-related crashes. In response, the city council approved the installation of:

- 10 new red-light cameras at dangerous intersections
- 3 mobile speed enforcement towers
- 3 automated photo-enforcement police vehicles
- A 30-day warning period followed by active citations

The move follows a University of Phoenix study that reported a 28% reduction in crashes at intersections previously monitored by red-light cameras. Vice Mayor Debra Stark stated:

“I for one am tired of hearing about fatalities that could have been prevented if we slowed down or didn’t run a red light.”

Councilwoman Ana O’Brien added:

“We’re down almost 600 officers... this is just another tool to keep families, visitors, and business owners safe.”

Their decision to reinstate camera enforcement reflects a broader national shift toward technology-enabled safety solutions where law enforcement resources are stretched thin.

A Call for Re-evaluation in Our City

I understand our city previously used red-light cameras and later removed them—possibly due to concerns around privacy, implementation, or legal challenges. However, the mounting data and recent success stories make it clear that it is time to re-evaluate that decision in light of:

- Escalating traffic fatalities
- Proven reductions in crashes and injuries
- Staffing shortages in law enforcement
- Rising community concerns about pedestrian and driver safety

These tools are not about revenue—they are about saving lives and preventing the catastrophic consequences that a moment of reckless driving can cause.

My Request

1. Reassess the removal of red-light cameras in light of recent national and international safety findings.
2. Explore the addition of speed enforcement cameras, particularly in high-risk corridors and near schools.
3. Consider launching a 30-day warning period, similar to Phoenix, before active citation issuance.
4. Engage the public with transparency, clear signage, and data reporting to build trust and support.

If such discussions are already underway, I would appreciate being informed of the city’s direction. I am available to support or participate in any public safety hearings or outreach efforts aimed at improving intersection safety.

Thank you for your time and commitment to public service. I hope we can move forward with solutions that prioritize the preservation of life over convenience or controversy. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Ron Pilani
(562) 547-9179

From: [Susan Boettner](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Can we please have pedestrian overpasses along Sepulveda?
Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025 4:40:09 PM

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I've lived here since 1968. I have always dreamt of a pedestrian overpass at Rosecrans and Sepulveda as a beautiful entryway to Manhattan Beach - (wouldn't that be great to have people move across from Macy's to The Point and vice versa, without fearing for their lives??

Where are my taxes going?

But this week has been even more horrible. I personally have been sick to my stomach all week due to the tragic passing of Braun Levi on 1st and Sepulveda. I don't know this family, but cried for them. This has to stop. No family should have to face this tragedy and it seems so preventable if the city would please pony up and put overpasses for pedestrians somewhere along Sepulveda. With all the Residential Overlay District going on, this seems a prime opportunity to address this idea in the permitting process of these new structures.

DUI checkpoints would be great as well, particularly after Beach Life...What a no brainer.

"Desynchronizing" Lights along Sepulveda sounds good, but I don't know how this will really address the driver that will already not follow traffic laws and drives while drunk anyway.

Please do something. Not tomorrow. Today. Make the hard choices.

Thank you for listening.

All My Best,

Susan Boettner | Im Riding In The Skechers Tour De Pier May 18th, 2025

Let's Cure Cancer Together! Please Donate If You Can!

[Why I Ride/Donate Here](#)

From: [Tiffany Lewy](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO SOMETHING!!
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:48:43 AM

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DO SOMETHING!! Don't wait... *work with Cal Trans but for now, set up DUI check points on the weekends, have more police presence!!!* How many more people need to die for you to step up your game! It's tragic that this stretch of highway has been a problem for as long as I can remember, people drive so fast yet I don't think I have ever seen anyone pulled over.

From: [Stephanie Siddons](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pedestrian Bridge
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:36:01 PM

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I have always thought that crossing Sepulveda was extremely dangerous no matter what time of day. It is very unfortunate that this heavily traffic boulevard runs through our idyllic, family oriented, outdoor enthusiasts community. We all love to walk! Walking across Sepulveda is never safe no matter what time of day for any age. Pedestrian Bridges in a few locations along Sepulveda could be an amazing solution to keep our community safe in addition to strict speeding regulations through the MB portion of Sepulveda if that is possible.

LLB! I am so heartbroken that this could even happen in our town. We need to make a change and keep our children and community safe.

Thank you for all you do to make Manhattan Beach a town we all want to live in and raise a family in!

Stephanie Siddons

[EXT Urgent Safety Concerns on Sepulveda Blvd  Request for Increased Enforcement

From Meredith Ellman <merryellman@gmail.com>

Date Fri 5/9/2025 6:29 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express deep concern regarding the growing safety issues on Sepulveda Boulevard in Manhattan Beach, particularly in light of the recent and tragic loss of a young student due to a suspected drunk driving incident.

This section of Sepulveda has long been problematic — drivers frequently run red lights, exceed speed limits, and create a dangerous environment for both pedestrians and other motorists. The lack of visible police presence contributes to a culture of disregard for traffic laws in this area.

In particular, students and young residents crossing Sepulveda are put at unnecessary risk. We urge you to take immediate steps, including:

- Increasing police presence and DUI checkpoints along Sepulveda
- Installing additional, well-marked crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety
- Reviewing signal timing and installing red-light cameras
- Exploring traffic calming measures and enhanced lighting

The Manhattan Beach community cannot afford to lose another life. Please treat this matter with the urgency it deserves and take action to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer for everyone, especially our youth.

Thank you for your attention and commitment to public.

Sincerely,

Meredith and Silas Ellman
Manhattan Beach Residents
Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] 2 lives of young men lost, hit on Sepulveda- Bruan Levi and Ford Savela

From STACY SANTOS <stacysantos2006@mac.com>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 11:15 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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This should not be. This should be a time of celebration for our kids as they get ready for graduation. Two kids. One pedestrian. One small stretch of Sepulveda. Three lives lost. Unspeakable loss. Zero changes made. Fix this dangerous stretch so another life is not lost. DMV needs a safety overhaul. This can't happen again. Our state does nothing to help keep us safe from bad drivers.

Please make urgent improvements, and I encourage you to do it NOW.
Please before another life is lost.

Manhattan Beach and Caltrans—we need action now.

A Celebration of Life



Ford William Savela

September 28, 2006 – January 7, 2025

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Braun Levi '25

Please join us in gathering to remember and celebrate Braun

Saturday, May 10, 2025 • 6:00 P.M. • Loyola High School
Light reception to follow

**In lieu of flowers
donate to the 'LIVE LIKE BRAUN' Scholarship Fund**



(Please note the name 'Braun Levi' in the designated gift field)



Why California's dangerous drivers get to keep
their licenses
calmatters.org

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si=MykqWZ79xzfLrFMFnews/A_yXLcSAnR9y3Lf07c-9a1A](https://www.youtube.com/live/fvUdH3z1LQk?si=MykqWZ79xzfLrFMFnews/A_yXLcSAnR9y3Lf07c-9a1A)



Loyola High School tennis star, 'a shining presence,' killed in Manhattan Beach crash; DUI suspect arrested
Los Angeles Times

Please do something!
Hermosa Beach resident
Stacy Santos



[EXTERNAL] Concern on safety of Sepulveda, too many losses

From John Adams <johnjamesadams1@gmail.com>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 5:38 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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To Whom It May Concern,

In the past few months, we've lost two children and one pedestrian within our community along Sepulveda Blvd. All within a short stretch of road, right here in our community. It's heartbreaking—and unacceptable. We need the City of Manhattan Beach to act now to prevent further tragedy. That means flashing crosswalk lights, better signage, speed controls, barriers or an overpass, more enforcement—anything to make this road safer for our kids, our families, and each other.

Please let me know, my sons are 18 yrs old, and 15 yrs old, and this area on Sepulveda has gotten unacceptably dangerous and we need to act now.

Best,

John Adams
781 31st St, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



[EXTERNAL] Concern!

From Julia Sprague <juliasprague@yahoo.com>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 2:30 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Please help! ! Please add traffic flashing lights, or speed bumps, etc so no other lives are lost on sepulveda.

Lets take action.

Thank you

Julie Deckert
Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] Loss of Life

From Jennifer Lee <jtleela@mac.com>

Date Fri 5/9/2025 1:46 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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As a member of the recently devastated Pacific Palisades community, as well as the St Matthew's parish and school, I was heartbroken to hear of the loss of Braun Levi. He and his family will be in my prayers through this devastating time.

As parents of 4 children, we spent many hours helping our children determine ways to safely drive, bike, walk through anywhere in this busy extended city. However, our towns, cities and state must be our partners in preventing injuries and deaths. While eliminating driving intoxicated on a suspended license is beyond the reach of town officials, I believe there is much the town of Manhattan Beach can do to reduce and, hopefully with City and State help, eliminate this particular deadly stretch of road.

Like you, I have heard and read about multiple potential solutions, in addition to far too much loss of life, with no change to date. I will be writing to City and State officials to express my sincere hope that solutions are put into place (not just planned) before any additional families suffer unnecessary loss of loved ones.

I look forward to hearing as solutions are implemented at every level.

With deep sincerity,
Jennifer Lee
Pacific Palisades

Sent in brief from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] Making Sepulveda safer

From Ann Lundy <annlundy48@gmail.com>

Date Sat 5/10/2025 9:14 AM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

As a concerned parent and member of the Manhattan Beach community, I'm writing with a heavy heart and a deep sense of urgency. In just the past few months, our city has lost two children and one pedestrian—three lives taken along the same stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. This is not just a tragic coincidence. It's a clear signal that the current conditions on this major thoroughfare are unsafe and unacceptable.

We cannot afford to wait for another tragedy to take action. Sepulveda is not just a state highway—it cuts through the heart of our community. Our children cross it. Our neighbors walk along it. And right now, it's failing them.

I implore you to take immediate and visible action to make this stretch of road safer. This could include—but should not be limited to—adding traffic lights and flashing crosswalk beacons, reducing speed limits, improving pedestrian visibility, increasing traffic enforcement, installing barriers or an overpass, and reviewing DUI checkpoints and driver education programs.

We do not want Manhattan Beach to be remembered for preventable deaths. We want to be known as a community that acts swiftly and compassionately when it's clear that lives are at risk.

Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Ann

Ann Lundy
1405 Faymont Ave
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent matter

From Nicole Hirshberg <NHirshberg@jr286.com>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 10:20 AM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Thank you so much for responding. There has got to be a way to slow Sepulveda down...it's become like a fwy at night and all these kids cross back and forth on foot and e-bikes. I'm so scared for another tragedy to hit our hometown. Even the Taco Bell incident, the kid was in a car but someone was going so fast it flipped his car and killed him as well. There has to be a way we can petition to slow it down get more lights and not have them all be green at one time so people are forced to slow down and stop more often

Please add me to email communication i really want to get involved
I care more about this then who ran for President of the United States
Thank you

Nicole Hirshberg
Sent from my iPad

On May 7, 2025, at 11:10 AM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good morning Nicole,
Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

We share your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard particularly the stretch south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard, which has tragically been the site of multiple fatal accidents in recent years. We take these incidents very seriously, and we are committed to improving safety for all who travel within our City.

Our Police Department Traffic Bureau personnel will be conducting high visibility traffic enforcement focusing on primary collision factors, such as speed, along Sepulveda Boulevard. We will work with our regional enforcement partners to conduct DUI saturation patrols in Manhattan Beach. We will also work with our local schools to remind our students to “stay safe when crossing” and educate them on traffic safety as pedestrians, as bicyclists, and while driving.

We have already reached out to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) yet again, which has jurisdiction over this stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard (SR-1) within Manhattan Beach. We have voiced our desire to partner with Caltrans to help them implement robust safety measures quickly and leverage every available resource to protect our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your suggestions to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer. Your input will be invaluable as we work with Caltrans and other stakeholders to create safer streets for everyone in Manhattan Beach.

With your permission, I would like to add your email to our contact list, so you can stay informed of upcoming public outreach efforts and to participate in the safety effort.

Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET

TRAFFIC ENGINEER

(310) 802-5522

ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov

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From: Nicole Hirshberg <NHirshberg@jr286.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:31 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent matter

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Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing with urgency, sorrow, and resolve to ask that you declare a **local state of emergency** regarding the ongoing, preventable fatalities occurring along the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in our community. Most recently, our city has been shaken by the tragic deaths of Braun Levi and Ford Savela, whose lives were senselessly cut short on a stretch of road that has long been known to be perilous for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

These tragedies are not isolated incidents. They are part of a deadly pattern that demands decisive and coordinated action. PCH is more than just a roadway, it cuts through neighborhoods, school zones, recreation areas, and vibrant communities. But its current design and traffic management turn it into a corridor of high-speed danger rather than safe mobility.

We urge the Manhattan Beach City Council to follow the lead of cities like Malibu, whose **"Go Safely PCH"** campaign exemplifies what's possible when municipalities, law enforcement, Caltrans, school districts, and concerned residents come together to treat this issue with the seriousness it deserves. Their approach includes increased enforcement, speed mitigation measures, improved signage and lighting, pedestrian infrastructure enhancements, and a united public awareness campaign.

We, too, need a **multi-agency, community-wide initiative** to reclaim PCH as a livable, safe space for everyone. Declaring a local state of emergency is a critical first step. It would:

- Mobilize resources more rapidly
- Elevate the issue's visibility with Caltrans and representation from Sen. Ben Allen in Sacramento
- Create momentum for interagency cooperation

- Send a clear message that the status quo is unacceptable

We cannot wait for another name to be added to a growing list of lives lost. The time for action is now. Thank you for your leadership and for rising to meet this moment with the urgency it demands.

With the growing number of buildings being planned to be built on Sepulveda with new building heights your traffic is going to increase

We need to FIGHT to SLOW SEPULVEDA DOWN

Please let me know what I can do to help

Campaign , raise awareness , collect funding to pay for more lights you name it

I don't want to see or wait for another child to lose their life

Respectfully,

Nicole Hirshberg
Manhattan Beach Resident

Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda

From Carrie Scott <cscottwins@gmail.com>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:58 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Good morning Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe. The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Carrie Scott
Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] Recent death

From shelley conrad <cirrus_now@yahoo.com>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 8:32 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am a resident from Idaho visiting your community this past week! I was so sadden of the death of the young gentleman, a Senior that lost his life on Sunday I am very angry to find out that your police officers are well aware of the party houses that are being allowed at parents homes that are allowing underage drinking. It is my understanding that this young man was at one of these party houses prior to this tragic event. I feel there should be a full investigation done and not only the drunk driver be charged, but also the adults that allowed this party to take place. I'm sure if you do an investigation you will know exactly where this party house is and the people that own it. It is common knowledge who these people are! Also with a road so busy why are there no police officers patrolling this area that so many life have been loss! They could have police officer sitting in their cruiser at night watching for drunk driver, excessive speed, kids out after curfew. Why hasn't a bridge been built for pedestrians to cross this busy stretch of road. All I can say is come on, with all the millions of dollars that are in that community you could do better for these kids! Sincerely an Idaho visitor, Shelley Storms

[EXTERNAL] Request for Urgent Safety Measures Following Fatal Incidents

From Jennifer Temperley <tempsjen@gmail.com>

Date Thu 5/8/2025 2:37 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am writing as a concerned member of our Manhattan Beach community, and as a parent, business owner, and neighbor who uses Sepulveda Boulevard daily.

In recent months, our community has experienced heartbreaking and preventable tragedies along this stretch of road. Three fatalities, two of them just 18 years old, have shaken us deeply. These young lives were lost in circumstances that could, and should, have been avoided.

As residents, we are asking the City to take immediate action to make this road safer and prevent future tragedies.

Specifically, I urge you to consider the following:

- **Installation of a DUI Checkpoint or Permanent DUI Stop Sign:** Given the patterns surrounding some of these incidents, regular enforcement and deterrence are essential. A clearly marked and consistently monitored stop area could save lives and make drivers think twice before driving impaired.
- **Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge or Crossing Light:** Sepulveda is a heavily trafficked, high-speed corridor that is simply unsafe for pedestrians without a protected crossing option. Whether a bridge or a crossing light with clear signals, pedestrians, especially young people, need a safe way to get across without taking risks.

Our community cannot bear another tragic headline. I urge you to prioritize these measures and begin the necessary planning to ensure our city streets are as safe as possible for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

Please let me know how I can support this process, whether by gathering additional community support, participating in city meetings, or any other way to help move this forward.

Thank you for your attention and your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Jen Temperley

[EXTERNAL] Request to prioritize Sepulveda safety

From Elizabeth Hiatt <elizabethhiatt@gmail.com>

Date Wed 5/14/2025 10:35 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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I'd like to add to the others requesting that we prioritize measures to make Sepulveda Blvd more safe. I know this is complicated, but worth the effort.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Hiatt

[EXTERNAL] Sepulveda / PCH

From Stacey Fundingsland <stacey.fundingsland@gmail.com>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 6:31 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Hi,

I'm writing in concern of the stretch of sepulveda where three people have died this year, including two students. What can the city do to make this stretch of road more safe: can there be a traffic light added, an over pass that goes over the road, blinking cross walks?

As a parent in the tree section, I'd would love to see a proposal from the city on what can be remedied to make this road and crossing the road safer for our community.

Thank you,
Stacey Fundingsland

Stacey Fundingsland
stacey.fundingsland@gmail.com
310-648-1273

[EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Deaths

From Melanie Knopke <mel.knopke@gmail.com>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 7:50 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Sincerely,
Melanie Knopke

Owner Miaca Marketing
www.miacamarketing.com

[EXTERNAL] Sepulveda traffic.

From Gail Laskowski <laskowskigail@gmail.com>

Date Sat 5/10/2025 4:44 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Gail

Gail Laskowski
1038 11th st.
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Sent from Gmail Mobile



[EXTERNAL] Sepulveda

From Tracie Held <traciebaja@yahoo.com>

Date Sun 5/11/2025 9:16 AM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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I stand with my neighbors & all the compelling letters that have been written in regards to the safety of our city. We must do everything in our power to avoid another tragic loss of life.

Thank you for your time.
Tracie Held

Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] SEPULVEDA-SAFETY-ACTIONS

From Miya <miyabusinessinfo@yahoo.com>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 10:28 AM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Hello,

My name is Miya, I'm a resident of Hermosa Beach with a freshman at Costa.

With the recent events the last few months of 2 young lives lost on Sepulveda, it's time to be proactive and prevent more deaths in our communities.

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I beg you to consider the disposition and traffic control for pedestrians on the whole Sepulveda stretch.

Thank you!

Miya

[EXTERNAL] Tragedy on Sepulveda

From Segilmd <segilmd@gmail.com>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 7:45 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

As a concerned parent and member of the Manhattan Beach community, I'm writing with a heavy heart and a deep sense of urgency. In just the past few months, our city has lost two children and one pedestrian—three lives taken along the same stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. This is not just a tragic coincidence. It's a clear signal that the current conditions on this major thoroughfare are unsafe and unacceptable.

We cannot afford to wait for another tragedy to take action. Sepulveda is not just a state highway—it cuts through the heart of our community. Our children cross it. Our neighbors walk along it. And right now, it's failing them.

I implore you to take immediate and visible action to make this stretch of road safer. This could include—but should not be limited to—adding traffic lights and flashing crosswalk beacons, reducing speed limits, improving pedestrian visibility, increasing traffic enforcement, installing barriers or an overpass, and reviewing DUI checkpoints and driver education programs.

We do not want Manhattan Beach to be remembered for preventable deaths. We want to be known as a community that acts swiftly and compassionately when it's clear that lives are at risk.

Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Donne

Donne Segil
610 18th St
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

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[EXTERNAL] Urgent matter

From Nicole Hirshberg <NHirshberg@jr286.com>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 9:31 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing with urgency, sorrow, and resolve to ask that you declare a **local state of emergency** regarding the ongoing, preventable fatalities occurring along the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in our community. Most recently, our city has been shaken by the tragic deaths of Braun Levi and Ford Savela, whose lives were senselessly cut short on a stretch of road that has long been known to be perilous for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

These tragedies are not isolated incidents. They are part of a deadly pattern that demands decisive and coordinated action. PCH is more than just a roadway, it cuts through neighborhoods, school zones, recreation areas, and vibrant communities. But its current design and traffic management turn it into a corridor of high-speed danger rather than safe mobility.

We urge the Manhattan Beach City Council to follow the lead of cities like Malibu, whose **"Go Safely PCH"** campaign exemplifies what's possible when municipalities, law enforcement, Caltrans, school districts, and concerned residents come together to treat this issue with the seriousness it deserves. Their approach includes increased enforcement, speed mitigation measures, improved signage and lighting, pedestrian infrastructure enhancements, and a united public awareness campaign.

We, too, need a **multi-agency, community-wide initiative** to reclaim PCH as a livable, safe space for everyone. Declaring a local state of emergency is a critical first step. It would:

- Mobilize resources more rapidly
- Elevate the issue's visibility with Caltrans and representation from Sen. Ben Allen in Sacramento
- Create momentum for interagency cooperation
- Send a clear message that the status quo is unacceptable

We cannot wait for another name to be added to a growing list of lives lost. The time for action is now. Thank you for your leadership and for rising to meet this moment with the urgency it demands.

With the growing number of buildings being planned to be built on Sepulveda with new building heights your traffic is going to increase

We need to FIGHT to SLOW SEPULVEDA DOWN

Please let me know what I can do to help

Campaign , raise awareness , collect funding to pay for more lights you name it

I don't want to see or wait for another child to lose their life

Respectfully,

Nicole Hirshberg

Manhattan Beach Resident

Sent from my iPhone

[EXTERNAL] URGENT REQUEST

From Jordan Howard <jordanhowardrn@gmail.com>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 3:47 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Subject: Urgent Request for Safety Improvements on Sepulveda Blvd

Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing to you today as a concerned resident and advocate for public safety. Our community is grieving-*once again*-after the loss of another young life on the same dangerous stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. In both tragic instances, lives were taken by drunk drivers. The recent death of Braun Levi was not only devastating, but also preventable.

We cannot let this continue. We must do better.

I urge the City Council to take immediate and concrete action to improve safety along Sepulveda, particularly where these tragedies occurred. I respectfully propose the following changes:

- Install additional pedestrian crosswalk lights in high-traffic and low-visibility areas.
- Adjust the timing of existing traffic lights to reduce extended green lights that encourage speeding.
- Implement DUI checkpoints, particularly during and after major social events such as the BeachLife Festival.

Had checkpoints been in place after this recent event, Braun Levi might still be alive.

We need our city leadership to take accountability and lead with action. The community is watching, mourning, and pleading for change. Please don't let another family

suffer this pain before real solutions are put in place.

Do something. Do better. Make change.

