

ATTACHMENT 5

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El Porto Traffic Diversion June 2016

I have lived in El Porto for over 45 years. During this time I have been affected by rush hour traffic, and inconvenienced from the diversions. Based on this I offer the following input:

Drivers may use Ocean as an alternative to Highland congestion, but traversing through the parking lot would save little time, and may even take longer. As such, vehicles exiting the lot should be allowed to continue straight up 40th Street. 40th is the main through-fare within the small El Porto boundary between Rosecrans and 45th Street. It was designed for traffic flow. Residents purchased homes with this knowledge, and then requested change. Within the El Porto boundary 40th Street:

- Is wider than other streets.
- The only street with painted double lines at the top.
- The only street with a signal at Highland Ave.

Other area diversions that I would request that council consider are:

1) The diversion for southbound traffic on Ocean Ave at 40th St starts at 3pm. This is a good 1 1/2 hours before traffic would start to become heavy enough for motorists to look at options other than continuing on Highland. All the 3pm time does is cause an inconvenience to residence. If the diversion will continue, would council consider moving the time up to 4:30 pm? (Refer to picture next page)

2) Regarding the northbound Manhattan Ave no left turn onto Rosecrans restriction until 10:00 am. This again is an inconvenience to residence, and after the morning traffic rush. In fact, the right lane on northbound Highland opens to allow street parking at 9am. Could the no left turn be either eliminated or moved back to 9am? (Refer to picture next page)

Thank you for the time and consideration,
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Subject: 40th Street

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

I am Charles Ward of 40th Street, El Porto

I have made inquiry with a lawyer who tells me that the City does have the right to establish speed limits in the municipality even when they do not match up with blanket limits established for general areas. As an interesting fact, this attorney tells that his city government lowered the speed limit to 15 MPH in his residential neighborhood.

25 MPH on 40th Street, and I dare say for most if not many of the streets in El Porto is dangerous and creates unsafe conditions for the residents. I urge you to look further into this matter.

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40th Street at Highland Ave.



Traffic diversion sign Southbound Ocean at 40th:



Traffic diversion sign Northbound Manhattan Ave at Rosecrans:



August 13, 2015

City of Manhattan Beach
Parking & Public Improvements Commission
Director of Community Development

Dear Council and Commission Members,

My husband and I are resident owners on 40th Street in North Manhattan Beach. We purchased our home in February 2002 and were part time residents until June of this year when we relocated full time to Manhattan Beach. I have been to council meetings and city commission meetings. I have been pleased that the city listens to the concerns of residents, and has put in place a plan for addressing the needs of the city and its citizens both now and in future years.

With that in mind, I hope you will give deep consideration to my frustration and suggestions in regards to the on-going traffic problem on the very steep hill of 40th Street west of Highland. Automobiles continue to race up the street from the exit of the El Porto parking lot every day, all day long in order to catch the green traffic signal. I want to emphasize that the cars are traveling at a very high unsafe speed – racing! I am not talking about a few cars during the day, I am literally speaking of car after car all through the day especially on weekends. At the close of a sunny beach day, there can be as many as 10 cars lined up the street with others waiting at the bottom of the hill. The noise is incredibly loud, so loud that you cannot continue a conversation sitting inside your house. But even more of a concern is that someday a pedestrian is going to be hit. 40th street has many people young and old walking down and back up every day. Many times there is not enough space on the street to accommodate cars both entering and leaving 40th Street. Add resident parking, children, and pedestrians with their dogs, and the street becomes extremely dangerous.

The signs placed at the exit of El Porto parking lot are for the most part ignored. Very few drivers abide by the directive to turn left or right. The signs are placed there only on weekdays from 3 pm to 8 pm. Yet the exit traffic from the parking lot goes on all day long and is at its worst on weekends which have no signs at all. Some days, the signs are not up until after 4 pm and other days not at all. So I do NOT see the traffic signs having much value. To add insult to all of this, recently an animal patrol truck raced up the hill ignoring the signs below. City workers don't have to abide by the law?

On January 22, 2009, there was a recommendation from the Director of Community Development to the Parking & Public Improvements Commission on the subject of **North Manhattan Beach (El Porto) Neighborhood Traffic Management Program**. The recommendations by the staff seemed very reasonable to me and had the support of those living on 40th St. I know that I have been to more than one meeting on this subject where this has been discussed. What happened to those recommendations? None have been put in place.

My desire is to have the 2009 recommendations adopted and put in place, but I have one very logical and necessary suggestion. **We do not have any speed limit signs anywhere on this**

street. Yet on Ocean between Rosecrans and 40th Street, there are four signs plus three markings on the street itself! I can't believe the city has missed the need. In light of this, I beg you to please put speed limit signs and pavement speed markings of 15 MPH on 40th Street.

Exiting the parking lot on 40th Street adds to the already congested traffic on Highland which at times is grid-lock. As stated in the 2009 recommendations, a far more reasonable and easier exit pattern for automobiles is to turn right on Ocean and proceed to Rosecrans which can handle the traffic going east avoiding a left hand turn from Highland onto Rosecrans. It is much easier for cars going north to proceed to 45th street and then on to Vista Del Mar. But most cars do not do this because they see the stoplight at 40th and Highland. **Perhaps the stoplight should be removed and replaced with a crossing red light.** Drivers would soon find an easier exit on Rosecrans and 45th. This is what many of us living on 40th street do.

I implore you to give thoughtful consideration to the concerns and frustration of residents regarding the traffic on 40th street which has gone on for years. We desperately need help.

Sincerely,



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