Sincerely,

Jordan Howard and August Cziment

North Redondo resident

858-449-4101

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Begging for some safety improvements on Sepulveda
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 3:15:57 PM

Another email for the spreadsheet

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET

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From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 3:15 PM
To: 'Lisa Taub' <lisamtaub@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Begging for some safety improvements on Sepulveda

Good afternoon Lisa,
Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. We share your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard particularly the stretch south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard, which has tragically been the site of multiple fatal accidents in recent years. We take these incidents very seriously, and we are committed to improving safety for all who travel within our City.

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Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Lisa Taub <lisamtaub@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 10:32 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Begging for some safety improvements on Sepulveda

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Please please please look at that stretch of sepulvedaPCH where we have lost so many lives. Please let's fix this before we lose more precious people.

I am happy to help.

Thank you, Lisa Taub

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Loss of Life
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 2:41:23 PM

For the spreadsheet.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik

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From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 2:39 PM
To: 'Jennifer Lee' <jtleela@mac.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Loss of Life

Good afternoon Jennifer.

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Erik

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

From: Jennifer Lee <jtleela@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 1:46 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Loss of Life

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As a member of the recently devastated Pacific Palisades community, as well as the St Matthew's parish and school, I was heartbroken to hear of the loss of Braun Levi. He and his family will be in my prayers through this devastating time.

As parents of 4 children, we spent many hours helping our children determine ways to safely drive, bike, walk through anywhere in this busy extended city. However, our towns, cities and state must be our partners in preventing injuries and deaths. While eliminating driving intoxicated on a suspended license is beyond the reach of town officials, I believe there is much the town of Manhattan Beach can do to reduce and, hopefully with City and State help, eliminate this particular deadly stretch of road.

Like you, I have heard and read about multiple potential solutions, in addition to far too much loss of life, with no change to date. I will be writing to City and State officials to express my sincere hope that solutions are put into place (not just planned) before any additional families suffer unnecessary loss of loved ones.

I look forward to hearing as solutions are implemented at every level.

With deep sincerity,
Jennifer Lee
Pacific Palisades

Sent in brief from my iPhone

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:02:12 PM

Another email.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



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From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:02 PM
To: 'Carrie Scott' <cscottwins@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Carrie Scott <cscottwins@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:58 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda

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Good morning Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe. The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Carrie Scott
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda / PCH
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:34:42 AM

For the spreadsheet

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET

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From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:34 AM
To: 'Stacey Fundingsland' <stacey.fundingsland@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda / PCH

Good morning Stacey,
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Erik

From: Stacey Fundingsland <stacey.fundingsland@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:31 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda / PCH

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Hi,

I'm writing in concern of the stretch of Sepulveda where three people have died this year, including two students. What can the city do to make this stretch of road more safe: can there be a traffic light added, an over pass that goes over the road, blinking cross walks?

As a parent in the tree section, I'd would love to see a proposal from the city on what can be remedied to make this road and crossing the road safer for our community.

Thank you,
Stacey Fundingsland

Stacey Fundingsland
stacey.fundingsland@gmail.com
310-648-1273

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] SEPULVEDA-SAFETY-ACTIONS
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 12:13:03 PM

For the spreadsheet

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From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 12:13 PM
To: 'Miya' <miyabusinessinfo@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SEPULVEDA-SAFETY-ACTIONS

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Erik

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From: Miya <miyabusinessinfo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:28 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
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Thank you!

Miya

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Stop sign or flashing light at Harkness and MB blvd
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:37:40 PM

Please add to the correspondence for Sepulveda Boulevard safety.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik

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From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:36 PM
To: 'lisa pena' <stephenlisa@mac.com>
Cc: Kelly A. Benjamin <kbenjamin@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Stop sign or flashing light at Harkness and MB blvd

Hi Lisa,
Thanks for letting me know about the collision.
And thanks for your suggestions. I will forward them to the Police Department as well.
We have reached out to Caltrans to develop an action plan that will address the cause of the recent fatal collisions.

Regarding the flashing crosswalk lights on Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Harkness Street, I've sent a work order to post crosswalk signs in the center median and to repair the existing flashing lights.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik

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

From: lisa pena <stephenlisa@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:32 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Stop sign or flashing light at Harkness and MB blvd

Wreck there this am.

> On May 6, 2025, at 7:35 AM, lisa pena <stephenlisa@mac.com> wrote:
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> And sorry for the typos....apple spell corrected...it's Police and not fees!
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>
> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On May 6, 2025, at 7:01 AM, lisa pena <stephenlisa@mac.com> wrote:

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>> I am checking back up on this below.

>> Also what is going on with Sepulveda? Can they put a flashing at the crosswalks there considering there have been so many lives lost? Also what about another light to slow people down between Artesia and 2nd. There are too many senseless deaths. They should at least park a police car at the very least for the time being over there during the week and also have a fees patrolling at longitude up and down Sepulveda from 10pm-2am. I'm sure they would find plenty of people breaking traffic laws.

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>> Thanks for all your feedback and help!

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>> Lisa Pena

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>>>> On Apr 10, 2025, at 10:55 AM, lisa pena <stephenlisa@mac.com> wrote:

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>>>> Amazing! Thanks

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>>>> On Apr 10, 2025, at 10:42 AM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> Let me find out the status of the replacement of the center flashing crosswalk light pole.

>>>>>> If it's going to be a long time, then we can post fixed pedestrian crossing signs in the median facing both ways.

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>>>>>> Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

>>>>>> Erik

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>>>>>> Erik Zandvliet

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>>>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>>>> From: lisa pena <stephenlisa@mac.com>

>>>>>> Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 10:00 AM

>>>>>> To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

>>>>>> Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Stop sign or flashing light at Harkness and MB blvd

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>>>>>> Ok. Let me know if I can help in anyway. Anything you can put in the interim? What about one of those slow down flashing signs like you put on the Greenbelt? I know you can type in a saying like watch for pedestrians?? Thoughts??

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>>>>>>>> On Apr 9, 2025, at 8:34 AM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

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>>>>> Hi Lisa, the Public Works Department is working to replace the faulty lights. We've had difficulty getting parts.

>>>>> This is one of several locations we are exploring to consider a pedestrian signal with a red light, but that will take a minimum of 2-3 years and \$250,000 in funding to design and construct.

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>>>>> Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

>>>>> Erik

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>>>>> From: lisa pena <stephenlisa@mac.com>

>>>>> Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 9:06 PM

>>>>> To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

>>>>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop sign or flashing light at Harkness and MB blvd

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>>>>> Eric,

>>>>> Hope you are doing well. Any chance we can put a flashing stop sign or light at the corner of Harkness and MB blvd? It is so dangerous for people to cross and they don't yield for the pedestrian flashing light. That light also doesn't work 1/3 the time. In addition people come zipping around the corner onto Harkness and many children walk there to study Hut.

>>>>>

>>>>> Thanks in advance

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>>>>> Lisa Peña

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From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] URGENT REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 4:51:16 PM

For the contact list.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



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From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 4:35 PM
To: 'Jordan Howard' <jordanhowardrn@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] URGENT REQUEST

Good afternoon, Jordan,
Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Thank you for your suggestions to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer. Your input will be invaluable as we work with Caltrans and other stakeholders to create safer streets for everyone in Manhattan Beach.

With your permission, I would like to add your email to our contact list, so you can stay informed of upcoming public outreach efforts and to participate in the safety effort.

Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Jordan Howard <jordanhowardrn@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 3:47 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] URGENT REQUEST

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Subject: Urgent Request for Safety Improvements on Sepulveda Blvd

Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing to you today as a concerned resident and advocate for public safety. Our community is grieving-once again-after the loss of another young life on the same dangerous stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. In both tragic instances, lives were taken by drunk drivers. The recent death of Braun Levi was not only devastating, but also preventable.

We cannot let this continue. We must do better.

I urge the City Council to take immediate and concrete action to improve safety along Sepulveda, particularly where these tragedies occurred. I respectfully propose the following changes:

- Install additional pedestrian crosswalk lights in high-traffic and low-visibility areas.
- Adjust the timing of existing traffic lights to reduce extended green lights that encourage speeding.
- Implement DUI checkpoints, particularly during and after major social events such as the BeachLife Festival.

Had checkpoints been in place after this recent event, Braun Levi might still be alive.

We need our city leadership to take accountability and lead with action. The community is watching, mourning, and pleading for change. Please don't let another family suffer this pain before real solutions are put in place.

Do something. Do better. Make change.

Sincerely,

Jordan Howard and August Cziment

North Redondo resident

858-449-4101

Sent from my iPhone

FW: [EXTERNAL] Can we please have pedestrian overpasses along Sepulveda?

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 7:39 AM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hi Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

From: Susan Boettner <boettner.susan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Can we please have pedestrian overpasses along Sepulveda?

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I've lived here since 1968. I have always dreamt of a pedestrian overpass at Rosecrans and Sepulveda as a beautiful entryway to Manhattan Beach - (wouldn't that be great to have people move across from Macy's to The Point and vice versa, without fearing for their lives??

Where are my taxes going?

But this week has been even more horrible. I personally have been sick to my stomach all week due to the tragic passing of Braun Levi on 1st and Sepulveda. I don't know this family, but cried for them. This has to stop. No family should have to face this tragedy and it seems so preventable if the city would please pony up and put overpasses for pedestrians somewhere along Sepulveda. With all the Residential Overlay District going on, this seems a prime opportunity to address this idea in the permitting process of these new structures.

DUI checkpoints would be great as well, particularly after Beach Life...What a no brainer.

"Desynchronizing" Lights along Sepulveda sounds good, but I don't know how this will really address the driver that will already not follow traffic laws and drives while drunk anyway.

Please do something. Not tomorrow. Today. Make the hard choices.

Thank you for listening.

All My Best,

Susan Boettner | Im Riding In The Skechers Tour De Pier May 18th, 2025
Let's Cure Cancer Together! Please Donate If You Can!
[Why I Ride/Donate Here](#)

FW: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Proposed Measures for Sepulveda Corridor

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Thu 3/26/2026 11:23 AM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>



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From: Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell <jzuanichferrell@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 11:20 AM

To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Proposed Measures for Sepulveda Corridor

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Installing sharrows and bike lines on intersecting streets (ex. Longfellow, 2nd St, 8th St.) which have signals is counter-productive. This will clog these already narrow streets. In the first block of Longfellow west of Sepulveda, it is already impossible for two cars (east and west bound) to proceed with one vehicle having to pull over to allow the other vehicle to pass.

Prohibiting left turns at many intersecting streets while these turns are often safe (outside of rush hour) will only push extra cars onto roads which parallel Sepulveda.

The teens on e-bikes ignore two-way and four-way stops and have been seen riding on sidewalks on M.B. Blvd and Sepulveda. I have also

observed bike riders on Sepulveda Blvd in MB in the traffic lanes.

No matter how many so-called improvements made to the Sepulveda corridor, you cannot 100% prevent drunk drivers and reckless/speeding drivers from getting on the road. You cannot account for lazy pedestrians such as the individual who was in the roadway alongside the 900 block of Sepulveda Blvd on 12/16/2024. There was a signalized intersection one block away to use.

Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell

FW: [EXTERNAL] Deepest Condolences from the Assemblymember's Office

From Michael Codron <mcodron@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 7:38 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hi Erik, please see below and this seems like a good option if we don't get immediate traction via your e-mail. Talyn asked that you look into this and let us know what you find out. Thank you, your work on this is really appreciated. -Michael



MICHAEL CODRON

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From: Ramoso, Melissa <Melissa.Ramoso@asm.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:28 PM

To: Amy Thomas Howorth <ahoworth@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc: Tachibana, Chloe <Chloe.Tachibana@asm.ca.gov>; Talyn Mirzakhian <tmirzakhian@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Deepest Condolences from the Assemblymember's Office

Madam Mayor,

I can inquire with Caltrans regarding what MPT Lesser stated regarding a safety analysis of the roadway. I do know for other cities like Torrance or City of LA, legislation or an MOU have been done in the past where the state gives the right for the city the highway is located in to address immediate issues and even maintenance. That might be something to explore if Manhattan Beach hasn't done that in the past with Sepulveda Blvd. I know there is agreement in place for Hawthorne Blvd. and Western Ave. in the district.

I will contact Caltrans and provide an update when I have one.

Again our condolences and let us know how else the Assemblymember's office can be helpful.

Thank you.

Melissa Ramoso

District Director

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, 66th District

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From: Tachibana, Chloe <Chloe.Tachibana@asm.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2025 4:16 PM
To: Amy Thomas Howorth <ahoworth@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: Ramoso, Melissa <Melissa.Ramoso@asm.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Deepest Condolences from the Assemblymember's Office

Dear Mayor,

Thank you for that information.

I'm including our District Director, Melissa, on this message regarding CalTrans. Anything else we can do to help support, please do not hesitate to ask.

Warm regards,

Chloe

From: Amy Thomas Howorth <ahoworth@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:37 PM
To: Tachibana, Chloe <Chloe.Tachibana@asm.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Deepest Condolences from the Assemblymember's Office

Chloe,

Thank you- this means a lot.

I saw David's response where he included me, and I have to say that we do need help with CalTrans. Our Traffic Engineer has reached out to them regarding this stretch and they have not returned his call!

On May 6, 2025, at 10:05 AM, Tachibana, Chloe <Chloe.Tachibana@asm.ca.gov> wrote:

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning Mayor Howorth,

I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt condolences to you and the entire Manhattan Beach community following the tragic loss of Braun Levi. I can only imagine how painful this time must be for the family, friends, school, and everyone who knew the victim.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. As you navigate the days ahead, if there is anything the Assemblymember's office can do to support the city—whether in partnership, resources, or simply being present—please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you strength and healing during this incredibly difficult time.

Warmly,

Chloe

Chloe Tachibana

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FW: [EXTERNAL] DO SOMETHING!!

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 10:00 AM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hi Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

From: Tiffany Levy <tiffany@trlevy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO SOMETHING!!

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DO SOMETHING!! Don't wait... ***work with Cal Trans but for now, set up DUI check points on the weekends, have more police presence!!!*** How many more people need to die for you to step up your game! It's tragic that this stretch of highway has been a problem for as long as I can remember, people drive so fast yet I don't think I have ever seen anyone pulled over.

FW: [EXTERNAL] Highway 1 - Not Appropriate for High Rise Apartments

From Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Thu 3/26/2026 2:46 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

 1 attachment (18 KB)

HIGHRISE APARTMENTS ON SEPULVEDA.docx;

Hi Erik

Please include this public correspondence in the Sepulveda Corridor Safety Measures file.

Thanks
Masa



MASA ALKIRE, AICP
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From: Mark Burton <markfburton@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 2:00 PM

To: Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>; Anthony.Higgins@dot.ca.gov;
Chloe.Tachibana@asm.ca.gov

Cc: Talyn Mirzakhianian <tmirzakhianian@manhattanbeach.gov>; David Lesser <dlesser@manhattanbeach.gov>;
Nina Tarnay <ntarnay@manhattanbeach.gov>; Steve S. Charelian <scharelian@manhattanbeach.gov>; Joe
Franklin <jfranklin@manhattanbeach.gov>; Amy Thomas Howorth <ahoworth@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Highway 1 in Manhattan Beach - Not Appropriate for High Rise Apartments

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Dear Masa, Anthony and Chloe: Attached please find the above for your review and consideration. The information contained in this attachment comes from federal and state resources.

Kind regards, Mark

FW: [EXTERNAL] Pedestrian Bridge

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Thu 5/8/2025 8:00 AM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

From: Stephanie Siddons <thesiddons@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:36 PM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pedestrian Bridge

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I have always thought that crossing Sepulveda was extremely dangerous no matter what time of day. It is very unfortunate that this heavily traffic boulevard runs through our idyllic, family oriented, outdoor enthusiasts community. We all love to walk! Walking across Sepulveda is never safe no matter what time of day for any age. Pedestrian Bridges in a few locations along Sepulveda could be an amazing solution to keep our community safe in addition to strict speeding regulations through the MB portion of Sepulveda if that is possible.

LLB! I am so heartbroken that this could even happen in our town. We need to make a change and keep our children and community safe.

Thank you for all you do to make Manhattan Beach a town we all want to live in and raise a family in!

Stephanie Siddons

FW: [EXTERNAL] Proposed 7 story high-density apartments complex

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 1/28/2026 4:23 PM

To Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>; Ted Faturros <tfaturros@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>; Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>

Johnathon,

I am forwarding this correspondence to you for a coordinated response from Planning.
Thanks!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET

TRAFFIC ENGINEER

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From: nisens@aol.com <nisens@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 12:42 PM

To: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed 7 story high-density apartments complex, corner of 2nd Street and Sepulveda

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Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet:

As a 70 year lifetime resident, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed seven-story high-density apartment complex on Sepulveda and Second Streets. I believe this project poses significant and unacceptable risks to public safety, traffic flow, and our community in general.

In the past year, our community has suffered devastating losses in that same area, including the tragic deaths of Braun Levi and Ford Savala. These incidents make it obvious that this corridor is already struggling with serious safety issues for drivers and pedestrians. We cannot afford to increase this danger.

Our community deserves planning decisions that prioritize safety, livability, and responsible growth, not ones that compromise them in pursuit of density targets or developer interests. I have to believe our elected representatives will do everything in their power to prevent this development.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to protecting and preserving the wellbeing of our community.

Sincerely,

Peggy Nisen
504 Third Street
Manhattan Beach, CA

FW: [EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 5:02 PM

To Carianne Lopez <clopez@manhattanbeach.gov>

Another email.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Erik Zandvliet

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:02 PM

To: 'Carrie Scott' <cscottwins@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda

Good afternoon Carrie,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Thank you for your suggestions to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer. Your input will be invaluable as we work with Caltrans and other stakeholders to create safer streets for everyone in Manhattan Beach.

With your permission, I would like to add your email to our contact list, so you can stay informed of upcoming public outreach efforts and to participate in the safety effort.

Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Carrie Scott <cscottwins@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:58 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda

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Good morning Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe. The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Carrie Scott
Sent from my iPhone

Fw: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Mon 11/3/2025 7:57 AM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hello Erik,

Please see the email below from a resident concerned about the safety of Sepulveda Blvd.

Thank you,
Priscilla Colindres



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From: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 7:42 AM
To: Jessica Warpehoski <jessicawarpehoski@gmail.com>; Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda

Hello Jessica,

Thank you for reaching out to us regarding your concern.

I will forward this message to our Traffic Engineer.

Thank you,
Priscilla Colindres



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From: Jessica Warpehoski <jessicawarpehoski@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 2, 2025 1:30 AM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda

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Hello,


I am a Manhattan Beach resident and would like to know how the city is going to make Sepulveda safer between 2nd St. and Manhattan Beach Blvd. As I am sure you are aware, there have been numerous deaths and major accidents. How many more deaths and injuries will it take before something is done to slow down traffic in that area? I've been to third world countries that have solved this problem with speed bumps, including on highways. Surely there have been enough incidents to justify more traffic lights, speed bumps, or something to slow down the traffic in that stretch. Is the city working to remedy this? If not, how can we change that?

Many thanks in advance for your response and action on this deeply concerning issue.

Best,
Jessica Warpehoski

FW: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety - My Comments for 3.26.26 Meeting

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Thu 3/26/2026 9:27 AM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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From: NANCY HARADA <nharada@ucla.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 9:05 AM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety - My Comments for 3.26.26 Meeting

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Please see attached letter regarding Sepulveda Blvd safety.

FW: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety Measures

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/21/2025 9:20 AM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hi Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

From: Sepulveda Safety <safetysepulveda@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:18 AM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety Measures

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Hello Traffic Engineering Department,

I'm Geneva Huang, a current Manhattan Beach resident and Mira Costa High School student. With the recent accidents on Sepulveda, my peers and I want to implement more safety measures and were wondering if we could chat with you about cost-efficient yet promising measures that can make our community safer. We have some solutions we would like to bring into fruition for Sepulveda and would love your input. Please let me know if you are available to meet.

Thank you for your time,

Geneva Huang

FW: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 7:50 AM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

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

From: Jan Inoue <jan0093@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:05 PM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety

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Dear City of Manhattan Beach,

Our city has suffered the tragic deaths of two young men within months. This is a wake up call. No city can prevent unnecessary deaths within their boundaries, but we need to do better.

City Council members, you have the resources and platform to enact changes that may save lives in the future. Maybe we can have more patrol to slow down speeding vehicles or drunk drivers. Maybe we install blinking yellow lights on Sepulveda to slow down traffic. Maybe we install cameras throughout the city to let the public know that we can track down criminals so behave.

This task is monumental, I know. I have lived here for over 30 years and the City of MB has been well run and cared for. I'm sure we can think of something to make our city a little safer.

Please take action. Thank you.

Jan Inoue

Sent from my iPhone

FW: [EXTERNAL] SEPULVEDA-SAFETY-ACTIONS

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 12:12 PM

To Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

For the spreadsheet

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

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

From: Erik Zandvliet

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 12:13 PM

To: 'Miya' <miyabusinessinfo@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SEPULVEDA-SAFETY-ACTIONS

Good afternoon Miya,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

We share your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard particularly the stretch south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard, which has tragically been the site of multiple fatal accidents in recent years. We take these incidents very seriously, and we are committed to improving safety for all who travel within our City.

Our Police Department Traffic Bureau personnel will be conducting high visibility traffic enforcement focusing on primary collision factors, such as speed, along Sepulveda Boulevard. We will work with our regional enforcement partners to conduct DUI saturation patrols in Manhattan Beach. We will also work with our local schools to remind our students to "stay safe when crossing" and educate them on traffic safety as pedestrians, as bicyclists, and while driving.

We have already reached out to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) yet again, which has jurisdiction over this stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard (SR-1) within Manhattan Beach. We have voiced our desire to partner with Caltrans to help them implement robust safety measures quickly and leverage every available resource to protect our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your suggestions to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer. Your input will be invaluable as we work with Caltrans and other stakeholders to create safer streets for everyone in Manhattan Beach.

With your permission, I would like to add your email to our contact list, so you can stay informed of upcoming public outreach efforts and to participate in the safety effort.

Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

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

From: Miya <miyabusinessinfo@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:28 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] SEPULVEDA-SAFETY-ACTIONS

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Hello,

My name is Miya, I'm a resident of Hermosa Beach with a freshman at Costa.

With the recent events the last few months of 2 young lives lost on Sepulveda, it's time to be proactive and prevent more deaths in our communities.

Sepulveda is busy and people drive way too fast, especially at night. We need more stop signs or lights we need walking cross paths with lights for pedestrians and more police presence on Sepulveda in Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach.

With the most recent now legal jaywalking laws, more than ever, people are crossing Sepulveda and with traffic lights way far apart from one another, people take a big risk every single day crossing that boulevard.

I'm especially concerned for our teenagers and kids in our neighborhoods that are only used to crossing our little streets and don't quite understand how big the stretch is to walk across and how fast cars are going. Plus they tend to often be distracted by their phones and EarPods listening to music.

I would like to also point out that we very, very, very rarely see any police cars on Sepulveda in the evenings or in our whole neighborhoods in that matter. This would help possibly preventing drinking and driving and inevitably obligate people to drive slowly.

It's not because we don't have crimes that we can't show presence to avoid crimes.

I beg you to consider the disposition and traffic control for pedestrians on the whole Sepulveda stretch.

Thank you!

Miya

FW: [EXTERNAL] URGENT REQUEST

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 4:51 PM

To Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

For the contact list.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Erik Zandvliet

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 4:35 PM

To: 'Jordan Howard' <jordanhowardrn@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] URGENT REQUEST

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Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Jordan Howard <jordanhowardrn@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 3:47 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] URGENT REQUEST

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Subject: Urgent Request for Safety Improvements on Sepulveda Blvd

Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing to you today as a concerned resident and advocate for public safety. Our community is grieving-once again-after the loss of another young life on the same dangerous stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. In both tragic instances, lives were taken by drunk drivers. The recent death of Braun Levi was not only devastating, but also preventable.

We cannot let this continue. We must do better.

I urge the City Council to take immediate and concrete action to improve safety along Sepulveda, particularly where these tragedies occurred. I respectfully propose the following changes:

- Install additional pedestrian crosswalk lights in high-traffic and low-visibility areas.
- Adjust the timing of existing traffic lights to reduce extended green lights that encourage speeding.

- Implement DUI checkpoints, particularly during and after major social events such as the BeachLife Festival.

Had checkpoints been in place after this recent event, Braun Levi might still be alive.

We need our city leadership to take accountability and lead with action. The community is watching, mourning, and pleading for change. Please don't let another family suffer this pain before real solutions are put in place.

Do something. Do better. Make change.

Sincerely,

Jordan Howard and August Cziment

North Redondo resident

858-449-4101

Sent from my iPhone

FW: Caltrans and City of Manhattan Beach Safety Study - Highway 1

From Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Thu 3/5/2026 2:17 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>

FYI; no action needed for now.



ADAM FINESTONE, AICP
PLANNING MANAGER

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From: Ted Faturos <tfaturos@manhattanbeach.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 2:00 PM

To: Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>; Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: FW: Caltrans and City of Manhattan Beach Safety Study - Highway 1

See below Mark Burton's email to Caltrans. I'll ask Anthony if we can be CC'ed on the response- if he says no we can submit a PRA to Caltrans to get the response and maybe throw it on the ROD website.



TED FATUROS
SENIOR PLANNER

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From: Higgins, Anthony@DOT <Anthony.Higgins@dot.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 1:40 PM
To: Ted Faturus <tfaturus@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Caltrans and City of Manhattan Beach Safety Study - Highway 1

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Hello Ted,

Per our discussion, please see below for the email that was sent by the resident of Manhattan Beach.

Best,

Anthony Higgins
Acting LDR Branch Chief
Caltrans District 7, Division of Planning
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From: Mark Burton <markburton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:28 AM
To: Nguyen, Karen@DOT <Karen.Nguyen@dot.ca.gov>
Cc: Levinson, Lena@DOT <lena.levinson@dot.ca.gov>; Padres, Mary@DOT <Mary.Padres@dot.ca.gov>
Subject: Caltrans and City of Manhattan Beach Safety Study - Highway 1

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Dear Ms. Nguyen:

My name is Mark Burton and I am a former Mayor for the City of Manhattan Beach and former Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles. As you may know, the City

imposed a Residential Overlay District on Highway 1 in the City of Manhattan Beach, primarily on the westside. To date, there are two proposed 7 Story High-rise apartment projects on Highway 1 at the intersection of 2nd Street and Sepulveda (201-207 Sepulveda) and at 2301 Sepulveda. Most uses on Highway 1 in Manhattan Beach have been commercial with most property sites being zoned commercial.

I, and many other residents, including those who live directly adjacent to the above proposed high-rise apartment projects, are troubled by the traffic safety and parking issues that will most definitely result from the building of these projects. Historically, ingress and egress have always been challenging on Highway 1. For instance, at the 2301 Sepulveda site, Enterprise car rental was a tenant for several years. Many of our community's residents wouldn't use Enterprise car rental since they felt ingress and egress was too dangerous. Also, several larger commercial uses on Highway 1 have a deceleration lane to mitigate traffic ingress and egress issues.

The series of rolling hills topography of Highway 1 through Manhattan Beach is challenging, as is the amount of vehicle traffic and the speed of such traffic. Therefore, I think it is incumbent on Caltrans for each high-rise apartment project planned on Highway 1 to conduct a traffic safety study specific to that project, in addition to your current Safety Study to identify potential safety measures on Highway 1 in Manhattan Beach.

Here is a copy of an email that I sent to the City:

RE 7 Story High-rise Apartment Project at 2nd and Sepulveda

While we recognize the statutory limitations imposed by DBL, the law is equally clear that a City may not grant a waiver if doing so would result in a "specific, adverse impact upon public health or safety," as defined by Government Code §65589.5(d)(2), unless that impact can be fully mitigated.

The intersection of 2nd Street and Sepulveda Boulevard has experienced multiple severe traffic incidents, including two fatalities. This is not a generalized concern about community character. It is a documented public safety corridor with a history of deadly collisions.

Approval of a seven-story, high-density residential structure at this specific intersection — with increased vehicle trips, driveway ingress/egress, pedestrian crossings, delivery traffic, and rideshare activity — presents quantifiable exposure increases at a location already associated with fatal incidents.

The Larson Parkette will become more dangerous for our neighborhood children with the increased parking and traffic in that area. Could the city, state or developer be liable for any additional fatalities in that area?

Accordingly, we formally request:

1. Production of SWITRS collision data and analysis for the past 5–10 years for 2nd & Sepulveda and immediately adjacent intersections.
2. A formal traffic safety study evaluating cumulative trip generation, turning movements, pedestrian conflict points, and Level of Service impacts.
3. Emergency access review and written analysis from Police and Fire Departments addressing response time and apparatus maneuverability.
4. Corner visibility and sight-distance analysis consistent with Caltrans Highway Design Manual and MUTCD standards.
5. Written findings explaining how the City has concluded that granting the requested height waiver will not create a specific, adverse impact on public health or safety.

As you noted, the City cannot consider financial feasibility when evaluating waivers. However, the City equally cannot ignore objective public safety data. The statutory exception exists precisely for circumstances where measurable risk is present.

Given the documented fatal collision history at this exact intersection, I respectfully request that the City provide detailed written findings supported by objective evidence demonstrating that approval of the requested waivers will not materially increase risk to pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, or first responders.

Absent such findings, approval of the waiver may raise serious concerns regarding compliance with Government Code §65915 and related public safety obligations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to receiving the requested documentation and findings.

Finally, at your convenience, can you have one of your staff provide me with any and all Caltrans writings re Highway 1 in Manhattan Beach for the last 5 years including any writings regarding traffic safety on Highway 1 in Manhattan Beach?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Kind regards, Mark

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HIGHRISE APARTMENTS ON SEPULVEDA WILL MOST CERTAINLY INCREASE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS RISKS ON HIGHWAY 1 IN MANHATTAN BEACH

Highway 1 traversed Manhattan Beach in a North/South direction with three lanes in each direction for morning and evening rush hour traffic. The number 3 lane is available for parking during non-peak daytime and nighttime hours. Highway 1 is the recognized alternate route in the South Bay for the 405 Freeway.

Increase Traffic Accidents Risks

Vehicles from Highrise Apartments on Sepulveda Boulevard entering a high-speed, high-density State Highway 1 from high-rise apartment buildings face significant safety risks, largely driven by the conflict between slow-moving exiting traffic and fast-moving through-traffic. Key risks include rear-end collisions due to speed differentials, sideswipes during merging, increased danger from limited visibility due to parked cars on Sepulveda, and increased danger since U-turns are required to access opposite-direction lanes.

Major Traffic Accident Risks

- **High-Speed Merging Conflicts:** Exiting vehicles must move from a complete stop into high-speed lanes. The speed differential between exiting cars and the traffic on State Highway 1 increases the likelihood of rear-end accidents.
- **Visibility Restrictions:** High-rise structures, associated landscaping, or parked cars on Sepulveda Boulevard often create blind spots, limiting the ability of drivers to see oncoming Highway 1 traffic before entering Highway 1, leading to side-swipe collisions.
- **Increased U-Turn Accidents:** Since Highway 1 is divided, residents often need to turn right out of the building and then make U-turns to travel in the opposite direction. These maneuvers on busy, high-speed roads significantly increase the risk of serious, often fatal, traffic accidents.
- **Congestion-Induced Impatience:** High-density residential buildings generate large volumes of traffic at peak hours. Impatience, combined with limited gaps in traffic, causes drivers to take risks, such as merging when unsafe, leading to higher collision rates.

- **Pedestrian and Cyclist Danger:** The increase in vehicles entering the highway creates hazards for pedestrians and e-bike users, particularly near building exits that intersect with footpaths.

Contributing Factors

- **Traffic Density:** Increased average daily traffic (ADT) directly correlates to higher accident frequencies, which often reaches a critical threshold around 7,000+ vehicles. With more high-rise apartments on Sepulveda, average daily traffic (ADT) will increase substantially.
- **Infrastructure Limitations:** Existing road infrastructure may not be designed to handle the high volume of vehicles, making acceleration lanes too short for safe merging.

CONCLUSION: HIGH RISE APARTMENTS ON SEPULVEDA ARE NOT APPROPRIATE/REMOVE THE RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT ON SEPULVEDA

March 26, 2026

To: City of Manhattan Beach

Re: Safety Measures Along Sepulveda Blvd

I am writing to express my concern regarding the safety of Sepulveda Blvd. One of the goals set by the State Priority Safety Corridor Initiative that was launched on October 15, 2025 is to “achieve a 30% reduction in fatalities and serious injuries by 2035, as part of a longer-term goal of reducing them to zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050”. Furthermore, safety becomes the organizing principle of California’s transportation system. (State Priority Safety Corridor Initiative, dated October 15, 2025).

According to the safety analysis conducted by Manhattan Beach staff of Sepulveda Blvd (detailed in the Legislation Details communication), the average rate of fatal and injury crashes between 2021 and 2025 was 14.5, with the highest 5-year average of 4.21 found between Manhattan Beach Blvd and Marine. The second highest 5-year average of 3.79 occurred between Marine Ave and Rosecrans. These data concur with what Manhattan Beach residents have observed and been communicating to city officials, i.e., that Sepulveda safety is compromised. The most likely reasons are the high number of pedestrians and drivers, traveling at high speed, impaired drivers, lack of traffic markers e.g., visible crosswalks, and now the number of e-bikers who ride on Sepulveda. About a week ago I witnessed a group of about 5 boys on e-bikes going northbound on Sepulveda trying to make a left turn onto 19th Street at 5 p.m. and veering out into the southbound traffic.

The Caltrans-City Sepulveda Safety Measures list dated 3/16/2026 lists potential solutions. However, none of these proposed safety measures addresses the issue of increased number of users i.e., pedestrians, drivers, and e-bikers that will be introduced by high density housing. In fact, the proposed 2301 Sepulveda Blvd housing development will sit on the Sepulveda segment with the highest 5-year fatality rate (as measured by Manhattan Beach staff). Other high density housing projects have been proposed for the segment with the second highest 5-year average fatality rate between Marine and Rosecrans. The proposed safety measures will be countered by the increased number of pedestrians and drivers introduced through the high number of residents living on Sepulveda Blvd.

Taken together, the placement of the residential overlay district on Sepulveda has introduced a new variable that will negatively impact California’s short-term and long-term goals of reducing fatalities and serious injuries. Despite the proposed safety measures the increased number of residents in high density housing, drivers, pedestrians and e-bikers that we will see over the next few years will most likely lead to increased fatalities and traffic accidents along Sepulveda Blvd. The current proposed solutions will not impact future fatality and accident rates. Manhattan Beach needs to come up with additional innovative solutions to address these issues.

Sincerely,

Nancy Harada
Manhattan Beach Resident

Erik Zandvliet

From: Susuan Gallagher <suegallagher01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:12 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PCH safety

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MB residents need better signage...more speed traps....safely lit crosswalks on PCH so more deaths do not happen day or night.

PPIC / Sepulveda corridor safety measures

From Stefan Kampe <skampe@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Mon 3/30/2026 8:43 AM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Erik -

I have been thinking about our PPIC meeting last week regarding the safety measures along the Sepulveda corridor. Appropriately, the biggest concern is what caused the three fatalities. The root cause of at least two of these incidents was the high speed of the vehicle that caused the accident as the accident occurred at night when the traffic was open (uncongested). What I also heard was that the best deterrent for this situation is more frequent policing of the Sepulveda corridor with laser guns during this high-risk period. Is this consistent with your understanding/perspective? If so, I suggest that increasing police presence at night is emphasized as a strong recommendation coming from the PPIC. This may take require the police department to make changes to their staffing schedule - -however, it appears it would have the most impact and great support from the community.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Stefan

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bulent Basol <bulent@basolfamily.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:21 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Sema Basol
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic security along Sepulveda

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There has been too many traffic casualties on sepulveda blvd in manhattan beach. There needs to be a solution formulated for this problem. We would appreciate quick action on this problem.

Bulent Basol
3001 Maple Ave

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Amy Schauwecker <beachfam28@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:05 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Blvd.

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to ask what can be done to ensure no more innocent lives are lost on Sepulveda Blvd? As a mother of three teenagers in this community, I am stunned and outraged that two innocent high school seniors were separately killed along Sepulveda Blvd in 5 months. It is unacceptable that reckless and intoxicated drivers are allowed to plow through our towns without abandon. We cannot sit by and watch this happen another day. MB needs check points and cameras at all the major intersections 1.) Artesia 2.) Manhattan Beach Blvd 3.) Rosecrans to stop these criminals from wreaking more destruction within our community. If the city of Manhattan Beach is not responsible for controlling Sepulveda, please let us know who is. Our community, city council and the police department must send the message that these tragedies will not happen again. Not on our watch!

Thank you,
Amy Schauwecker

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lenie Ramos <littlelenie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:56 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Blvd

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Hello MB Council Members.

I'm writing as a very concerned resident of Manhattan Beach and a mother. There have been too many deaths and accidents that have tragically impacted our community in the last six months, and something needs to be done. We can't have another young life taken for there to be action to protect our kids, families, and community. Can we have more speed enforcement? Flashing lights or speed bumps? What can help prevent another death? Please tell me what our city is doing to make Sepulveda safer. Thank you for hearing my concern, and I hope to get a response soon.

Very concerned citizen of MB

LENIE RAMOS
P: 310-795-1599

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Ryan Clements <clements321@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:39 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE

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Amy-

Thank you for your response. I'm happy to know someone is listening.

I realize setting up a DUI checkpoint every Friday and Saturday would be costly and time consuming. Caltrans conducting safety reviews and surveys also seems time consuming and much like a lot in California excessive and unnecessary bureaucratic red tape. That being said, I am NOT opposed to any of these surveys I'm just looking for a more immediate band aid here.

Can we stop people from drinking and driving? NO.

Can we stop people from driving recklessly over the speed limit? NO.

Can we stop people from speeding up to catch a yellow light so they beat the red? NO.

Can we count on people outside of our area to fully comprehend the blind spots along Sepulveda Blvd (especially in the darkness of night when no other cars may be on the road? NO.

Can we count on people to see and obey speed limit signs that may be decreased to help prevent reckless driving? NO.

Can we control peoples driving patterns, specifically acceleration and deceleration through our city? **YES!**

****Why can't we make every traffic signal in the city of Manhattan Beach a flashing RED between the hours of 10pm and 5am? Seems simple to me. Does CalTrans control these lights throughout our city? If so, I see them being able to help with this. If we can get this done it would be a quick fix to slowing people down driving through our town. Police cars can be stationed on Rosecrans and Artesia, at the borders, stopping and ticketing anyone who may not obey the first flashing red lights in our city between the hours of 10pm and 5am. There are hardly any people on the roads during these late hours so any excessive traffic should be non-existent.**

I do realize this will not stop people from running red lights, but it WILL minimize the percentage of people who speed. It will also get a greater percentage of people to pay attention to the road they are on and what's in front of them. Deceleration of cars at flashing red lights will stop cars and drivers from rolling at a high rate of speed where they may not be conscious to their direct surroundings. We cannot eliminate risk but we sure as hell can help to significantly reduce it!

And I wouldn't limit this to Sepulveda either. Every traffic light in the city of Manhattan Beach should flash red between the hours of 10pm and 5am. Let's SLOW people down at a time when there is no traffic on the roads. Let's give our law enforcement every opportunity to stop someone that may be close to making a horrible or life altering decision.

Amy, I see a tremendous opportunity for you and your fellow council members here. Let's do some of these small things that we can control. This is OUR city and WE should be able to put in place the necessary steps to ensure the safety of OUR COMMUNITY.

I am just one voice but I know a lot of people and we all have the same feelings. My friends, and friends of friends, local business owners or employees who may not be residents, we all want a change.

Sadly we cannot go back in time and change the past but we certainly can take steps to better and possibly safeguard the future of our amazing town, Manhattan Beach. Let's make these small steps happen.

Thank you.

Ryan Clements

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Eunice Marsh <eunicemarsh1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please act now - protect our kids!

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

As a concerned parent and member of the Manhattan Beach community, I'm writing with a heavy heart and a deep sense of urgency. In just the past few months, our city has lost two children and one pedestrian—three lives taken along the same stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. This is not just a tragic coincidence. It's a clear signal that the current conditions on this major thoroughfare are unsafe and unacceptable.

We cannot afford to wait for another tragedy to take action. Sepulveda is not just a state highway—it cuts through the heart of our community. Our children cross it. Our neighbors walk along it. And right now, it's failing them.

I implore you to take immediate and visible action to make this stretch of road safer. This could include—but should not be limited to—adding traffic lights and flashing crosswalk beacons, reducing speed limits, improving pedestrian visibility, increasing traffic enforcement, installing barriers or an overpass, and reviewing DUI checkpoints and driver education programs.

We do not want Manhattan Beach to be remembered for preventable deaths. We want to be known as a community that acts swiftly and compassionately when it's clear that lives are at risk.

Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Eunice Marsh

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Brigitte Davis <brigitteakagitti@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:09 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tragedy...

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a community we are asking for something to be done on PCH where a young mans life was taken. Im notified at least once a week regarding a car accident on PCH between 9th Street and 2nd in Manhattan Beach.

Please do everything possible to ensure the safety of our pedestrians and drivers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best,

Brigitte Davis

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Laura Van Winkle <laura.vanwinkle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:08 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Pedestrian safety along Sepulveda

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From: Laura Van Winkle <laura.vanwinkle@yahoo.com>
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@citymb.info>; citycouncil@citymg.info <citycouncil@citymg.info>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 11:03:57 AM PDT
Subject: Pedestrian safety along Sepulveda

Manhattan Beach Leadership,

We have lost two children and one pedestrian along Sepulveda Blvd within the past few months. It's absolutely heartbreaking and unacceptable.

The City of Manhattan Beach needs to step up and act to prevent another tragedy. This can mean better signage, speed controls especially late at night, and barriers and overpasses where they are clearly needed. While I recognize Sepulveda is a major artery in Los Angeles, there are many things that can be done to make it safer for everyone in our community.

Warm regards,
Laura James

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Chris Sharp <cmbsharp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:05 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Blvd - Please address accidents!!

Importance: High

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I am writing and pleading to our MB Council to urgently address Sepulveda Blvd and the accidents that continue to take lives.

We need to have better speed controls - lights that are not timed, increased DUI check points. I have lived in MB for 20 years and I rarely see a DUI check point once every 2-3 years and they are announced!! That's crazy. Especially after a festival. More can and needs to be done asap.

Concerned 20yr+ resident.

Chris

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: l c stone <lcstone@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:59 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Help...

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I'm writing to you as a deeply concerned resident. The number of fatalities and serious accidents on Sepulveda over the past six months is not only heartbreaking—it's unacceptable.

Enough is enough.

We need immediate, visible safety interventions. I urge you and your team to prioritize the following (or implement any alternatives you deem effective):

- Traffic lights or speed-reducing signals
- Flashing crosswalk beacons
- Rezoning Parking
- Increased police presence
- DUI checkpoints

Our community cannot afford to wait any longer. Manhattan Beach should not be known for avoidable tragedies. We are asking—urgently—for your leadership to help protect our streets and save lives.

Please let me know how I can support your efforts or help facilitate action. I look forward to your response and, more importantly, to seeing concrete steps taken.

Lynn C. Stone

Hunter Carson Design

Instagram @ huntercarsondesign

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Marianne Turner <marianne.turner@daviselen.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:54 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safer Sepulveda

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Subject: Urgent Request for Safety Improvements on Sepulveda Avenue between 8th Street and Artesia Boulevard

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Marianne Turner, and I am a concerned resident of our community. I am writing to express urgent concern about the dangerous conditions on **Sepulveda Avenue between 8th Street and Artesia Boulevard**, particularly for the many teenagers who walk, bike, or attempt to cross this stretch daily.

This corridor has become increasingly unsafe—and heartbreakingly, the danger is no longer hypothetical. **In just the past five months, two teenagers have lost their lives on this stretch of Sepulveda.** These are devastating, preventable tragedies that have shaken our community and left families forever changed.

Despite being a major thoroughfare, this part of Sepulveda lacks sufficient pedestrian infrastructure. There are not enough clearly marked crosswalks in high-traffic areas and driver speeds often exceed the posted limit—especially late at night when teens are going to/from friends' homes, going for a late night bite to eat or simply getting home from a late practice.

Teenagers are not just pedestrians—they are our children, our students, our neighbors. They deserve to move safely through their own community without fear of being struck by a car. As it stands, we are failing them.

I respectfully urge the Council to prioritize the following safety improvements for this stretch of Sepulveda:

- Install highly visible, signaled crosswalks at key pedestrian crossing points
- Add flashing pedestrian signage and better lighting
- Implement speed-calming measures such as radar signs, speed bumps, or stepped-up enforcement during school and evening hours along with DUI check-point(s)

We have already lost two young lives. We cannot wait for another. The time to act is now—and I know that together, we can make this road safer for every teen who uses it.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the safety of our residents. I would welcome the opportunity to speak further or help coordinate with local families and schools on this issue.

Sincerely,
Marianne Turner

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Susan <susan_steward131@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:53 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Fatalities

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The recent fatalities of this year on Sepulveda have been beyond heartbreaking for our community and law enforcement. I know that your goal is to prevent future fatalities and address what can be done. I am a native of MB and know that so much has changed over the years that is out of our control ie: congestion, speed and size of vehicles and DUI. Please consider flashing yellow lights and designated cross walks to keep pedestrians safe. As a community we need to do everything to keep us safe. Also, during this week and beach life festival I feel patrol and designated DUI stops should also be considered. Our population has basically remained the same over the years, but we cannot control the use of our roads during events that bring in over 40k additional people and the decision they make.

It is heartbreaking for not only these families, but also law-enforcement that show up on these situations as I can guarantee they are all children of a parent or parents themselves or someday in the future.

Thank you for addressing this with the community. Your transparency and involvement is imperative.

Susan Steward
1751 1st Street
Manhattan Beach
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tom Sheets <tsheets@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:47 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2nd Street - Sepulveda

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Good morning City Council Board members,

I just wanted to share my thoughts on the safety for the pedestrian community and how the city can elevate this issue to hopefully find some solution to make this section of Sepulveda safer.

Our community has experienced several incidents in the recent past, and I hope this issue if being discussed at the board level to find some solution here.

This is just so sad and seems like we can find a solution.

Thank you
Tom Sheets
621 29th
213.440.0269

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Theresa Johnson <theresawjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:19 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We need your help and action

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

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I implore you to take immediate and visible action to make this stretch of road safer. This could include—but should not be limited to—adding traffic lights and flashing crosswalk beacons, reducing speed limits, improving pedestrian visibility, increasing traffic enforcement, installing barriers, and reviewing DUI checkpoints and driver education programs. In addition to the state mandates for housing density with "no traffic requirements" this is only going to get worse. Action needs to be taken.

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Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Theresa Johnson

Theresa Johnson
2705 Bayview Drive
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tanya Monaghan <tanyathor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Action Required on Sepulveda—Lives Are at Stake

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Sincerely,

Tanya Monaghan

1901 Walnut Avenue

Manhattan Beach, ca 90266

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Cheryl Fire <cfire6@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:08 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recent Deaths on Sepulveda

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Good morning Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe. The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Best,
Cheryl Fire. Realtor
Exclusive Realty Inc.
DRE#01300162
310-210-8733

Pardon any typos although sometimes funny. Sent from my iPhone .

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Nazly Westernoff <nazlymehdizadeh@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:09 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic safety on Sepulveda

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Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Nazly Westernoff

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Pooneh Nobari <poonehnobari@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:18 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda-Safety

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Dear Erik,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to urgently request traffic safety improvements on Sepulveda Boulevard between Artesia and Marine. As you know, our community has suffered a devastating loss this year with the deaths of two students due to reckless driving in this area.

We are deeply concerned for the safety of our children and believe immediate action is necessary. If the city could consider installing more checkpoints, enhancing speed enforcement, or implementing other traffic calming measures, it would go a long way in preventing further tragedies.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and hope to see meaningful changes implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Thank you,

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Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Liz Cebula <lizcebula5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 9:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda/PCH

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am not going to pretend that I know even fraction of what our city is already doing to improve public safety, but I do believe we need to do something about Sepulveda Blvd. With the most recent death of 18 year old Braun Levi, an amazing boy who was PURE MAGIC and had such a bright future, we need to take a serious look at how we can prevent any further tragedies on Sepulveda Blvd. Some ideas include:

- Weekly DUI checkpoints between 1st and 9th on weekends
- Speed enforcement cameras at high-risk locations
- Red light cameras at key intersections
- Reconfiguring the lights along Sepulveda at night to force slower traffic so it's not driven like the 405.
- Build a pedestrian bridge or some kind of safety crossing in two other spots on Sepulveda between Marine and Artesia. We have the chip path that goes underneath the bridge near The Village but that is the only path that gets you from one side of Sepulveda to the other. (Far more important than murals or sculptures.)

This is a city full of incredibly smart people who are concerned about the safety of all of our neighbors, including those visiting. Maybe there could be meeting where people bring ideas to the table on how to improve our safety on Sepulveda? Not a meeting to complain, but a meeting to brainstorm and find solutions. Something needs to be done and soon, before we have another senseless and heartbreaking tragedy on Sepulveda Blvd.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Liz Cebula
18 Year MB Resident
Poinsettia Ave.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Laura Randall <lark215@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:01 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for May 6 council meeting regarding Sepulveda Blvd traffic

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To the Manhattan Beach mayor and city council members:

I am a resident of the Hill section of Manhattan Beach and this letter is concerning the 2 fatal car accidents that occurred this year on the stretch of Sepulveda between 1st and 3rd Streets. One was at 3rd and Sepulveda by Taco Bell in January and the other (just this last weekend) happened near 2nd and Sepulveda.

More effort **NEEDS** to be made to address the excessive speeding and reckless driving that takes place on a daily basis in this area. I walk here with my dog and regularly see a blatant disregard for the speed limit. It has gotten so bad that I've stopped walking on Sepulveda for fear that a speeding car will jump the curb at any given moment.

Try walking it yourselves sometime, especially during the morning and evening rush hour: **it's a terrifying experience.**

Please consider the following actions:

- * Increase police enforcement on and near Sepulveda, especially between Longfellow and 8th Street, and also at the intersections of 2nd St. and Dianthus St. and 2nd St. and Poinsettia St., where cars rushing to work and school in the mornings barely step on their brakes at the stop signs.
- * Promote more awareness of the dangers of walking across Sepulveda at any random spot. My family and I see construction workers and Skechers employees doing this all the time, especially in the morning.
- * Other possibilities: Give out tickets to jaywalkers or encourage the companies to promote the message to their employees. Consider installing a pedestrian walkway with flashing lights near 1st and Sepulveda, or barriers at the top of the hill on the east side near Longfellow that warn drivers that there's a dangerous blind spot ahead.

If something isn't done immediately, I have no doubt there will be more unnecessary and tragic deaths and injuries. It's the least the city can do for the grieving families of Ford Savela and Braun Levi.

Thank you for your consideration.
Laura Randall
626-375-8954

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tiffany Barbara <sedon_lynne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:27 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gratitude for ALPR Implementation and Proposal for Enhanced Traffic Safety Measures

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the implementation of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) in our community. This initiative marks a significant step toward enhancing public safety by deterring criminal activities and aiding in traffic enforcement. Your commitment to leveraging technology for the well-being of our residents is commendable.

However, recent tragic events underscore the need for additional action. The untimely death of 18-year-old Braun Levi, a Loyola High School senior and promising tennis star who was fatally struck by a suspected drunk driver in the early hours of Sunday, May 4, has left our community heartbroken. This occurred on Sepulveda Boulevard, which has unfortunately seen multiple fatal traffic accidents in the last five months—including two involving local high school seniors.

Because this corridor is surrounded by residential neighborhoods with families, children, and elderly residents who are especially vulnerable, I respectfully urge the Council to consider the following safety measures:

1. Weekly Manned DUI Checkpoints:

Establish DUI checkpoints on Sepulveda Boulevard between 1st and 9th Streets every Friday and Saturday night from 10:00 PM to 2:00 AM. These are the peak hours when impaired driving is most likely to occur. The average cost is around \$10,000 per night, but the safety impact could be substantial.

2. Red Light Cameras at Key Intersections:

Install red light cameras at three key intersections known for high-volume and risky driving:

- Sepulveda & Marine Avenue

- Sepulveda & Manhattan Beach Boulevard
- Sepulveda & Rosecrans Avenue

The cost per intersection typically ranges from \$67,000 to \$80,000, depending on complexity.

3. Speed Enforcement Cameras:

Introduce three speed enforcement cameras in high-risk locations along Sepulveda. Based on San Francisco's pilot program, the cost per camera averages between \$212,000 and \$242,000 over a multi-year period. Therefore, implementing three cameras would cost approximately \$636,000 to \$726,000 total.

Importantly, this investment could be largely offset by revenue from traffic violations. San Francisco, for example, issues graduated fines from \$50 to \$500, depending on the severity of the speeding offense. This model both deters dangerous driving and helps fund public safety initiatives without overly burdening the city budget.

Thank you again for your leadership in launching the ALPR program. I hope these suggestions offer a pathway to building on that momentum and making our streets safer for all who call Manhattan Beach home.

With appreciation,

Tiffany Barbara
533 2nd Street, Manhattan Beach
213-500-1433

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [STACY SANTOS](#)
Cc: [Traffic](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 2 lives of young men lost, hit on Sepulveda- Bruan Levi and Ford Savela
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:26:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good morning Stacy,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic deaths of Ford Savela and Braun Levi in two fatal traffic collisions. Our hearts go out to their families, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

We share your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard particularly the stretch south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard, which has tragically been the site of multiple fatal accidents in recent years. We take these incidents very seriously, and we are committed to improving safety for all who travel within our City.

Our Police Department Traffic Bureau personnel will be conducting high visibility traffic enforcement focusing on primary collision factors, such as speed, along Sepulveda Boulevard. We will work with our regional enforcement partners to conduct DUI saturation patrols in Manhattan Beach. We will also work with our local schools to remind our students to “stay safe when crossing” and educate them on traffic safety as pedestrians, as bicyclists, and while driving.

We have already reached out to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) yet again, which has jurisdiction over this stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard (SR-1) within Manhattan Beach. We have voiced our desire to partner with Caltrans to help them implement robust safety measures quickly and leverage every available resource to protect our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your suggestions to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer. Your input will be invaluable as we work with Caltrans and other stakeholders to create safer streets for everyone in Manhattan Beach.

With your permission, I would like to add your email to our contact list, so you can stay informed of upcoming public outreach efforts and to participate in the safety effort.

Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET

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From: STACY SANTOS <stacysantos2006@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:16 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2 lives of young men lost, hit on Sepulveda- Bruan Levi and Ford Savela

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This should not be. This should be a time of celebration for our kids as they get ready for graduation. Two kids. One pedestrian. One small stretch of Sepulveda. Three lives lost. Unspeakable loss. Zero changes made. Fix this dangerous stretch so another life is not lost. DMV needs a safety overhaul
This can't happen again. Our state does nothing to help keep us safe from bad drivers. Please make urgent improvements, and I encourage you to do it NOW.
Please before another life is lost.

Manhattan Beach and Caltrans—we need action now.

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [John Adams](#)
Cc: [Traffic](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Concern on safety of Sepulveda, too many losses
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:38:39 AM

Good morning John,
Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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BCC: City Council

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Erik



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From: John Adams <johnjamesadams1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:38 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern on safety of Sepulveda, too many losses

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To Whom It May Concern,

In the past few months, we've lost two children and one pedestrian within our community along Sepulveda Blvd. All within a short stretch of road, right here in our community. It's heartbreaking—and unacceptable. We need the City of Manhattan Beach to act now to prevent further tragedy. That means flashing crosswalk lights, better signage, speed controls, barriers or an overpass, more enforcement—anything to make this road safer for our kids, our families, and each other.

Please let me know, my sons are 18 yrs old, and 15 yrs old, and this area on Sepulveda has gotten unacceptably dangerous and we need to act now.

Best,

John Adams
781 31st St, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Julia Sprague](#)
Cc: [Traffic](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Concern!
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 5:32:31 PM

Good afternoon Julia,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Erik

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From: Julia Sprague <juliasprague@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:30 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern!

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Please help! ! Please add traffic flashing lights, or speed bumps, etc so no other lives are lost on sepulveda.

Lets take action.

Thank you

Julie Deckert
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Ann Lundy](#)
Cc: [Traffic](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Making Sepulveda safer
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 9:40:31 AM

Good morning Ann,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Erik



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From: Ann Lundy <annlundy48@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 9:14 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Making Sepulveda safer

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

As a concerned parent and member of the Manhattan Beach community, I'm writing with a heavy heart and a deep sense of urgency. In just the past few months, our city has lost two children and one pedestrian—three lives taken along the same stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. This is not just a tragic coincidence. It's a clear signal that the current conditions on this major thoroughfare are unsafe and unacceptable.

We cannot afford to wait for another tragedy to take action. Sepulveda is not just a state highway—it cuts through the heart of our community. Our children cross it. Our neighbors walk along it. And right now, it's failing them.

I implore you to take immediate and visible action to make this stretch of road safer. This could include—but should not be limited to—adding traffic lights and flashing crosswalk beacons, reducing speed limits, improving pedestrian visibility, increasing traffic enforcement, installing barriers or an overpass, and reviewing DUI checkpoints and driver education programs.

We do not want Manhattan Beach to be remembered for preventable deaths. We want to be known as a community that acts swiftly and compassionately when it's clear that lives are at risk.

Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Ann

Ann Lundy
1405 Faymont Ave
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Susuan Gallagher](#)
Cc: [Traffic](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] PCH safety
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 2:59:11 PM

Good afternoon Sue,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. We share your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard particularly the stretch south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard, which has tragically been the site of multiple fatal accidents in recent years. We take these incidents very seriously, and we are committed to improving safety for all who travel within our City.

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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

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From: Susuan Gallagher <suegallagher01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:12 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PCH safety

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MB residents need better signage...more speed traps....safely lit crosswalks on PCH so more deaths do not happen day or night.

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Tracie Held](#)
Cc: [Traffic](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 3:45:44 PM

Good afternoon Tracy,

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From: Tracie Held <traciebaja@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 9:16 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda

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I stand with my neighbors & all the compelling letters that have been written in regards to the safety of our city. We must do everything in our power to avoid another tragic loss of life.

Thank you for your time.
Tracie Held

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Melanie Knopke](#)
Cc: [Traffic](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Deaths
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:27:05 AM

Good morning Melanie,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Erik

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From: Melanie Knopke
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:50 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Deaths

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Good evening Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe.

The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Melanie Knopke

Owner Miaca Marketing
www.miacamarketing.com

Re: [EXT] Request for Urgent Safety Measures Following Fatal Incidents

From Jennifer Temperley <tempsjen@gmail.com>

Date Thu 5/8/2025 8:17 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Yes, please add my email list. Thank you for the quick response.

On May 8, 2025, at 3:01 PM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jen,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Erik



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From: Jennifer Temperley <tempsjen@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:37 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Urgent Safety Measures on Sepulveda Boulevard Following Fatal Incidents

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I am writing as a concerned member of our Manhattan Beach community, and as a parent, business owner, and neighbor who uses Sepulveda Boulevard daily.

In recent months, our community has experienced heartbreaking and preventable tragedies along this stretch of road. Three fatalities, two of them just 18 years old, have shaken us deeply. These young lives were lost in circumstances that could, and should, have been avoided.

As residents, we are asking the City to take immediate action to make this road safer and prevent future tragedies.

Specifically, I urge you to consider the following:

- **Installation of a DUI Checkpoint or Permanent DUI Stop Sign:** Given the patterns surrounding some of these incidents, regular enforcement and deterrence are essential. A clearly marked and consistently monitored stop area could save lives and make drivers think twice before driving impaired.
- **Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge or Crossing Light:** Sepulveda is a heavily trafficked, high-speed corridor that is simply unsafe for pedestrians without a protected crossing option. Whether a bridge or a crossing light with clear signals, pedestrians, especially young people, need a safe way to get across without taking risks.

Our community cannot bear another tragic headline. I urge you to prioritize these measures and begin the necessary planning to ensure our city streets are as safe as possible for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

Please let me know how I can support this process, whether by gathering additional community support, participating in city meetings, or any other way to help move this forward.

Thank you for your attention and your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Jen Temperley

RE: [EXT] Urgent Safety Concerns on Sepulveda Blvd  Increased Enforcement

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 9:41 AM
To 'Meredith Ellman' <merryellman@gmail.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Meredith,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Meredith Ellman <merryellman@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 6:29 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Safety Concerns on Sepulveda Blvd – Request for Increased Enforcement and Pedestrian Protections

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express deep concern regarding the growing safety issues on Sepulveda Boulevard in Manhattan Beach, particularly in light of the recent and tragic loss of a young student due to a suspected drunk driving incident.

This section of Sepulveda has long been problematic — drivers frequently run red lights, exceed speed limits, and create a dangerous environment for both pedestrians and other motorists. The lack of visible police presence contributes to a culture of disregard for traffic laws in this area.

In particular, students and young residents crossing Sepulveda are put at unnecessary risk. We urge you to take immediate steps, including:

- Increasing police presence and DUI checkpoints along Sepulveda
- Installing additional, well-marked crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety
- Reviewing signal timing and installing red-light cameras
- Exploring traffic calming measures and enhanced lighting

The Manhattan Beach community cannot afford to lose another life. Please treat this matter with the urgency it deserves and take action to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer for everyone, especially our youth.

Thank you for your attention and commitment to public.

Sincerely,

Meredith and Silas Ellman
Manhattan Beach Residents
Sent from my iPhone

Re: [EXTERNAL] 201-207 North Sepulveda

From Mia Ammer <miaammer@icloud.com>

Date Thu 1/29/2026 2:48 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>; Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>; Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Logan <Eriktoppenberg07@gmail.com>; Ted Faturos <tfaturos@manhattanbeach.gov>

Thanks so much, Erik. This is very helpful and as a board member and Head of communications for the LLB foundation, I am deeply grateful for your support and attention to this. We will be following closely and look forward to more information about upcoming public meetings.

All the best,
Mia

On Jan 28, 2026, at 4:07 PM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mia,

Thank you for raising the questions about potential safety impacts related to the new state housing policy and the proposed residential development at 201 North Sepulveda Boulevard.

The City is also concerned with these potential impacts and is responding where it can. As you're probably aware, Sepulveda Boulevard is a State highway and is not within the City's jurisdiction.

Soon after the tragic fatal collision involving Braun Levy on May 4, 2025, the City Council directed staff to initiate a focused, proactive effort with our partners at the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) to enhance safety along the Sepulveda Boulevard corridor. Since June, the City and CALTRANS have held tri-weekly meetings to expedite the evaluation of safety concerns and potential countermeasures. This ongoing collaboration has already compiled over 30 potential safety strategies. These strategies span multiple categories, such as:

- Pedestrian Improvements: Enhancing crosswalk visibility and safe pathways.
- Traffic Circulation Changes: Optimizing flow and restricting turns to reduce conflict points.
- Public Education: Campaigns intended to educate the public on safe driving, riding, and walking.

The Manhattan Beach Police Department has also taken immediate action to reinforce public awareness and enforcement in alignment with the goals of the Live Like Braun Foundation, including DUI checkpoints, public message boards, surveillance cameras, and high visibility speed enforcement. While the safety evaluation along Sepulveda Boulevard does not include

evacuation modeling, it does include an evaluation of traffic circulation, pedestrian safety and emergency access.

We plan on presenting the findings of the joint City-Caltrans safety evaluation to the City Council later this spring.

Coincidentally, the Deep Roots residential project site is also in an area with an active Neighborhood Traffic Management Study. We held an initial public outreach meeting on March 27, 2025 to solicit public feedback, and the City is currently analyzing a list of potential traffic calming measures to address existing and future non-resident traffic and parking issues. We intend to incorporate many of the potential safety strategies identified in the joint City-Caltrans safety evaluation into the ongoing Neighborhood Traffic Management Study.

We will be inviting residents and businesses in the surrounding area to attend a series of public meetings later this year to determine which measures the residents support and should be implemented.

I encourage you and your neighbors to attend these meetings in person or virtually and/or submit comments.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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From: Mia Ammer <miaammer@icloud.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:27 AM

To: Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; Adam Finestone, AICP

<afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>; Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Logan

<Eriktoppenberg07@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] 201-207 North Sepulveda

Good Morning Johnathon,

Thank you for your response and for clarifying the City's role under the State Density Bonus Law. I understand the statutory framework that allows projects of this nature to proceed by-right and appreciate the City's efforts to comply with state mandates.

That said, the implementation of state housing policy must also take into account core public safety responsibilities—particularly along corridors like Sepulveda Boulevard where evacuation, pedestrian safety, and emergency access are already constrained.

I have a deeply personal connection to these safety concerns. Braun Levi, one of the pedestrians recently killed on Sepulveda, was a close family friend. I have been working closely with his mother, Jennifer, to advocate for stronger safety measures and infrastructure improvements along this corridor.

At the same time, having lost my own home in the Pacific Palisades fires, I am painfully aware of how inadequate evacuation planning and high-density development can heighten risk and endanger residents.

I would appreciate greater insight into how the City is coordinating with Caltrans and other agencies to ensure that increasing density along Sepulveda does not compromise emergency preparedness, evacuation, or public safety. Specifically, will the ongoing safety study incorporate evacuation modeling or identify mitigation strategies tied to future development?

I strongly support the goals of affordable housing, but these must be advanced within a framework that protects existing residents and meets fundamental safety standards. Thank you for your continued attention to these critical issues.

Best regards,
Mia Ammer

On Jan 28, 2026, at 9:09 AM, Johnathon Masi
<jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

BCC: City Council

Good Morning Mia,

Thank you for contacting the City of Manhattan Beach regarding the proposed multi-family residential project at 201-207 N Sepulveda Boulevard. My name is Johnathon Masi, Associate Planner with the City, and I am the assigned project planner.

As noted in the [informational notice](#) you received, pursuant to state law, the project is permitted by-right, and is not subject to a public hearing. This means the City has no discretion as to whether to approve or deny the project.

Because the project is utilizing State Density Bonus Law, it is entitled to relief from local zoning codes and regulations, including height and number of units proposed in exchange for providing a certain percentage of the units as affordable housing units. Further, state law significantly limits the City's authority to deny a density bonus project. Please refer to the City's [ROD website](#), where you can read more about the ROD and density bonus law.

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Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,



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From: Mia Ammer <miaammer@icloud.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2026 11:58 AM

To: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>; Planning <planning@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc: Erik Logan <Eriktoppenberg07@gmail.com>; Dan And jen Levi
<levi.jennifer@gmail.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] 201-207 North Sepulveda

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Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council and Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed seven-story high-density apartment complex at the corner of Second Street and Sepulveda Boulevard. As a deeply concerned resident, I believe this project poses significant and unacceptable risks to public safety, traffic flow, and community character.

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Ingress and egress from a project of this size would inevitably create additional hazards. Vehicles entering and exiting onto Sepulveda would disrupt traffic flow on a major thoroughfare, heighten the risk of collisions, and exacerbate congestion. The site's proximity to intersections and existing traffic signals further complicates any safe traffic management plans. Residents living nearby already face daily frustration navigating this corridor, and introducing hundreds of additional residents and vehicles would make the situation untenable.

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Sincerely,

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552 3rd street
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RE: [EXTERNAL] Begging for some safety improvements on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Thu 5/8/2025 3:15 PM

To 'Lisa Taub' <lisamtaub@gmail.com>

Good afternoon Lisa,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. We share your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard particularly the stretch south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard, which has tragically been the site of multiple fatal accidents in recent years. We take these incidents very seriously, and we are committed to improving safety for all who travel within our City.

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We have already reached out to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) yet again, which has jurisdiction over this stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard (SR-1) within Manhattan Beach. We have voiced our desire to partner with Caltrans to help them implement robust safety measures quickly and leverage every available resource to protect our residents and visitors.

Your input will be invaluable as we work with Caltrans and other stakeholders to create safer streets for everyone in Manhattan Beach.

With your permission, I would like to add your email to our contact list, so you can stay informed of upcoming public outreach efforts and to participate in the safety effort.

Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Lisa Taub <lisamtaub@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 10:32 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Begging for some safety improvements on Sepulveda

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Please please please look at that stretch of sepulvedaPCH where we have lost so many lives. Please let's fix this before we lose more precious people.

I am happy to help.

Thank you, Lisa Taub

RE: [EXTERNAL] Can we please have pedestrian overpasses along Sepulveda?

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 9:11 AM
To 'boettner.susan@gmail.com' <boettner.susan@gmail.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Susan,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Thank you for your suggestions to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer. Your input will be invaluable as we work with Caltrans and other stakeholders to create safer streets for everyone in Manhattan Beach.

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Erik

From: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 7:39 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Can we please have pedestrian overpasses along Sepulveda?

Hi Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

From: Susan Boettner <boettner.susan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Can we please have pedestrian overpasses along Sepulveda?

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I've lived here since 1968. I have always dreamt of a pedestrian overpass at Rosecrans and Sepulveda as a beautiful entryway to Manhattan Beach - (wouldn't that be great to have people move across from Macy's to The Point and vice versa, without fearing for their lives??

Where are my taxes going?

But this week has been even more horrible. I personally have been sick to my stomach all week due to the tragic passing of Braun Levi on 1st and Sepulveda. I don't know this family, but cried for them. This has to stop. No family should have to face this tragedy and it seems so preventable if the city would please pony up and put overpasses for pedestrians somewhere along Sepulveda. With all the Residential Overlay District going on, this seems a prime opportunity to address this idea in the permitting process of these new structures.

DUI checkpoints would be great as well, particularly after Beach Life...What a no brainer.

"Desynchronizing" Lights along Sepulveda sounds good, but I don't know how this will really address the driver that will already not follow traffic laws and drives while drunk anyway.

Please do something. Not tomorrow. Today. Make the hard choices.

Thank you for listening.

All My Best,

Susan Boettner | Im Riding In The Skechers Tour De Pier May 18th, 2025
Let's Cure Cancer Together! Please Donate If You Can!
[Why I Ride/Donate Here](#)

RE: [EXTERNAL] Changes on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:50 PM
To 'jill brown' <jillybrown39@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Jill,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: jill brown <jillybrown39@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:55 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Changes on Sepulveda

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us keep our city safe. These past six months have been devastating with the death of these children on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points, or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should be recognized for its beauty and safety rather than the avoidable deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year.

Sincerely,

Jill Brown

Sent from my iPhone

RE: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Proposed Measures for Sepulveda Corridor

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Thu 3/26/2026 11:37 AM
To 'jzuanichferrell@yahoo.com' <jzuanichferrell@yahoo.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Thank you, Jacqueline, for sending us your comments and concerns. They will be forwarded to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission for their consideration at their meeting today.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



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From: Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell <jzuanichferrell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 11:20 AM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Proposed Measures for Sepulveda Corridor

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Installing sharrows and bike lines on intersecting streets (ex. Longfellow, 2nd St, 8th St.) which have signals is counter-productive. This will clog these already narrow streets. In the first block of Longfellow west of Sepulveda, it is already impossible for two cars (east and west bound) to proceed with one vehicle having to pull over to allow the other vehicle to pass.

Prohibiting left turns at many intersecting streets while these turns are often safe (outside of rush hour) will only push extra cars onto roads which parallel Sepulveda.

The teens on e-bikes ignore two-way and four-way stops and have been seen riding on sidewalks on M.B. Blvd and Sepulveda. I have also observed bike riders on Sepulveda Blvd in MB in the traffic lanes.

No matter how many so-called improvements made to the Sepulveda corridor, you cannot 100% prevent drunk drivers and reckless/speeding drivers from getting on the road. You cannot account for lazy pedestrians such as the individual who was in the roadway alongside the 900 block of Sepulveda Blvd on 12/16/2024. There was a signalized intersection one block away to use.

Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell

RE: [EXTERNAL] Concern on safety of Sepulveda, too many losses

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 9:38 AM

To 'John Adams' <johnjamesadams1@gmail.com>

Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning John,

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Erik

From: John Adams <johnjamesadams1@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:38 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern on safety of Sepulveda, too many losses

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To Whom It May Concern,

In the past few months, we've lost two children and one pedestrian within our community along Sepulveda Blvd. All within a short stretch of road, right here in our community. It's heartbreaking—and unacceptable. We need the City of Manhattan Beach to act now to prevent further tragedy. That means flashing crosswalk lights, better signage, speed controls, barriers or an overpass, more enforcement—anything to make this road safer for our kids, our families, and each other.

Please let me know, my sons are 18 yrs old, and 15 yrs old, and this area on Sepulveda has gotten unacceptably dangerous and we need to act now.

Best,

John Adams

781 31st St, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

RE: [EXTERNAL] Concern!

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 5:32 PM

To 'Julia Sprague' <juliasprague@yahoo.com>

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Erik

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

From: Julia Sprague <juliasprague@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:30 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern!

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Please help! ! Please add traffic flashing lights, or speed bumps, etc so no other lives are lost on sepulveda.

Lets take action.

Thank you

Julie Deckert
Sent from my iPhone

Re: [EXTERNAL] Concern!

From Julia Sprague <juliasprague@yahoo.com>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 5:42 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Thank you and yes please add my name to the email list
Appreciate it
Sent from my iPhone

> On May 7, 2025, at 5:32 PM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

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> BCC: City Council

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> Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

> Erik

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> Erik Zandvliet
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Julia Sprague <juliasprague@yahoo.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:30 PM
> To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern!
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> EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.
>
> Please help! ! Please add traffic flashing lights, or speed bumps, etc so no other lives are lost on sepulveda.
>
> Lets take action.
>
> Thank you
>
> Julie Deckert
> Sent from my iPhone
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RE: [EXTERNAL] Concerned MB resident

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 1/28/2026 4:24 PM

To Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>; Ted Faturos <tfaturos@manhattanbeach.gov>; Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>

CC: Adam

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

From: Erik Zandvliet

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 4:21 PM

To: 'Vera Kahn' <kahnvera@gmail.com>

Cc: Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>; Ted Faturos <tfaturos@manhattanbeach.gov>; Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Concerned MB resident

Good afternoon Vera,

Thank you for raising the questions about potential safety impacts related to the proposed residential development at 201 North Sepulveda Boulevard.

The City is also concerned with these potential impacts and is responding where it can. As your probably aware, Sepulveda Boulevard is a State highway and is not within the City's jurisdiction.

While the City is not conducting a safety study specifically related to this project, the City Council directed staff to initiate a focused, proactive effort with our partners at the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) to enhance safety along the Sepulveda Boulevard corridor soon after the tragic fatal collision involving Braun Levy on May 4, 2025. Since June, this ongoing collaboration has already compiled over 30 potential safety strategies. These strategies span multiple categories, such as:

- Pedestrian Improvements: Enhancing crosswalk visibility and safe pathways.

- Traffic Circulation Changes: Optimizing flow and restricting turns to reduce conflict points.
 - Public Education: Campaigns intended to educate the public on safe driving, riding, and walking.
- We plan on presenting the findings of the joint City-Caltrans safety evaluation to the City Council later this spring.

Coincidentally, this residential project site is also in an area with an active Neighborhood Traffic Management Study. We held an initial public outreach meeting on March 27, 2025 to solicit public feedback, and the City is currently analyzing a list of potential traffic calming measures to address existing and future non-resident traffic and parking issues. We intend to incorporate many of the potential safety strategies identified in the joint City-Caltrans safety evaluation into the ongoing Neighborhood Traffic Management Study as well.

We will be inviting residents and businesses in the surrounding area to attend a series of public meetings later this year to determine which measures the residents support and should be implemented.

I encourage you and your neighbors to attend these meetings in person or virtually and/or submit comments.

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Erik

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From: Vera Kahn <kahnvera@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 12:32 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerned MB resident

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Hi,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition regarding the proposed project on 2nd and Sepulveda on MB. The traffic is already intense on Sepulveda and to add 110 parking spaces with at least 220+ people and friends coming to visit only burdens an already stretched neighborhood when it comes to parking and traffic, not to mention resources like water usage and the electrical grid. In addition if the project would allow ingress and egress onto Second Street that would clog up traffic for multiple light turns for the residents of Second Street and west. It is also worth mentioning that second street is a bit of a blind hill when turning to go north on Sepulveda from Second, adding further danger and risk to residents.

I understand you are conducting a safety study in relation to the project. How long will this take and what is the timeline for this project?

Thank you for your help,

Vera Kahn
505 3rd Street
MB

Sent from my iPhone

RE: [EXTERNAL] Dangers on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Thu 5/8/2025 3:19 PM

To 'Kelly Donovan' <kellibu@gmail.com>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon, Kelly,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to both teens' families, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

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

From: Kelly Donovan <kellibu@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 10:19 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Dangers on Sepulveda

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Dear City Officials,

I am a South Bay resident, I work in MBUSD, and I have lived here for more than 16 years. I love this community. I am writing to please ask for urgent improvements on Sepulveda in Manhattan Beach. The community mourns the loss of two high school seniors—both lost far too soon. The pain is immeasurable. This should never happen once, let alone twice in a community.

Please take note of the dangers on Sepulveda, and work to make actionable change to protect our children and our community.

Thank you,
Kelly Cunningham

Re: [EXTERNAL] DO SOMETHING!!

From Tiffany Levy <tiffany@trlevy.com>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 12:37 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Thanks Erik for the response and yes please add my name.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 7, 2025, at 12:10 PM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Tiffany,

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From: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] DO SOMETHING!!

Hi Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

From: Tiffany Levy <tiffany@trlevy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO SOMETHING!!

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DO SOMETHING!! Don't wait... ***work with Cal Trans but for now, set up DUI check points on the weekends, have more police presence!!!***

How may more people need to die for you to step up your game!

It's tragic that this stretch of highway has been a problem for as long as I can remember, people drive so fast yet I don't think I have ever seen anyone pulled over.

RE: [EXTERNAL] For our children

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:47 PM
To 'Sarah Brown' <sarahbrownonline@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Sarah,

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BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Sarah Brown <sarahbrownonline@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:50 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For our children

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Good morning Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe. The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

**Sincerely,
Sarah & Doug Brown**

Re: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Sepulveda Boulevard Safety Discussion ♦ Community Input Encouraged

From Jeff Ackermann <jeff.ackermann@yahoo.com>
Date Wed 3/25/2026 10:29 PM
To Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Thanks for updating the link. I'm just going to submit via the traffic@manhattanbeach.gov email since I don't see a place to add photos on the Ecomment section.

- 1) Thank you for the in-depth analysis of the Sepulveda corridor. It's clear that a lot of work went into this important safety concern as demonstrated by the recent tragedies that we've experienced.
- 2) Thank for you for soliciting Public Comment on the matter as it demonstrates responsiveness to community concerns and taps into local knowledge.
- 3) I'd like to suggest looking into an additional safety hazard that was not covered in the safety measures under consideration. Specifically, northbound traffic on Sepulveda through the Marine Ave intersection. As a local resident, I've noticed over the years that as you head northbound in the third lane through the intersection, you need to jog right, or you will hit the median (see attached overhead photo). If you haven't passed through the intersection 100's of times before like myself, it's an easy correction to miss since you approach the intersection going uphill and the median is not easily visible as you approach. At night, it's an accident waiting to happen.

The second attached photo shows the status of the median as of September 2025. It appears at one time there was warning signage on the median and I definitely remember reflectors on the curb. These have all been presumably obliterated by cars hitting the median. I'm not aware of any specific accidents due to cars hitting the median, but one can reasonably assume a car hitting the median at the speeds that cars often pass through this intersection could have catastrophic results. Long story, short... it seems this should also be included the safety improvements for the Sepulveda corridor.

Thanks for listening,
Jeff

On Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 03:11:00 PM PDT, Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

The [eComment link](#) has now been fixed and can be found under the Public Comments section on the [City Calendar](#).

Public comments may also be submitted to traffic@manhattanbeach.gov.

For any additional Parking and Public Improvements Commission questions, you're welcome to contact the Traffic Division at traffic@manhattanbeach.gov or (310) 802-5521.

Thank you,



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From: Jeff Ackermann <jeff.ackermann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 9:53 PM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Sepulveda Boulevard Safety Discussion – Community Input Encouraged

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It does not appear that the link to the ecomment page is working. Will that be fixed or can I submit comments another way?

Thanks,

Jeff

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: City of Manhattan Beach <updates@communications.manhattanbeach.gov>
To: "jeff.ackermann@yahoo.com" <jeff.ackermann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 05:16:15 PM PDT
Subject: Sepulveda Boulevard Safety Discussion – Community Input Encouraged

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Sepulveda Boulevard Safety Discussion

The City of Manhattan Beach invites community members to attend the upcoming Parking and Public Improvements Commission meeting on **Thursday, March 26, 2026**, where potential safety measures along Sepulveda Boulevard will be reviewed.

This discussion follows recent fatal collisions along the corridor. Since June 2025, the City has been working in coordination with Caltrans to evaluate long-term safety improvements. More than 40 potential safety measures have been identified for consideration. The Commission will review these measures and provide recommendations to the City Council for further evaluation.

Meeting Details:

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 4:00 PM
City Council Chambers / Zoom Hybrid Meeting
1400 Highland Ave Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Community input is encouraged. Residents are welcome to attend and share feedback.

For more information and to view the agenda, please visit:
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RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Traffic Deaths on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:48 PM
To 'Nicole Doré' <nicole.e.dore@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Nicole,

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Erik

From: Nicole Doré <nicole.e.dore@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:09 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Traffic Deaths on Sepulveda

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Hello, I am a long time resident of Manhattan Beach and I am writing to express my concern over the 3 deaths that have occurred on the same stretch of PCH in recent months.

I urge action to be taken to prevent this tragic loss of life, suggestions include;

DUI check points - I never see them!
speed bumps, traffic lights

I'm sure city officials or industrial engineers have better ideas, but please I am begging you to take action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!
Nicole Dore

RE: [EXTERNAL] Loss of Life

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Fri 5/9/2025 2:38 PM

To 'Jennifer Lee' <jtleela@mac.com>

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Erik

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

From: Jennifer Lee <jtleela@mac.com>

Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 1:46 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Loss of Life

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As a member of the recently devastated Pacific Palisades community, as well as the St Matthew's parish and school, I was heartbroken to hear of the loss of Braun Levi. He and his family will be in my prayers through this devastating time.

As parents of 4 children, we spent many hours helping our children determine ways to safely drive, bike, walk through anywhere in this busy extended city. However, our towns, cities and state must be our partners in preventing injuries and deaths. While eliminating driving intoxicated on a suspended license is beyond the reach of town officials, I believe there is much the town of Manhattan Beach can do to reduce and, hopefully with City and State help, eliminate this particular deadly stretch of road.

Like you, I have heard and read about multiple potential solutions, in addition to far too much loss of life, with no change to date. I will be writing to City and State officials to express my sincere hope that solutions are put into place (not just planned) before any additional families suffer unnecessary loss of loved ones.

I look forward to hearing as solutions are implemented at every level.

With deep sincerity,
Jennifer Lee
Pacific Palisades

Sent in brief from my iPhone

RE: [EXTERNAL] Making Manhattan Beach safer

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:50 PM
To 'Shannon Williams' <snrichardson1@yahoo.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik

From: Shannon Williams <snrichardson1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:54 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Making Manhattan Beach safer

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Please be proactive with making cross walks safer. SUCH A TRAGEDY with the numerous people that have lost their lives due to unsafe , unmarked, lighted and safe cross walks. WE HAVE TO DO BETTER for our kids, friends, families and pets!!



Shannon Williams

RE: [EXTERNAL] Making Sepulveda safer

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 9:40 AM
To 'Ann Lundy' <annlundy48@gmail.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Ann,

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Ann Lundy <annlundy48@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 9:14 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Making Sepulveda safer

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

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Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Ann

Ann Lundy
1405 Faymont Ave
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Sent from my iPhone

Re: [EXTERNAL] Pedestrian Bridge

From Stephanie Siddons <thesiddons@verizon.net>
Date Thu 5/8/2025 5:42 PM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hi Erik,

Thank you so much for your quick response to my email and the information that you provided below.

Yes, please add my email to your contact list. I would greatly appreciate that and look forward to hearing more about what is being done and how to get involved.

Thank you again for all you are doing in keeping our community safe for everyone!

Best regards,
Stephanie

On Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 04:49:50 PM PDT, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

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Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET
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From: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:00 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pedestrian Bridge

Good morning Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

From: Stephanie Siddons <thesiddons@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:36 PM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pedestrian Bridge

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I have always thought that crossing Sepulveda was extremely dangerous no matter what time of day. It is very unfortunate that this heavily traffic boulevard runs through our idyllic, family oriented, outdoor enthusiasts community. We all love to walk! Walking across Sepulveda is never safe no matter what time of day for any age. Pedestrian Bridges in a few locations along Sepulveda could be an amazing solution to keep our community safe in addition to strict speeding regulations through the MB portion of Sepulveda if that is possible.

LLB! I am so heartbroken that this could even happen in our town. We need to make a change and keep our children and community safe.

Thank you for all you do to make Manhattan Beach a town we all want to live in and raise a family in!

Stephanie Siddons

RE: [EXTERNAL] Pedestrian safety along Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:41 PM
To 'Laura Van Winkle' <laura.vanwinkle@yahoo.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Laura,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Laura Van Winkle <laura.vanwinkle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; citycouncil@citymg.info
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pedestrian safety along Sepulveda

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Manhattan Beach Leadership,
We have lost two children and one pedestrian along Sepulveda Blvd within the past few months. It's absolutely heartbreaking and unacceptable.

The City of Manhattan Beach needs to step up and act to prevent another tragedy. This can mean better signage, speed controls especially late at night, and barriers and overpasses where they are clearly needed. While I recognize Sepulveda is a major artery in Los Angeles, there are many things that can be done to make it safer for everyone in our community.

Warm regards,
Laura James

RE: [EXTERNAL] Please act now - protect our kids!

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:43 PM
To 'Eunice Marsh' <eunicemarsh1@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Eunice,

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Erik

From: Eunice Marsh <eunicemarsh1@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:28 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please act now - protect our kids!

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Sincerely,
Eunice Marsh

RE: [EXTERNAL] Please Help 

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:40 PM
To 'l c stone' <lcstone@icloud.com>
Cc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Lynne,

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: l c stone <lcstone@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:59 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Help...

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I'm writing to you as a deeply concerned resident. The number of fatalities and serious accidents on Sepulveda over the past six months is not only heartbreaking—it's unacceptable.

Enough is enough.

We need immediate, visible safety interventions. I urge you and your team to prioritize the following (or implement any alternatives you deem effective):

- Traffic lights or speed-reducing signals
- Flashing crosswalk beacons
- Rezoning Parking
- Increased police presence
- DUI checkpoints

Our community cannot afford to wait any longer. Manhattan Beach should not be known for avoidable tragedies. We are asking—urgently—for your leadership to help protect our streets and save lives.

Please let me know how I can support your efforts or help facilitate action. I look forward to your response and, more importantly, to seeing concrete steps taken.

Lynn C. Stone
Hunter Carson Design

Instagram @ huntercarsondesign

RE: [EXTERNAL] Please make Sepulveda a safer crossing no more fatalities!

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:52 PM

To 'Bridget Pirzynski' <bridgetp3@icloud.com>

Good afternoon Bridget,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Erik

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

From: Bridget Pirzynski <bridgetp3@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:12 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please make Sepulveda a safer crossing to west side of Sepulveda. Please no more fatalities!

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Sent from my iPhone

RE: [EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 5:01 PM
To 'Carrie Scott' <cscottwins@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Carrie,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Carrie Scott <cscottwins@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:58 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recent tragedies on Sepulveda

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Good morning Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe. The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Carrie Scott
Sent from my iPhone

Re: [EXTERNAL] Recent death 2

From shelley conrad <cirrus_now@yahoo.com>

Date Tue 6/17/2025 9:22 AM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Eric, I am following up with you on the previous Email I sent you in regards to the Senior that was killed a Sepulveda Boulevard. Also about if anything has been done to make this a safer intersection. I also noted in my first Email of the house that is allowing parties to go on and serve alcohol to minors. It is my understanding that nothing has been done on either if my concerns. With school getting out it is so important in my opinion that this matter isn't swept under the rug as they say and something is being done. Thank you
Sent from my iPhone

> On May 7, 2025, at 2:53 PM, shelley conrad <cirrus_now@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Thank you Erik for following up on this matter! I have Grandchildren that live in this area and I am deeply concerned about their safety, along with the other kids that live in the area! I would like you to forward this to the Mayor and the head of the police officers! Yes you may use my name and email with my permission.
Thank you! Shelley Storms Conrad

> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On May 7, 2025, at 10:17 AM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

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>> Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

>> Erik

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>> From: shelley conrad <cirrus_now@yahoo.com>
>> Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:33 PM
>> To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recent death
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>> EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.
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>> I am a resident from Idaho visiting your community this past week! I was so sadden of the death of the young gentleman, a Senior that lost his life on Sunday I am very angry to find out that your police officers are well aware of the party houses that are being allowed at parents homes that are allowing underage drinking. It is my understanding that this young man was at one of these party houses prior to this tragic event. I feel there should be a full investigation done and not only the drunk driver be charged, but also the adults that allowed this party to take place. I'm sure if you do an investigation you will know exactly where this party house is and the people that own it. It is common knowledge who these people are! Also with a road so busy why are there no police officers patrolling this area that so many life have been loss! They could have police officer sitting in their cruiser at night watching for drunk driver, excessive speed, kids out after curfew. Why hasn't a bridge been built for pedestrians to cross this busy stretch of road. All I can say is come on, with all the millions of dollars that are in that community you could do better for these kids! Sincerely an Idaho visitor, Shelley Storms
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RE: [EXTERNAL] Recent death 3

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Tue 6/17/2025 5:02 PM

To 'shelley conrad' <cirrus_now@yahoo.com>

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Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:22 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Recent death

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Date Mon 6/23/2025 3:26 PM

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for Urgent Safety Measures Following Fatal Incident

From Jennifer Temperley <tempsjen@gmail.com>

Date Thu 5/8/2025 5:51 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Yes, please add my email list. Thank you for the quick response.

On May 8, 2025, at 3:01 PM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jen,

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From: Jennifer Temperley <tempsjen@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:37 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Urgent Safety Measures on Sepulveda Boulevard Following Fatal Incidents

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I am writing as a concerned member of our Manhattan Beach community, and as a parent, business owner, and neighbor who uses Sepulveda Boulevard daily.

In recent months, our community has experienced heartbreaking and preventable tragedies along this stretch of road. Three fatalities, two of them just 18 years old, have shaken us deeply. These young lives were lost in circumstances that could, and should, have been avoided.

As residents, we are asking the City to take immediate action to make this road safer and prevent future tragedies.

Specifically, I urge you to consider the following:

- **Installation of a DUI Checkpoint or Permanent DUI Stop Sign:** Given the patterns surrounding some of these incidents, regular enforcement and deterrence are essential. A clearly marked and consistently monitored stop area could save lives and make drivers think twice before driving impaired.
- **Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge or Crossing Light:** Sepulveda is a heavily trafficked, high-speed corridor that is simply unsafe for pedestrians without a protected crossing option. Whether a bridge or a crossing light with clear signals, pedestrians, especially young people, need a safe way to get across without taking risks.

Our community cannot bear another tragic headline. I urge you to prioritize these measures and begin the necessary planning to ensure our city streets are as safe as possible for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

Please let me know how I can support this process, whether by gathering additional community support, participating in city meetings, or any other way to help move this forward.

Thank you for your attention and your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Jen Temperley

RE: [EXTERNAL] Request to prioritize Sepulveda safety

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Thu 5/15/2025 2:40 PM
To 'Elizabeth Hiatt' <elizabethhiatt@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Elizabeth,

Thank you for reaching out to the City supporting our efforts to make Sepulveda Boulevard more safe. The City of Manhattan Beach has initiated several preliminary steps with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding roadway safety along Sepulveda Boulevard. The City of Manhattan Beach is firmly committed to pursuing every available avenue to identify and implement effective solutions to address the safety concerns of our community, particularly following the tragic, fatal, traffic collision on May 5.

It is important for residents to understand that while Sepulveda Boulevard falls under Caltrans jurisdiction—meaning the City cannot unilaterally implement infrastructure changes—Manhattan Beach officials are actively maintaining open lines of communication, sharing critical information, and providing support to ensure an appropriate and timely response from Caltrans. The City has taken immediate action by deploying electronic message board signs near the accident scene in both directions to alert drivers and increase awareness. MBPD officers are conducting high visibility enforcement and DUI saturation patrols. Additionally, a DUI checkpoint will occur this summer, with specific details to be announced at a later date.

In its engagement with Caltrans, the City has obtained commitment from Caltrans to initiate the planning process for potential safety improvements. Notably, Caltrans provided a response within 24 hours to the City's additional outreach after the recent fatal traffic collision. The Caltrans District 7 Safety Manager has contacted City staff requesting additional background information to support their investigation of the recent incident. Staff have also furnished details regarding prior incidents and will remain actively engaged while Caltrans conducts its comprehensive investigations.

The City deeply appreciates the outpouring of community support for enhanced safety measures and strongly encourages continued public engagement as this process moves forward

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Erik

From: Elizabeth Hiatt <elizabethhiatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:35 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to prioritize Sepulveda safety

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I'd like to add to the others requesting that we prioritize measures to make Sepulveda Blvd more safe. I know this is complicated, but worth the effort.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Hiatt

RE: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda Blvd.

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:46 PM
To 'Cailin Goncalves' <cailingoncalves@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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BCC: City Council

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From: Cailin Goncalves <cailingoncalves@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:19 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda Blvd.

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

As a long time resident and concerned parent, I'm writing in response to the tragic and unexpected death of Braun Levy. In such a short period of time, MB has lost two youths and one pedestrian on the same stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. This is a clear signal that the current conditions on this road are unsafe.

PLEASE take immediate action to make this part of Sepulveda safer. This could include:

- adding traffic lights and flashing crosswalk beacons
- reducing speed limits
- improving pedestrian visibility
- increasing traffic enforcement
- installing barriers
- reviewing DUI checkpoints

Please prioritize this issue and if I can assist in any way I am happy to.

Best,

Cailin Cannon Goncalves

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310-936-9955

RE: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 11/4/2025 9:34 AM
To 'Jessica Warpehoski' <jessicawarpehoski@gmail.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning, Jessica.

Thank you for your suggestions. There will be a series of public meetings related to this safety investigation, so the public has a chance to be part of the solution.

Regarding speed cameras, the City would need a state representative to sponsor a bill to add Manhattan Beach to AB645, similar to what Malibu did. You are welcome to discuss this possibility with a Councilmember.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



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From: Jessica Warpehoski <jessicawarpehoski@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 12:37 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda

Hi again Erik,

I remain concerned that the steps you've noted are not likely to have enough of an impact. I appreciate you continuing to engage with me as I push on this, as this is a deeply concerning issue to me that impacts my family's daily life.

If MB is working with Caltrans, can there be a public meeting of Caltrans, MB staff and City officials including the Mayor, and residents? Caltrans should have data to compare accidents, serious accidents, and deaths on this section of Sepulveda with other sections. Caltrans should be prepared to offer real solutions.

Also, why can't this stretch of Sepulveda use speed cameras? If people know their speed is being recorded and that there will be automatic fines, that is one thing that could actually make a difference. While Manhattan Beach is not authorized to use speed cameras under AB645, why can't Manhattan Beach do what Malibu did under SB1297 to get approval for up to 5 speed cameras along Sepulveda?

I'd appreciate it if you can let me know if you're able to pursue these and other meaningful actions. If not, I will approach other representatives.

Best,
Jessica

On Mon, Nov 3, 2025 at 12:22 PM Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

Our meetings with Caltrans have been very productive in finding solutions to the speeding issue on Sepulveda Boulevard, too. It's all connected to safety.

Please note that Sepulveda Boulevard is a State Highway, and the City does not have any direct control over the street, so we are working with them to prioritize the projects that the City or Caltrans will be pursuing.

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From: Jessica Warpehoski <jessicawarpehoski@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 12:05 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda

Hi Erik,

Thanks for your response - I truly appreciate it.

While things like DUI prevention are important, that is not a problem unique to Sepulveda between 2nd Street and Manhattan Beach Blvd. It is quite obvious that until speed is reduced in that specific stretch of Sepulveda, there will continue to be accidents and deaths. There was just a major accident this past Friday at Sepulveda & 9th St (and it was 4 hours between the City's initial email about the collision and road closure to the email stating that it had been cleared). The difference is readily apparent when comparing that stretch of Sepulveda to PCH in Hermosa Beach where there are more frequent traffic lights that slow down traffic. From your initial response, it doesn't sound like the City and CALTRANS are particularly focused on reducing speed. Can that be changed? Shouldn't that be the top priority (don't the data support it)? I remain deeply concerned that the efforts you've noted will not produce meaningful results until speed is reduced.

Best,
Jessica

On Mon, Nov 3, 2025 at 10:35 AM Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Good morning, Jessica,

In the wake of the latest tragedy on May 4, the City has initiated a focused, proactive effort with our partners at the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) to enhance safety, particularly along the Sepulveda Boulevard corridor. Since June, the City and CALTRANS have held tri-weekly meetings to expedite the evaluation of safety concerns and potential countermeasures. This ongoing collaboration has already compiled over a dozen possible safety measures. These measures span multiple categories, including:

- Pedestrian Improvements: Enhancing crosswalk visibility and safe pathways.
- Traffic Circulation Changes: Optimizing flow to reduce conflict points.
- Public Education: Campaigns intended to educate the public on safe driving, riding, and walking.

The Manhattan Beach Police Department has also taken immediate action to reinforce public awareness and enforcement in alignment with the goals of the Live Like Braun Foundation.

- **DUI Prevention:** The City conducted a DUI checkpoint in July and is maintaining an ongoing education campaign using changeable message boards strategically placed around the City.
- Additionally, the Police Department has conducted high visibility speed and DUI enforcement along the Sepulveda Corridor.
- **Data Collection:** Our police department has deployed surveillance cameras several times to record traffic and pedestrian behavior on Sepulveda Boulevard. This visual data, combined with the comprehensive collision analysis currently being conducted by both the City and CALTRANS, will ensure that the actions we take will address the safety issues that we have recorded.

You may have already seen some of these measures implemented on Sepulveda Boulevard and more will be pursued in the coming months and years. The City and Caltrans are committed to improving safety for all users along this corridor.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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From: Jessica Warpehoski <jessicawarpehoski@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 2, 2025 1:30 AM

To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safety on Sepulveda

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Hello,

I am a Manhattan Beach resident and would like to know how the city is going to make Sepulveda safer between 2nd St. and Manhattan Beach Blvd. As I am sure you are aware,

there have been numerous deaths and major accidents. How many more deaths and injuries will it take before something is done to slow down traffic in that area? I've been to third world countries that have solved this problem with speed bumps, including on highways. Surely there have been enough incidents to justify more traffic lights, speed bumps, or something to slow down the traffic in that stretch. Is the city working to remedy this? If not, how can we change that?

Many thanks in advance for your response and action on this deeply concerning issue.

Best,
Jessica Warpehoski

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda / PCH

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 9:34 AM
To 'Stacey Fundingsland' <stacey.fundingsland@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Stacey,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Stacey Fundingsland <stacey.fundingsland@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:31 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda / PCH

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Hi,

I'm writing in concern of the stretch of sepulveda where three people have died this year, including two students. What can the city do to make this stretch of road more safe: can there be a traffic light added, an over pass that goes over the road, blinking cross walks?

As a parent in the tree section, I'd would love to see a proposal from the city on what can be remedied to make this road and crossing the road safer for our community.

Thank you,
Stacey Fundingsland

Stacey Fundingsland
stacey.fundingsland@gmail.com
310-648-1273

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Blvd - Please address accidents!!

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:42 PM
To 'Chris Sharp' <cmbsharp@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Chris,

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Chris Sharp <cmbsharp@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:05 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Blvd - Please address accidents!!

Importance: High

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I am writing and pleading to our MB Council to urgently address Sepulveda Blvd and the accidents that continue to take lives.

We need to have better speed controls - lights that are not timed, increased DUI check points. I have lived in MB for 20 years and I rarely see a DUI check point once every 2-3 years and they are announced!! That's crazy. Especially after a festival. More can and needs to be done asap.

Concerned 20yr+ resident.

Chris

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Blvd in Manhattan Beach

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:44 PM
To 'Hope Greenberg' <hopemft@aol.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Hope,
Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik

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

From: Hope Greenberg <hopemft@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:07 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Blvd in Manhattan Beach

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Too many lives lost, one is too many. Our city representatives need to make changes to Sepulveda Blvd in MB now!!!

Hope Greenberg
Manhattan Beach
Sent from my iPhone

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Deaths

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Thu 5/8/2025 8:27 AM

To 'Melanie Knopke' <mel.knopke@gmail.com>

Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Melanie,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Melanie Knopke <mel.knopke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:50 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Deaths

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Good evening Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe.

The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Melanie Knopke

Owner Miaca Marketing
www.miacamarketing.com

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety Measures

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/21/2025 7:40 PM
To 'safetysepulveda@gmail.com' <safetysepulveda@gmail.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hello Geneva,

I'd be happy to chat with you and hear about possible safety measures you have in mind along Sepulveda Boulevard.

The City is working closely with Caltrans to develop a safety plan and we welcome all the input we can get.

My days get booked with meetings but I see some availability next week Wednesday morning 5/28 or Thursday afternoon 5/29.

When is a good time for you?

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:19 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety Measures

Hi Erik,

Please see the email below.

Thank you,
Carianne

From: Sepulveda Safety <safetysepulveda@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:18 AM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety Measures

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Hello Traffic Engineering Department,

I'm Geneva Huang, a current Manhattan Beach resident and Mira Costa High School student. With the recent accidents on Sepulveda, my peers and I want to implement more safety measures and were wondering if we could chat with you about cost-efficient yet promising measures that can make our community safer. We have some solutions we would like to bring into fruition for Sepulveda and would love your input. Please let me know if you are available to

meet.

Thank you for your time,

Geneva Huang

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety Measures2

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/21/2025 9:56 AM
To Elia Rosner <erosner@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc Ted Fatuross <tfatuross@manhattanbeach.gov>

Thanks! I'll reach out to Geneva.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik

From: Elia Rosner <erosner@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:34 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: Ted Fatuross <tfatuross@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety Measures

Hey Eric,

Passing this along to you since it's more in your lane and Caltrans'. Looks like local students are interested in discussing some ideas to improve safety on Sepulveda after recent fatal accidents involving their classmates.

Thanks,



ELIA ROSNER
PLANNING TECHNICIAN

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From: Sepulveda Safety <safetysepulveda@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:20 AM

To: Planning <planning@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety Measures

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Hello Planning Division,

I'm Geneva Huang, a current Manhattan Beach resident and Mira Costa High School student. With the recent accidents on Sepulveda, my peers and I want to implement more safety measures and were wondering if we could chat with you about cost-efficient yet promising measures that can make our community safer. We have some solutions we would like to bring into fruition for Sepulveda and would love your input. Please let me know if you are available to meet.

Thank you for your time,

Geneva Huang

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 9:07 AM
To 'jan0093@aol.com' <jan0093@aol.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Jan,
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From: Jan Inoue <jan0093@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:05 PM
To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Safety

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Dear City of Manhattan Beach,

Our city has suffered the tragic deaths of two young men within months. This is a wake up call. No city can prevent unnecessary deaths within their boundaries, but we need to do better.

City Council members, you have the resources and platform to enact changes that may save lives in the future. Maybe we can have more patrol to slow down speeding vehicles or drunk drivers. Maybe we install blinking yellow

lights on Sepulveda to slow down traffic. Maybe we install cameras throughout the city to let the public know that we can track down criminals so behave.

This task is monumental, I know. I have lived here for over 30 years and the City of MB has been well run and cared for. I'm sure we can think of something to make our city a little safer.

Please take action. Thank you.

Jan Inoue

Sent from my iPhone

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda traffic.

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 9:13 AM
To 'Gail Laskowski' <laskowskigail@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Gail,

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From: Gail Laskowski <laskowskigail@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 4:44 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda traffic.

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

As a concerned parent and member of the Manhattan Beach community, I'm writing with a heavy heart and a deep sense of urgency. In just the past few months, our city has lost two children and one pedestrian—three lives taken along the same stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. This is not just a tragic coincidence. It's a clear signal that the current conditions on this major thoroughfare are unsafe and unacceptable.

We cannot afford to wait for another tragedy to take action. Sepulveda is not just a state highway—it cuts through the heart of our community. Our children cross it. Our neighbors walk along it. And right now, it's failing them.

I implore you to take immediate and visible action to make this stretch of road safer. This could include—but should not be limited to—adding traffic lights and flashing crosswalk beacons, reducing speed limits, improving pedestrian visibility, increasing traffic enforcement, installing barriers, and reviewing DUI checkpoints and driver education programs.

We do not want Manhattan Beach to be remembered for preventable deaths. We want to be known as a community that acts swiftly and compassionately when it's clear that lives are at risk.

Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Gail

Gail Laskowski
1038 11th st.
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Sent from Gmail Mobile

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Tragedies

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 9:18 AM
To 'Thomas Morrissey' <tom.morrissey27@gmail.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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From: Thomas Morrissey <tom.morrissey27@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:23 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda Tragedies

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Hi - With the recent tragedy on Sepulveda, I hope there can be some immediate action to try and make that area of Sepulveda safe. There have been way too many horrendous incidents over the years.
Please act now!

Best,

Tom Morrissey

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Mon 5/12/2025 3:45 PM

To 'Tracie Held' <traciebaja@yahoo.com>

Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Tracy,

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Erik

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

From: Tracie Held <traciebaja@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 9:16 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda

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I stand with my neighbors & all the compelling letters that have been written in regards to the safety of our city. We must do everything in our power to avoid another tragic loss of life.

Thank you for your time.

Tracie Held

Sent from my iPhone

RE: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda-Safety

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:32 PM
To 'Pooneh Nobari' <poonehnobari@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Erik

BCC: City Council

From: Pooneh Nobari <poonehnobari@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:18 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sepulveda-Safety

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Dear Erik,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to urgently request traffic safety improvements on Sepulveda Boulevard between Artesia and Marine. As you know, our community has suffered a devastating loss this year with the deaths of two students due to reckless driving in this area.

We are deeply concerned for the safety of our children and believe immediate action is necessary. If the city could consider installing more checkpoints, enhancing speed enforcement, or implementing other traffic calming measures, it would go a long way in preventing further tragedies.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and hope to see meaningful changes implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Thank you,

Pooneh

Sent from my iPhone

RE: [EXTERNAL] SEPULVEDA-SAFETY-ACTIONS

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 12:12 PM

To 'Miya' <miyabusinessinfo@yahoo.com>

Good afternoon Miya,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Erik

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

From: Miya <miyabusinessinfo@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:28 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] SEPULVEDA-SAFETY-ACTIONS

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Hello,

My name is Miya, I'm a resident of Hermosa Beach with a freshman at Costa.

With the recent events the last few months of 2 young lives lost on Sepulveda, it's time to be proactive and prevent more deaths in our communities.

Sepulveda is busy and people drive way too fast, especially at night. We need more stop signs or lights we need walking cross paths with lights for pedestrians and more police presence on Sepulveda in Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach.

With the most recent now legal jaywalking laws, more than ever, people are crossing Sepulveda and with traffic lights way far apart from one another, people take a big risk every single day crossing that boulevard.

I'm especially concerned for our teenagers and kids in our neighborhoods that are only used to crossing our little streets and don't quite understand how big the stretch is to walk across and how fast cars are going. Plus they tend to often be distracted by their phones and EarPods listening to music.

I would like to also point out that we very, very, very rarely see any police cars on Sepulveda in the evenings or in our whole neighborhoods in that matter. This would help possibly preventing drinking and driving and inevitably obligate people to drive slowly.

It's not because we don't have crimes that we can't show presence to avoid crimes.

I beg you to consider the disposition and traffic control for pedestrians on the whole Sepulveda stretch.

Thank you!

Miya

RE: [EXTERNAL] Traffic safety on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:36 PM
To 'Nazly Westernoff' <nazlymehdzadeh@aol.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Nazly,

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Erik

BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Nazly Westernoff <nazlymehdizadeh@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:09 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic safety on Sepulveda

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Good morning Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe. The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking to reduce traffic, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary. The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Nazly Westernoff

RE: [EXTERNAL] Tragedy on Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 9:19 AM
To 'Segilmd' <segilmd@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good morning Donne,

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Erik

From: Segilmd <segilmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:46 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tragedy on Sepulveda

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Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Donne

Donne Segil
610 18th St
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Action Required on Sepulveda Lives Are at Stake

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:37 PM
To 'Tanya Monaghan' <tanyathor@yahoo.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Tanya Monaghan <tanyathor@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:06 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Action Required on Sepulveda—Lives Are at Stake

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Sincerely,

Tanya Monaghan

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Request for Safety Improvements on Sepulveda Boulevard

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:47 PM
To 'Paula langstein' <paula@itspaula.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Paula,

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Erik

From: Paula langstein <paula@itspaula.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:57 PM
To: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Request for Safety Improvements on Sepulveda Boulevard

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Dear Council members ,

Over the past few months, our community has endured the heartbreaking loss of two individuals along Sepulveda Boulevard—both during late-night hours.

We are asking the City of Manhattan Beach to act now—before another life is lost. Late-night conditions, limited visibility, and fast-moving traffic create a dangerous combination that urgently needs to be addressed.

Recommended Safety Improvements

#1. Pedestrian Overpass (see attached image) - The most effective and permanent solution is to build a pedestrian overpass across Sepulveda Boulevard. Hundreds of residents—especially children—cross this street daily on their way to and from school. An overpass would separate foot traffic from vehicles entirely, providing 24/7 safety regardless of lighting, weather, or time of day.

#2 Enhanced Street Lighting - Install brighter, more consistent LED lighting along both sides of Sepulveda, especially at intersections and crosswalks. Well-lit streets dramatically improve nighttime visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

I know infrastructure changes take time—but even small actions, implemented quickly, can help prevent another tragedy.

Please, let's come together as a city and do what's necessary to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer for everyone.

With deep concern and hopeful urgency,
Paula Langstein
Resident, Manhattan Beach



Re: [EXTERNAL] We need safer streets in MB

From Sarah Nedelman <sarahnedelman1@gmail.com>

Date Tue 5/6/2025 5:05 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Thank you for your prompt response. Look forward to making Mb safer!

Sarah

Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2025, at 4:49 PM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

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Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET

TRAFFIC ENGINEER

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From: Sarah Nedelman <sarahnedelman1@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:15 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] We need safer streets in MB

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To whom it may concern,

Please help. Something has to be done to make our city streets safer. Another life was lost on Sepulveda this past weekend. As a mother of two children here in Manhattan Beach I fear for their life everytime they go out whether it's walking, on their ebike, or in a car. The amount of speeding and running red lights on all our streets is insane. I witness it every single day. As a former trauma ICU nurse I know that speed kills and is a huge factor in fatal crashes.

We need to find a way to work together to make our streets safer. Manhattan beach should be known as a place you don't want to speed or drink and drive as you WILL get a ticket or pulled over and/or placed in jail.

Police need to be proactive not reactive. I live off marine in a residential neighborhood and the police frequent 70 MPH down the street. They are responding to crime not preventing it. Here are a few on my suggestions:

- DUI checkpoints on weekends and during big events-beach life- 4th of July- Festivals, Fireworks etc.
- Ways to slow traffic on Sepulveda on off peak times- Its not a freeway-more frequent changing of stoplights or more stoplights so people can't gain speed. If its slow- people GPS's will avoid it.
- Speed checks, red camera light cameras, police presence, giving tickets.
- Lit crosswalks, and flashing lights when pedestrians are crossing.
- Potential overpasses or tunnels for pedestrians at busy intersections.
- DUI's given more frequently- monitoring when bars close to be prepared to give tickets
- More patrolling and police presence in general (could help with crime and break- ins also)

Manhattan Beach is only getting denser with more families moving in. There will be more children on bikes, walking to school, driving etc. We need to protect them, and all the residents quite frankly. The roads are extremely dangerous here. Please listen, please help. I am willing to be on any taskforce to assist in anyway. No more lives need to be taken.

Sincerely,

Sarah Nedelman
Manhattan Beach resident since 2015

RE: [EXTERNAL] We need safer streets in MB

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Sarah Nedelman <sarahnedelman1@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:15 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] We need safer streets in MB

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To whom it may concern,

Please help. Something has to be done to make our city streets safer. Another life was lost on Sepulveda this past weekend. As a mother of two children here in Manhattan Beach I fear for their life everytime they go out whether it's walking, on their ebike, or in a car. The amount of speeding and running red lights on all our streets is insane. I witness it every single day. As a former trauma ICU nurse I know that speed kills and is a huge factor in fatal crashes.

We need to find a way to work together to make our streets safer. Manhattan beach should be known as a place you don't want to speed or drink and drive as you WILL get a ticket or pulled over and/or placed in jail.

Police need to be proactive not reactive. I live off marine in a residential neighborhood and the police frequent 70 MPH down the street. They are responding to crime not preventing it. Here are a few on my suggestions:

- DUI checkpoints on weekends and during big events-beach life- 4th of July- Festivals, Fireworks etc.
- Ways to slow traffic on Sepulveda on off peak times- Its not a freeway-more frequent changing of stoplights or more stoplights so people can't gain speed. If its slow- people GPS's will avoid it.
- Speed checks, red camera light cameras, police presence, giving tickets.
- Lit crosswalks, and flashing lights when pedestrians are crossing.
- Potential overpasses or tunnels for pedestrians at busy intersections.
- DUI's given more frequently- monitoring when bars close to be prepared to give tickets
- More patrolling and police presence in general (could help with crime and break- ins also)

Manhattan Beach is only getting denser with more families moving in. There will be more children on bikes, walking to school, driving etc. We need to protect them, and all the residents quite frankly. The roads are extremely dangerous here. Please listen, please help. I am willing to be on any taskforce to assist in anyway. No more lives need to be taken.

Sincerely,

Sarah Nedelman
Manhattan Beach resident since 2015

RE: [EXTERNAL] We need your help and action

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:38 PM
To 'Theresa Johnson' <theresawjohnson@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Theresa,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

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Erik

From: Theresa Johnson <theresawjohnson@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:19 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] We need your help and action

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Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Manhattan Beach City Council,

As a concerned parent and member of the Manhattan Beach community, I'm writing with a heavy heart and a deep sense of urgency. In just the past few months, our city has lost two children and one pedestrian—three lives taken along the same stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard. This is not just a tragic coincidence. It's a clear signal that the current conditions on this major thoroughfare are unsafe and unacceptable.

We cannot afford to wait for another tragedy to take action. Sepulveda is not just a state highway—it cuts through the heart of our community. Residential communities on both the West and the East sides. Our children cross it. Our neighbors walk along it. And right now, it's failing them.

I implore you to take immediate and visible action to make this stretch of road safer. This could include—but should not be limited to—adding traffic lights and flashing crosswalk beacons, reducing speed limits, improving pedestrian visibility, increasing traffic enforcement, installing barriers, and reviewing DUI checkpoints and driver education programs. In addition to the state mandates for housing density with "no traffic requirements" this is only going to get worse. Action needs to be taken.

We do not want Manhattan Beach to be remembered for preventable deaths. We want to be known as a community that acts swiftly and compassionately when it's clear that lives are at risk.

Please prioritize this issue without delay. If there is any way I can support or help facilitate these efforts, I'm ready and willing.

Sincerely,
Theresa Johnson

Theresa Johnson
2705 Bayview Drive
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

RE: Pedestrian Safety on Sepulveda Bl

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:45 PM
To 'Sharis Mardirosian' <sharis.mardirosian@gmail.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Sharis Mardirosian <sharis.mardirosian@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:13 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: Pedestrian Safety on Sepulveda Bl

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

Please help us in keeping our city safe. The past six months has been devastating with death after death on Sepulveda. Please consider adding traffic lights to reduce speed, flashing lights at crosswalks, rezoning parking, increasing police control on Sepulveda, providing more DUI test points or any other measures your team finds necessary.

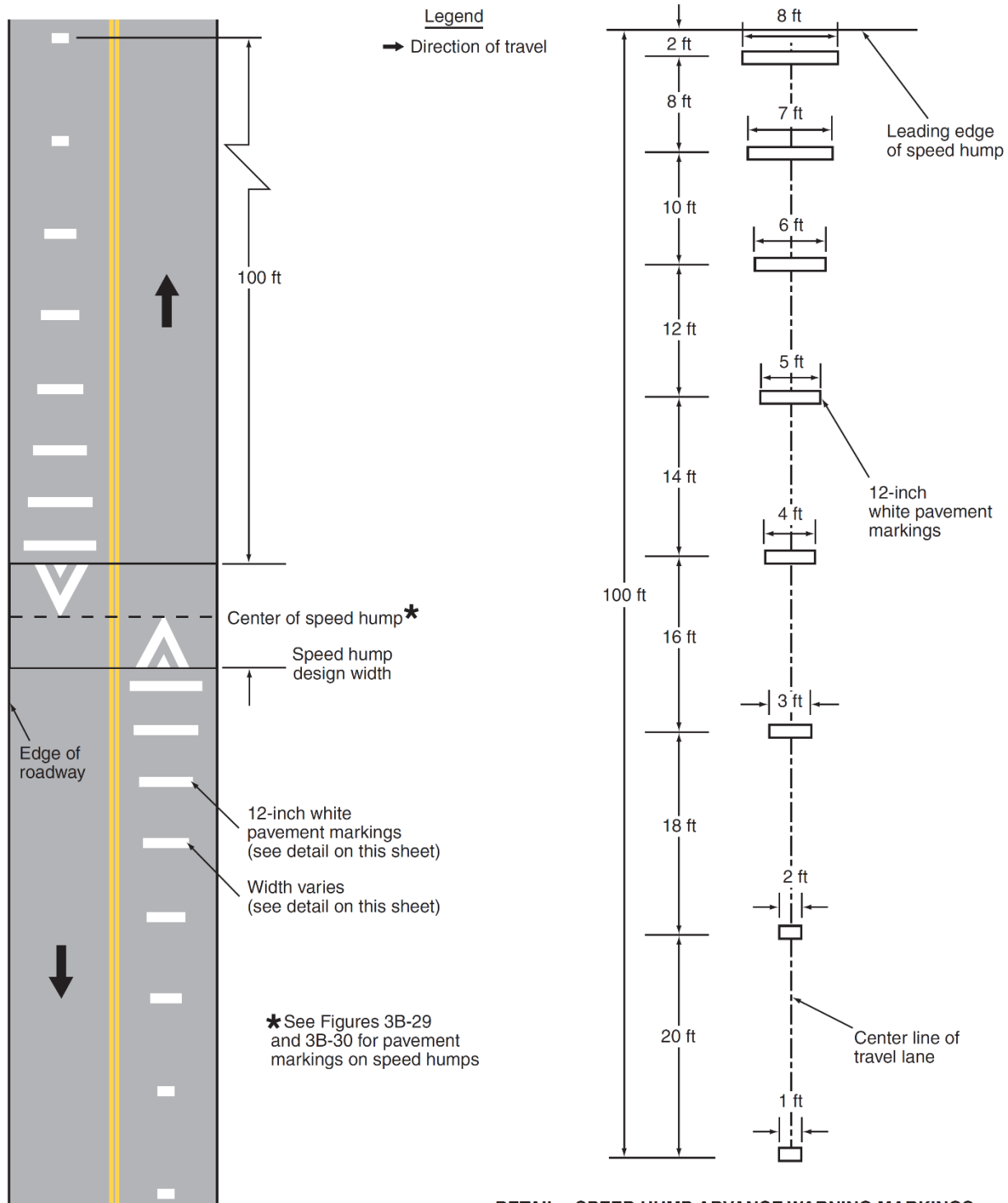
The city of Manhattan Beach should not be recognized for the deaths and traffic accidents we have been experiencing this year. We need your response as urgently as possible regarding this matter.

Please let me know if there's anyway I can assist. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Sharis Mardirosian


Sent from my iPhone

Figure 3B-31. Advance Warning Markings for Speed Humps



RE: Reckless Sepulveda Driving

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 6/24/2025 12:02 PM
To Ishaan Aggarwal <iaggarwal@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc Carianne Lopez <clopez@manhattanbeach.gov>

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camutcd2014-part3-rev8-a11y-advance speed markings.pdf;

Good morning Ishaan,
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Erik

From: Ishaan Aggarwal <iaggarwal@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 7:40 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: Reckless Sepulveda Driving

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Best Regards,

Ishaan Aggarwal (Parks and Rec Student Rep)

Re: Reckless Sepulveda Driving

From Ishaan Aggarwal <iaggarwal@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 6/24/2025 5:08 PM
To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc Carianne Lopez <clopez@manhattanbeach.gov>

Good afternoon Mr. Zandvliet,

Thank you so much for taking my idea into consideration. I would definitely be interested in chatting with you at our next meeting, and would like to be involved in upcoming public discussions regarding this safety study!

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Ishaan Aggarwal

From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 12:02:09 PM
To: Ishaan Aggarwal
Cc: Carianne Chavez
Subject: RE: Reckless Sepulveda Driving

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RE: Request for Speed Limit Sign ♦ S. Sepulveda Blvd (Entrance to Manhattan Beach)

From Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Fri 2/6/2026 1:40 PM

To robert Udovich <brooklynpizza@hotmail.com>; Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hello Robert,

Thank you for reaching out, the Traffic Engineer has been copied and will contact you.

Thank you,
Priscilla Colindres



TRAFFIC

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From: robert Udovich <brooklynpizza@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 12:53 PM

To: Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Speed Limit Sign – S. Sepulveda Blvd (Entrance to Manhattan Beach)

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Hello Traffic Engineering Team,

I am writing to formally request the review and possible installation of a posted speed limit sign along **South Sepulveda Boulevard**, specifically in the area of **500–600 South Sepulveda Blvd**, which serves as a primary entrance into Manhattan Beach.

This stretch of roadway experiences frequent speeding, particularly as vehicles enter the city limits. Given the surrounding businesses, pedestrian activity, and turning traffic in and out of driveways, the

lack of a clearly posted speed limit creates an ongoing safety concern for motorists, pedestrians, and local businesses.

A visible, clearly posted speed limit sign in this location would help reinforce appropriate speeds as drivers transition into Manhattan Beach and improve overall traffic safety in the corridor.

If a traffic review or study is required, I would appreciate guidance on next steps or any additional information you may need from me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Bob

500 South Sepulveda Boulevard

Manhattan Beach, CAtraffic@manhattanbeach.gov

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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RE: Responses related to safety concerns for 201 N Sepulveda ROD development.

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 1/28/2026 5:21 PM
To Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>

Nothing yet.
We don't typically create webpages for traffic studies.
A press release, maybe.
There's nothing report at this time.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET
TRAFFIC ENGINEER

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From: Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 5:18 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: RE: Responses related to safety concerns for 201 N Sepulveda ROD development.

Do we have a webpage related to the safety study? If so, we could provide a link. If not, do you think we should create one?



ADAM FINESTONE, AICP

PLANNING MANAGER

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From: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 5:10 PM

To: Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>; Ted Fatuross <tfatuross@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc: Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: Responses related to safety concerns for 201 N Sepulveda ROD development.

Johnathan,

Here's some language you can incorporate into responses to citizen inquiries about the Deep Roots site:

Short Answer:

The City is also concerned with these potential impacts and is responding where it can. As your probably aware, Sepulveda Boulevard is a State highway and is not within the City's jurisdiction. We are currently conducting traffic safety studies in collaboration with the State of California and the surrounding neighborhoods to address both existing and future traffic and parking concerns. You can reach out to the City's Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet (who is copied on this email) for details on the safety studies.

Long answer:

Thank you for raising the questions about potential safety impacts related to the proposed residential development at 201 North Sepulveda Boulevard.

The City is also concerned with these potential impacts and is responding where it can. As your probably aware, Sepulveda Boulevard is a State highway and is not within the City's jurisdiction. While the City is not conducting a safety study specifically related to this project, the City Council directed staff to initiate a focused, proactive effort with our partners at the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) to enhance safety along the Sepulveda Boulevard corridor soon after the tragic fatal collision involving Braun Levy on May 4, 2025. Since June, this ongoing collaboration has

already compiled over 30 potential safety strategies. These strategies span multiple categories, such as:

- Pedestrian Improvements: Enhancing crosswalk visibility and safe pathways.
- Traffic Circulation Changes: Optimizing flow and restricting turns to reduce conflict points.
- Public Education: Campaigns intended to educate the public on safe driving, riding, and walking.

We plan on presenting the findings of the joint City-Caltrans safety evaluation to the City Council later this spring.

Coincidentally, this residential project site is also in an area with an active Neighborhood Traffic Management Study. We held an initial public outreach meeting on March 27, 2025 to solicit public feedback, and the City is currently analyzing a list of potential traffic calming measures to address existing and future non-resident traffic and parking issues. We intend to incorporate many of the potential safety strategies identified in the joint City-Caltrans safety evaluation into the ongoing Neighborhood Traffic Management Study as well.

We will be inviting residents and businesses in the surrounding area to attend a series of public meetings later this year to determine which measures the residents support and should be implemented.

I encourage you and your neighbors to attend these meetings in person or virtually and/or submit comments.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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RE: Safer Sepulveda

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Tue 5/6/2025 4:39 PM
To 'Marianne Turner' <marianeturner@daviselen.com>
Bcc List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

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BCC: City Council

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Erik

From: Marianne Turner <marianneturner@daviselen.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:54 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safer Sepulveda

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Subject: Urgent Request for Safety Improvements on Sepulveda Avenue between 8th Street and Artesia Boulevard

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Marianne Turner, and I am a concerned resident of our community. I am writing to express urgent concern about the dangerous conditions on **Sepulveda Avenue between 8th Street and Artesia Boulevard**, particularly for the many teenagers who walk, bike, or attempt to cross this stretch daily.

This corridor has become increasingly unsafe—and heartbreakingly, the danger is no longer hypothetical. **In just the past five months, two teenagers have lost their lives on this stretch of Sepulveda.** These are devastating, preventable tragedies that have shaken our community and left families forever changed.

Despite being a major thoroughfare, this part of Sepulveda lacks sufficient pedestrian infrastructure. There are not enough clearly marked crosswalks in high-traffic areas and driver speeds often exceed the posted limit—especially late at night when teens are going to/from friends' homes, going for a late night bite to eat or simply getting home from a late practice.

Teenagers are not just pedestrians—they are our children, our students, our neighbors. They deserve to move safely through their own community without fear of being struck by a car. As it stands, we are failing them.

I respectfully urge the Council to prioritize the following safety improvements for this stretch of Sepulveda:

- Install highly visible, signaled crosswalks at key pedestrian crossing points
- Add flashing pedestrian signage and better lighting
- Implement speed-calming measures such as radar signs, speed bumps, or stepped-up enforcement during school and evening hours along with DUI check-point(s)

We have already lost two young lives. We cannot wait for another. The time to act is now—and I know that together, we can make this road safer for every teen who uses it.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the safety of our residents. I would welcome the opportunity to speak further or help coordinate with local families and schools on this issue.

Sincerely,

Marianne Turner

MARIANNE TURNER | PARTNER, GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR

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RE: Safety study needed on (SR-1) Sepulveda Bl. in Manhattan Beach

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 9:15 AM
To Matt Sabosky <msabosky@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc Kelly A. Benjamin <kbenjamin@manhattanbeach.gov>

Thanks, I've started to do that for traffic matters. Best of luck in your new assignment. You will likely still be CC:d for this fatal collision because you were Lieutenant during the prior fatal collision on Sepulveda.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik

From: Matt Sabosky <msabosky@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:54 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: Kelly A. Benjamin <kbenjamin@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: Safety study needed on (SR-1) Sepulveda Bl. in Manhattan Beach

Hey Erik

I have been transferred to a new unit. I cc'd Kelly Benjamin, my replacement. It was a pleasure working with you!



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From: Erik Zandvliet
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:59:22 PM

To: Rachel Johnson; Keith Kugley; Matt Sabosky
Cc: Michael Codron; Quinn Barrow; Alexandria Latragna; Talyn Mirzakhonian
Subject: RE: Safety study needed on (SR-1) Sepulveda Bl. in Manhattan Beach

CC: Police Chief and Traffic Lieutenant.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



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From: Talyn Mirzakhonian <tmirzakhonian@manhattanbeach.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:46 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc: Michael Codron <mcodron@manhattanbeach.gov>; Quinn Barrow <qbarrow@manhattanbeach.gov>;
Alexandria Latragna <alatragna@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: RE: Safety study needed on (SR-1) Sepulveda Bl. in Manhattan Beach

Thank you for this, Erik. I will be forwarding your email to Senator Ben Allen's office, seeking their assistance on putting pressure on CalTrans.



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From: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:36 PM

To: sheik.m.moinuddin@dot.ca.gov; holton.siu@dot.ca.gov; serena.liu@dot.ca.gov; steve.novotny@dot.ca.gov; dale.benson@dot.ca.gov; lena.levinson@dot.ca.gov

Cc: Michael Codron <mcodron@manhattanbeach.gov>; Talyn Mirzakhian <tmirzakhian@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: Safety study needed on (SR-1) Sepulveda Bl. in Manhattan Beach

Good afternoon, my fellow traffic professionals Sheik, Holton, Serena, Steve, Dale and Lena!

Some of you know me, I'm Erik Zandvliet, the City Traffic Engineer for Manhattan Beach, and our city just experienced its third traffic death on a 1-mile segment of SR-1 (Sepulveda Boulevard) in a year. As you may be aware, the latest fatality was a 18-year old high school student run over by a DUI driver yesterday. In January, we reached out to Caltrans after the second fatality for your E&T records to begin our own investigation into that collision.

Our community is screaming for something to be done to reduce the fatality rate, which means we need a safety analysis of this corridor with actionable measures to pursue.

I am reaching out to ask you how and which office to coordinate with to initiate a corridor- or safety study ASAP.

I am aware of the various safety related programs and funding, but we're not looking for future funding or applying for a particular project. I'm looking for guidance on how to start a safety analysis now, either conducted by Caltrans or by the City.

Do we pursue a Main Street approach, a Complete Streets approach, or Traffic Calming Countermeasures approach? What procedures do we follow?

Please help point me in the right direction. Let's be partners in Vision Zero / Safe System Approach and reduce fatalities on our State Highway.

Thank you in advance for a quick reply. The more insight you can give me the better!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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RE: SR-1/PCH/Sepulveda Blvd. in Manhattan Beach

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 5/21/2025 5:15 PM

To 'Haber, Lee J@DOT' <lee.haber@dot.ca.gov>; Kelly A. Benjamin <kbenjamin@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Molina, Rafael A@DOT <rafael.molina@dot.ca.gov>; Padres, Mary@DOT <Mary.Padres@dot.ca.gov>; Nguyen, Karen@DOT <Karen.Nguyen@dot.ca.gov>

Thank you, Lee for reaching out and for our phone conversation earlier today.

I am copying Lt. Kelly Benjamin to ask that the Police Dept. forward that double fatal TC report to your office and Mary ASAP.

Our Police Records will have that report.

Talk to you after you return, and I'll work with Mary and Karen in the meantime.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Haber, Lee J@DOT <lee.haber@dot.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 5:05 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc: Molina, Rafael A@DOT <rafael.molina@dot.ca.gov>; Padres, Mary@DOT <Mary.Padres@dot.ca.gov>; Nguyen, Karen@DOT <Karen.Nguyen@dot.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] SR-1/PCH/Sepulveda Blvd. in Manhattan Beach

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Hi Erik,

Good to meet you virtually earlier and talk with you.

As discussed, I am working to close things up and shut down early Friday afternoon. I will be on vacation starting Friday afternoon, 5/23 and returning to the USA on 6/18.

Mary Padres is our Office Chief for this area.

Karen Nguyen is our Senior Transportation Engineer for this area.

Both of them will be your contacts on this. I will work with all of you when I return to get up to speed on where things are when I am back.

And please send us the Traffic Collision Report (usually a CHP 555) for the double fatal crash that was mentioned in the meeting earlier. It is important for us to see that, determine the date and location of the crash, and see if it was in the immediate segment between Artesia Blvd. and Manhattan Beach Blvd that we were discussing.

Please connect us with the best person at the Police Department so that Mary, Karen and I can talk with the person before I depart on vacation.

Thanks.

LEE J. HABER, PE

Chief Safety Officer (Road Safety)

District 7 Division of Transportation Safety and Operations

Cell (213)-269-0791


RE: SS4A Program

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Mon 5/12/2025 4:45 PM

To Nina Tarnay <ntarnay@manhattanbeach.gov>; Talyn Mirzakhania <tmirzakhania@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Gilbert Gamboa <ggamboa@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erick Lee <elee@manhattanbeach.gov>; Michael Codron <mcodron@manhattanbeach.gov>

 2 attachments (4 MB)

Local Roadway Safety Plan.pdf; CC staff report - 4-19-2022 Adopting LRSP.pdf;

Thanks for asking!

The SS4A program requires that a city have an approved “Local Roadway Safety Plan” (LRSP) that identifies priority safety projects for possible funding.

Manhattan Beach has a LRSP (attached), and we applied for SS4A funds in 2022 and 2024 for projects in that Safety Plan. Neither application was awarded funding.

There are a couple of projects identified in the LRSP on Sepulveda Boulevard that could possibly be packaged together into a funding application.

I have copied Gil Gamboa, our Acting City Engineer, on this email to add any more details or insight.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

From: Nina Tarnay <ntarnay@manhattanbeach.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:49 AM

To: Talyn Mirzakhania <tmirzakhania@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: SS4A Program

Hi Talyn and Erik,

Can you please look into this? Looks like we could get funding to mitigate dangers on Sepulveda. I think RB, HB and ESG would partner with us in applying for the funding. Please note application deadline is fairly close—June 26th. Let me know if you need anything from me to get this done. Thank you.

Best,
Nina

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nina Tarnay <ninatarnay@gmail.com>
Date: May 12, 2025 at 10:44:24 AM PDT
To: Nina Tarnay <ntarnay@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Document - May 12, 2025

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From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Nicole Hirshberg](#)
Cc: [Traffic](#)
Subject: RE: Urgent matter
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:10:10 AM

Good morning Nicole,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard. On behalf of all City staff and the City Council, I want to express our profound sadness regarding the tragic death of Braun Levi in last Sunday's fatal traffic collision. Our hearts go out to Braun's family, friends, and the entire community during this immensely difficult time.

We share your concerns about safety on Sepulveda Boulevard particularly the stretch south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard, which has tragically been the site of multiple fatal accidents in recent years. We take these incidents very seriously, and we are committed to improving safety for all who travel within our City.

Our Police Department Traffic Bureau personnel will be conducting high visibility traffic enforcement focusing on primary collision factors, such as speed, along Sepulveda Boulevard. We will work with our regional enforcement partners to conduct DUI saturation patrols in Manhattan Beach. We will also work with our local schools to remind our students to "stay safe when crossing" and educate them on traffic safety as pedestrians, as bicyclists, and while driving.

We have already reached out to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) yet again, which has jurisdiction over this stretch of Sepulveda Boulevard (SR-1) within Manhattan Beach. We have voiced our desire to partner with Caltrans to help them implement robust safety measures quickly and leverage every available resource to protect our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your suggestions to make Sepulveda Boulevard safer. Your input will be invaluable as we work with Caltrans and other stakeholders to create safer streets for everyone in Manhattan Beach.

With your permission, I would like to add your email to our contact list, so you can stay informed of upcoming public outreach efforts and to participate in the safety effort.

Again, thank you for your concern. Making our community safer for all residents and visitors always remains our highest priority.

BCC: City Council

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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From: Nicole Hirshberg <NHirshberg@jr286.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:31 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent matter

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Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing with urgency, sorrow, and resolve to ask that you declare a **local state of emergency** regarding the ongoing, preventable fatalities occurring along the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in our community. Most recently, our city has been shaken by the tragic deaths of Braun Levi and Ford Savela, whose lives were senselessly cut short on a stretch of road that has long been known to be perilous for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

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We urge the Manhattan Beach City Council to follow the lead of cities like Malibu, whose "**Go Safely PCH**" campaign exemplifies what's possible when municipalities, law enforcement, Caltrans, school districts, and concerned residents come together to treat this issue with the seriousness it deserves. Their approach includes increased enforcement, speed mitigation measures, improved signage and lighting, pedestrian infrastructure enhancements, and a united public awareness campaign.

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We need to FIGHT to SLOW SEPULVEDA DOWN

Please let me know what I can do to help

Campaign , raise awareness , collect funding to pay for more lights you name it

I don't want to see or wait for another child to loose their life

Respectfully,

Nicole Hirshberg

Manhattan Beach Resident

Sent from my iPhone

RE: Urgent matter

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Date Wed 5/7/2025 9:10 AM
To 'Nicole Hirshberg' <NHirshberg@jr286.com>
Cc Traffic <traffic@manhattanbeach.gov>
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Manhattan Beach Resident

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Reckless Sepulveda Driving

From Ishaan Aggarwal <iaggarwal@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Mon 6/23/2025 7:39 PM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hi Mr. Zandvliet,

My name is Ishaan Aggarwal and I am the current Parks and Rec Student representative; today in our monthly meeting I proposed a solution to the current issue of speeding on Sepulveda and I was directed to you! Currently, the 35 mile per hour speed limit signs are helping, but reckless drivers are still blatantly ignoring them (particularly between Longfellow and 2nd street).

Today I was in Playa Vista on Bluff Creek Drive and I saw something super interesting, long speed bumps. People could comfortably drive 30 miles an hour over them, but if one attempted to surpass that speed it essentially would damage the car.

After seeing this I thought that this would be a great addition, every few hundred feet, on the 2nd street area of Sepulveda. People who do speed first off will be literally forced to slow down without a cop constantly being present. In addition this won't slow down traffic during the day because they will be relatively shallow bumps. I also think that leading up to these speed bumps we could have thick lines painted onto the ground that would essentially let the cars know, through vibration, to slow down. If you find this interesting I would love to chat about it and I hope to make our city as safe as possible!

Best Regards,
Ishaan Aggarwal (Parks and Rec Student Rep)

Responses related to safety concerns for 201 N Sepulveda ROD development.

From Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 1/28/2026 5:10 PM

To Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>; Ted Faturos <tfaturos@manhattanbeach.gov>

Cc Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>

Johnathon,

Here's some language you can incorporate into responses to citizen inquiries about the Deep Roots site:

Short Answer:

The City is also concerned with these potential impacts and is responding where it can. As your probably aware, Sepulveda Boulevard is a State highway and is not within the City's jurisdiction. We are currently conducting traffic safety studies in collaboration with the State of California and the surrounding neighborhoods to address both existing and future traffic and parking concerns. You can reach out to the City's Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet (who is copied on this email) for details on the safety studies.

Long answer:

Thank you for raising the questions about potential safety impacts related to the proposed residential development at 201 North Sepulveda Boulevard.

The City is also concerned with these potential impacts and is responding where it can. As your probably aware, Sepulveda Boulevard is a State highway and is not within the City's jurisdiction. While the City is not conducting a safety study specifically related to this project, the City Council directed staff to initiate a focused, proactive effort with our partners at the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) to enhance safety along the Sepulveda Boulevard corridor soon after the tragic fatal collision involving Braun Levy on May 4, 2025. Since June, this ongoing collaboration has already compiled over 30 potential safety strategies. These strategies span multiple categories, such as:

- Pedestrian Improvements: Enhancing crosswalk visibility and safe pathways.
- Traffic Circulation Changes: Optimizing flow and restricting turns to reduce conflict points.
- Public Education: Campaigns intended to educate the public on safe driving, riding, and walking.

We plan on presenting the findings of the joint City-Caltrans safety evaluation to the City Council later this spring.

Coincidentally, this residential project site is also in an area with an active Neighborhood Traffic Management Study. We held an initial public outreach meeting on March 27, 2025 to solicit public feedback, and the City is currently analyzing a list of potential traffic calming measures to address existing and future non-resident traffic and parking issues. We intend to incorporate many of the

potential safety strategies identified in the joint City-Caltrans safety evaluation into the ongoing Neighborhood Traffic Management Study as well.

We will be inviting residents and businesses in the surrounding area to attend a series of public meetings later this year to determine which measures the residents support and should be implemented.

I encourage you and your neighbors to attend these meetings in person or virtually and/or submit comments.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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201-207 N. Sepulveda Boulevard Email Received January 24th

From Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 1/28/2026 4:49 PM

To olivia@rothrealestateco.com <olivia@rothrealestateco.com>

Cc Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>; Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>

BCC: City Council

Good Afternoon Ms. Roth,

Thank you for contacting the City of Manhattan Beach regarding the proposed multi-family residential project at 201-207 N Sepulveda Boulevard. My name is Johnathon Masi, Associate Planner with the City, and I am the assigned project planner.

As noted in the [informational notice](#) you may have received, pursuant to state law, the project is permitted by-right, and is not subject to a public hearing. This means the City has no discretion as to whether to approve or deny the project.

Because the project is in the Residential Overlay District (ROD), it will be reviewed by City staff and will not be considered by the Planning Commission or City Council. Additionally, because the project is allowed by-right, it is not subject to environmental review. This means the City cannot require technical studies (i.e., traffic impact studies) as part of the review process. The City is working with Caltrans to conduct a safety study of Sepulveda Blvd, in response to the recent pedestrian fatalities along Sepulveda Blvd. You can reach out to the City's Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet (who is copied on this email) for details on the safety study.

Because the project is utilizing State Density Bonus Law, it is entitled to relief from local zoning codes and regulations, including height and number of units proposed in exchange for providing a certain percentage of the units as affordable housing units. Further, state law significantly limits the City's authority to deny a density bonus project. Please refer to the City's [ROD website](#), where you can read more about the ROD and density bonus law.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,



JOHNATHON MASI
ASSOCIATE PLANNER

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From: Olivia Roth <olivia@rothrealestateco.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2026 12:15 PM
To: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed 7-Story Development at Sepulveda & 2nd Street

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 7-story, 60-unit residential development at the corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and 2nd Street, the former Deep Roots Nursery site.

Sepulveda Boulevard is a state highway, not a neighborhood street, and this stretch has long raised serious public safety concerns. There have already been numerous accidents and fatalities in this area, and the intersection at 2nd Street is frequently congested and difficult to navigate, especially during school drop-off and pick-up hours.

Adding a project of this scale at this location would significantly increase traffic entering and crossing Sepulveda, further elevating risks for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. It would also exacerbate delays at an intersection that is already strained and dangerous.

Public safety must be a top priority. A development of this size and height is not an appropriate fit for this location and warrants careful scrutiny, robust public input, and a thoughtful reconsideration of whether it aligns with the character and safety needs of our community.

I respectfully urge the City Council to consider these concerns seriously as this project moves forward.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Olivia Roth
Manhattan Beach Resident

Emailed Received January 28th - 201-207 N. Sepulveda Boulevard

From Johnathon Masi <jmasi@manhattanbeach.gov>

Date Wed 1/28/2026 5:00 PM

To katelyn7481@gmail.com <katelyn7481@gmail.com>

Cc Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; Adam Finestone, AICP <afinestone@manhattanbeach.gov>; Masa Alkire, AICP <malkire@manhattanbeach.gov>

BCC: City Council

Good Afternoon Ms. Mendez,

Thank you for contacting the City of Manhattan Beach regarding the proposed multi-family residential project at 201-207 N Sepulveda Boulevard. My name is Johnathon Masi, Associate Planner with the City, and I am the assigned project planner.

As noted in the [informational notice](#) you may have received, pursuant to state law, the project is permitted by-right, and is not subject to a public hearing. This means the City has no discretion as to whether to approve or deny the project.

Because the project is utilizing State Density Bonus Law, it is entitled to relief from local zoning codes and regulations, including height and number of units proposed in exchange for providing a certain percentage of the units as affordable housing units. Further, state law significantly limits the City's authority to deny a density bonus project. Please refer to the City's [ROD website](#), where you can read more about the ROD and density bonus law.

Because the project is in the Residential Overlay District (ROD), it will be reviewed by City staff and will not be considered by the Planning Commission or City Council. Additionally, because the project is allowed by-right, it is not subject to environmental review. This means the City cannot require technical studies (i.e., traffic impact studies) as part of the review process. The City is working with Caltrans to conduct a safety study of Sepulveda Blvd, in response to the recent pedestrian fatalities along Sepulveda Blvd. You can reach out to the City's Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet (who is copied on this email) for details on the safety study.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,



JOHNATHON MASI
ASSOCIATE PLANNER

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

From: Katelyn Mendez <katelyn7481@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 8:44 AM
To: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>; Planning <planning@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Safety and Traffic Concerns – Proposed Development at Sepulveda Blvd & 2nd Street

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council Members and Planning Department,

I am writing to express serious public safety and traffic concerns regarding the proposed multi-story residential development at the corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and 2nd Street, located at the former Deep Roots Nursery site.

Sepulveda Boulevard is a state highway and one of the most heavily traveled corridors in Manhattan Beach. The intersection at 2nd Street already experiences significant congestion, frequent backups, and ongoing safety challenges—particularly during school drop-off and pick-up hours. Residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers regularly face difficulty navigating this crossing.

The proposed project would introduce a large concentration of new residential units and vehicle activity at an intersection that is already strained. In addition, the project is requesting a height waiver to exceed the City's established 35-foot height limit, signaling a development scale that is notably larger than what the surrounding area was designed to support.

This raises important and reasonable concerns, including:

- Increased traffic entering and crossing Sepulveda Boulevard
- Greater risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers at an already challenging intersection
- Longer delays and congestion that may worsen existing safety conditions

I recognize the importance of thoughtful development and housing opportunities; however, location matters. Placing a project of this size, density, and scale at a state highway intersection with known safety concerns deserves careful evaluation, robust traffic analysis, and meaningful public input.

I respectfully urge the City to prioritize public safety, compatibility with the surrounding community, and long-term impacts when considering this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kat Mendez
Manhattan Beach

Thanks,
Kat Mendez

[EXTERNAL] Re: PPIC to Discuss Potential Safety Measures Mar. 26

From shelley conrad <cirrus_now@yahoo.com>

Date Sun 3/22/2026 9:01 AM

To Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

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Thank you Erik for keeping me updated on the plans to move forward on safety measure to be taken on ways to increase safety along Sepulveda Boulevard. I am concerned it has taken over a year for this to be put on the agenda. I hope something is decided on soon to prevent another serious fatal accident takes place. Please keep me informed if this matter. Since I live in Idaho I'm not sure the Commission is interested in my input. I will let you be my voice. Thank you for your continued help on the matter.

Shelley Conrad

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2026, at 7:01 PM, Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon!

As someone who sent in correspondence related to traffic and pedestrian safety along Sepulveda Boulevard, I am sending you a personal copy of the Parking and Public Improvements meeting agenda and staff report. At this meeting, the Commission will discuss a wide range of potential safety measures in the wake of two fatal collisions last year.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 4PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The Commission will not be making any specific decisions at the meeting, but will discuss and recommend that the City Council consider certain safety measures for implementation or further study. We would appreciate your participation either in person or via correspondence on this matter.

PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS MEETING

WHEN: March 26, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers

1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

OR virtually via Zoom.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate or submit written comments. Instructions how to participate are in the meeting agenda. The Agenda can be found on the PPIC Commission webpage and City Calendar at the City's website www.manhattanbeach.gov. For additional information or to send correspondence, please contact us at traffic@manhattanbeach.gov or call Erik Zandvliet, City Traffic Engineer, at (310) 802-5522.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



ERIK ZANDVLIET
TRAFFIC ENGINEER

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<PPIC Staff Report-Sepulveda BI Safety Study 3-26-2026.pdf>
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**PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
COMMISSION**

March 26, 2026

Correspondence Received

After Agenda Posting for

Consideration of Traffic, Bicycle and
Pedestrian Safety Measures along Sepulveda
Boulevard

Phone Correspondence:

None.

Email Correspondence:

See Attached.



Susan Gilefsky at March 26, 2026 at 9:43am PDT

Support

Thank you for considering safety issues on Sepulveda/PCH



Liam Walsh at March 26, 2026 at 1:30am PDT

Support

I'm a resident of north redondo beach but Artesia is the most direct way for me to get to the beach. Can you please add the missing crosswalk at PCH and Artesia? Making pedestrians and cyclists cross these very wide roads three times instead of one so drivers can save a few seconds is not fair and is more exposure for being hit by a car.

I have personally nearly been hit multiple times while biking across PCH/Artesia and PCH/MBB by drivers taking a "right on red" without stopping or looking. One car at MBB/PCH locked up their tires when they saw me crossing and skidded to a stop in the crosswalk ahead of me, despite having a red light. I'd also like to see turn lanes removed at these and other major intersections to shorten crossings, reduce walk times and slow down cars turning.

More than signs are needed to deter speeding and protect all road users. Physically narrowing lanes and intersections would help make this a safer area to walk and avoid any more needless death and injury.



Vincent Busam at March 25, 2026 at 11:15am PDT

Support

I'm very happy to see the city and CalTrans working on improving the safety of Sepulveda/PCH. The recent tragedies on this stretch of road highlight what we already knew - this road is too dangerous. The proposed modifications look good to me, and are a good first step towards making this corridor safer. I encourage their implementation.

However, we must not finish this and call "job done". After these changes, this will remain a VERY dangerous street. This stretch of road is and will still be designed to allow drivers to comfortable travel much faster than the posted 35MPH speed limit. As long as they are comfortable speeding, they'll speed. These speeds are fundamentally what caused these collisions. We must continue to work making this a proper safe street for our communities. Let's look at road diets, lane narrowing, and other bigger changes that traffic engineers around the world have found to drastically reduce their collision rates while maintaining throughput during peak hour.

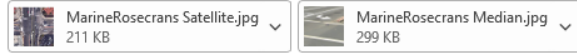
Re: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Sepulveda Boulevard Safety Discussion – Community Input Encouraged

JA Jeff Ackermann <jeff.ackermann@yahoo.com>
To Traffic
Cc Erik Zandvliet

Reply Reply All Forward

Wed 3/25/2026 10:28 PM

Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.



Thanks for updating the link. I'm just going to submit via the traffic@manhattanbeach.gov email since I don't see a place to add photos on the Ecomment section.

- 1) Thank you for the in-depth analysis of the Sepulveda corridor. It's clear that a lot of work went into this important safety concern as demonstrated by the recent tragedies that we've experienced.
- 2) Thank for you for soliciting Public Comment on the matter as it demonstrates responsiveness to community concerns and taps into local knowledge.
- 3) I'd like to suggest looking into an additional safety hazard that was not covered in the safety measures under consideration. Specifically, northbound traffic on Sepulveda through the Marine Ave intersection. As a local resident, I've noticed over the years that as you head northbound in the third lane through the intersection, you need to jog right, or you will hit the median (see attached overhead photo). If you haven't passed through the intersection 100's of times before like myself, it's an easy correction to miss since you approach the intersection going uphill and the median is not easily visible as you approach. At night, it's an accident waiting to happen.

The second attached photo shows the status of the median as of September 2025. It appears at one time there was warning signage on the median and I definitely remember reflectors on the curb. These have all been presumably obliterated by cars hitting the median. I'm not aware of any specific accidents due to cars hitting the median, but one can reasonably assume a car hitting the median at the speeds that cars often pass through this intersection could have catastrophic results. Long story, short... it seems this should also be included the safety improvements for the Sepulveda corridor.

Thanks for listening,
Jeff

FW: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Sepulveda Boulevard Safety Discussion – Community Input Encouraged

Summarize

Erik Zandvliet
To jeff.ackermann@yahoo.com
Cc Priscilla Colindres

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 3/26/2026 8:25 AM

You replied to this message on 3/26/2026 8:42 AM.



Good morning Jeff,

Thank you for the great suggestion. Some positive lane guidance with signs and striping could help.

Your comments will be forwarded to the Commission for their consideration at the meeting, and I will request that Caltrans replace the missing signs on the median nose.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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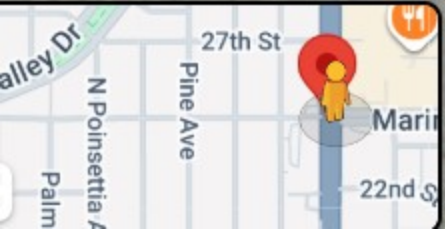


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March 26, 2026

To: City of Manhattan Beach

Re: Safety Measures Along Sepulveda Blvd

I am writing to express my concern regarding the safety of Sepulveda Blvd. One of the goals set by the State Priority Safety Corridor Initiative that was launched on October 15, 2025 is to “achieve a 30% reduction in fatalities and serious injuries by 2035, as part of a longer-term goal of reducing them to zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050”. Furthermore, safety becomes the organizing principle of California’s transportation system. (State Priority Safety Corridor Initiative, dated October 15, 2025).

According to the safety analysis conducted by Manhattan Beach staff of Sepulveda Blvd (detailed in the Legislation Details communication), the average rate of fatal and injury crashes between 2021 and 2025 was 14.5, with the highest 5-year average of 4.21 found between Manhattan Beach Blvd and Marine. The second highest 5-year average of 3.79 occurred between Marine Ave and Rosecrans. These data concur with what Manhattan Beach residents have observed and been communicating to city officials, i.e., that Sepulveda safety is compromised. The most likely reasons are the high number of pedestrians and drivers, traveling at high speed, impaired drivers, lack of traffic markers e.g., visible crosswalks, and now the number of e-bikers who ride on Sepulveda. About a week ago I witnessed a group of about 5 boys on e-bikes going northbound on Sepulveda trying to make a left turn onto 19th Street at 5 p.m. and veering out into the southbound traffic.

The Caltrans-City Sepulveda Safety Measures list dated 3/16/2026 lists potential solutions. However, none of these proposed safety measures addresses the issue of increased number of users i.e., pedestrians, drivers, and e-bikers that will be introduced by high density housing. In fact, the proposed 2301 Sepulveda Blvd housing development will sit on the Sepulveda segment with the highest 5-year fatality rate (as measured by Manhattan Beach staff). Other high density housing projects have been proposed for the segment with the second highest 5-year average fatality rate between Marine and Rosecrans. The proposed safety measures will be countered by the increased number of pedestrians and drivers introduced through the high number of residents living on Sepulveda Blvd.

Taken together, the placement of the residential overlay district on Sepulveda has introduced a new variable that will negatively impact California’s short-term and long-term goals of reducing fatalities and serious injuries. Despite the proposed safety measures the increased number of residents in high density housing, drivers, pedestrians and e-bikers that we will see over the next few years will most likely lead to increased fatalities and traffic accidents along Sepulveda Blvd. The current proposed solutions will not impact future fatality and accident rates. Manhattan Beach needs to come up with additional innovative solutions to address these issues.

Sincerely,

Nancy Harada
Manhattan Beach Resident

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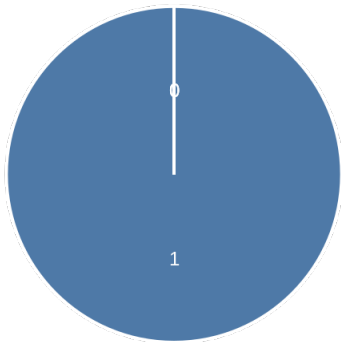
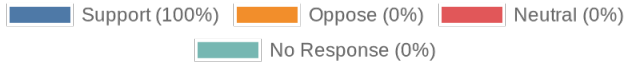
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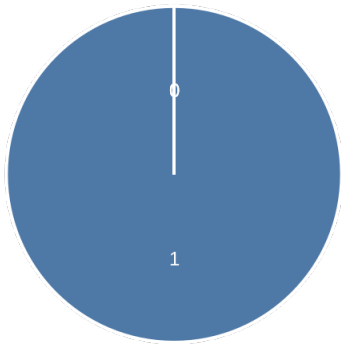
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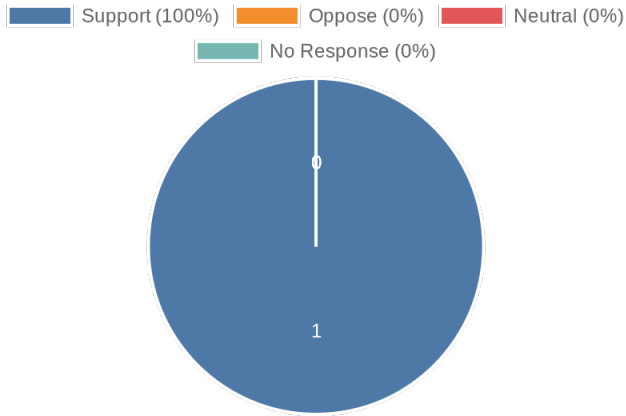
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TIFFANY BARBARA

Location:

Submitted At: 4:27pm 05-05-25

Thank you for implementing Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) in Manhattan Beach. This is a major step toward improving public safety. In light of recent DUI-related deaths, including 18-year-old Braun Levi on May 4, I urge the Council to expand efforts. Please consider manned DUI checkpoints along Sepulveda Blvd (1st to 9th) every Friday and Saturday from 10 PM–2 AM, red light cameras at Sepulveda & Marine, Manhattan Beach Blvd, and Rosecrans, and three speed enforcement cameras in high-risk areas. Based on San Francisco's pilot, each speed camera costs about \$212K–\$242K over several years, with fines helping offset these costs. These measures will help protect our residential neighborhoods and prevent further tragedies.