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COMMISSION**

December 5, 2024

Correspondence Received

After Agenda Posting

For

**Consider Traffic Calming Measures on Valley Drive
between 1st Street and 10th Place**

Phone Correspondence:

Date – Name, Address –

Email Correspondence: See Attached.

From: [Eisen, David S.](#)
To: [Traffic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lighted flashing stop signs at Valley and 6th
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:20:42 PM

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Mr. Zandvliet:

Although I will be out of town and unavailable to attend the public meeting on December 5, I am writing to inform the Commission that I am **in favor** of the proposed lighted flashing stop signs. I live very close to the intersection (520 N. Ardmore Ave.) and walk and drive through the intersection multiple times each day. I applaud the MB police for their enforcement efforts, but think the lighted signs could further help slow drivers down. Indeed, just a few months ago as I was crossing Valley right at the intersection, I literally had to dive out of the way as a car barreled though. Too many drivers are not paying attention as they approach the intersection.

Please let me know if I could be of further assistance.

Thanks – David Eisen

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Thank you.

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Gary Osterhout](#); [List - PPIC](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Calming Measures on Valley Drive between 1st Street and 10th Place
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 3:11:52 PM

Thank you Gary, for your email below. It will be added to the correspondence received prior to the meeting on Thursday and provided to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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From: Gary Osterhout <garyosterhout@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 2:34 PM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Calming Measures on Valley Drive between 1st Street and 10th Place

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Commissioners:

I do not live in this area, but am often by it.

For aesthetic reasons, I am generally opposed to additional speed limit signs, flashing stop signs and speed awareness signs, unless there is empirical evidence that such signs significantly make a difference. However, we would have no method of determining impact significance if everything is implemented at once.

As with many things we do in MB, I suggest an "incremental approach."

I suggest first approving the sidewalk/crosswalks at 6th, and also repainting the preceding "Stop Ahead" signs on the roadway, which have been neglected and are faded. Low foliage might be planted on the east side to environmentally reduce the openness of this area. The current stop sign poles might be provided red-tape striping. I think the crosswalk/sidewalk alone will significantly achieve compliance.

Having observed a similar intersection at Blanche and Valley where stop compliance seems excellent, suggests that it is the dual one-way lanes that provide a motorist confidence they can glide through the intersection. I believe that environmental changes would be more likely to provide compliance than signage.

Thank you,
Gary Osterhout
598 31st ST.

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [David Schmidt](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 6th and Ardmore and 6th and Valley
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 8:07:56 PM

Thank you, David, for forwarding your concerns and observations. They will be added to the Correspondence we receive and provided to the Commissioners before the meeting.

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Erik



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From: David Schmidt <schmidt90266@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 7:51 PM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th and Ardmore and 6th and Valley

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We have lived at 8th and Poinsettia for 37 years, and have experienced the lack

of compliance with the stop signs at 6th and Valley and Ardmore. The situation seems to be worsening and is likely to lead to a serious incident. The addition of more non-resident traffic and the eBike load exacerbates the potential for an avoidable accident. We are strongly in favor of adding lighted stop signs on both streets. While not a panacea adding more visible signage and continuing the police patrols should lead to substantial improvement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mindy and Dave Schmidt

881 8th Street

Manhattan Beach.

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David Schmidt

Principal

Schmidt & Associates

310-739-2100

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Mary Lively](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Flashing light stop signs at 6th and Valley/Ardmore
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 12:47:06 PM

Good afternoon Mary and Bill,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
They will be added to the Correspondence we receive and provided to the Commissioners before the meeting.

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Erik



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From: Mary Lively <livelymary@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 10:48 AM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Flashing light stop signs at 6th and Valley/Ardmore

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Hi,

We walk our dogs twice daily from 6th and Dianthus to 6th and Ardmore/Valley to walk on the green belt. It has always been a busy intersection and pedestrians need to be alert and careful. Over the last 4 years or so it has become busier with cars driving very fast and barely slowing or not stopping at all at the stop signs. At least a couple times a week we have close calls, almost being hit by a car. Those not familiar with the street might "accidentally" drive through the stop. I feel that flashing lights on the stop signs (like those in Hermosa Beach) will increase visibility of the signs and decrease the incidences of running the stop.

Thank you for your efforts in making our neighborhood safer.

Mary Lively and Bill Wells

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [nharmin](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 6th Street intersection
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:34:34 PM

Good afternoon,,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
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Erik

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From: nharmin <nharmin@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:32 PM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th Street intersection

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i support the move to put flashing lights on the stop sign to this intersection that is a known hazard! It should be on Ardmore and Valley intersections. Thank you Lori Bath
312 south poinsettia ave
Manhattan Beach
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Christina Abel](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 6th street and valley/ardmore
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:31:48 PM

Good afternoon Tina,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik

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From: Christina Abel <tinaabel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:29 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th street and valley/ardmore

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Please consider a flashing stop sign as I have witnessed dangerous episodes of cars running the stop and almost injuring children and adults. Something needs to be done before an injury and or death.

Thank you
Tina Abel
9th street manhattan beach

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Stephanie](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 6th and Valley STOP SIGN
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:20:06 PM

Good afternoon Stephanie,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
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Erik



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From: Stephanie <stephanie@dubinsky6.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:14 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th and Valley STOP SIGN

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Hi

As a resident of MB living in the hill section I am in strong support of adding flashing Stop signs and crosswalk to the corner of 6th Street and Valley. I have been almost hit more times than I can remember as I walk my dog twice a day and use that intersection. Cars do NOT stop and it is extremely unsafe for walkers to cross even though there is a crosswalk. I have seen so many almost mishaps there it really needs to be addressed. The flashing signs would at a minimum slow the cars down enough to not have to run out of the way to not be hit.

Please make our neighborhood safer by initiating this change.

Thank you for your consideration
Stephanie Dubinsky

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Holly Kelly](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 6th & Valley and 6th & Ardmore
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 7:49:55 AM

Good morning Holly,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
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Erik

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From: Holly Kelly <mbkellys@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 7:54 PM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th & Valley and 6th & Ardmore

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6th & Valley and 6th and Ardmore is a very unsafe area!!! Drivers repeatedly run these stop signs because they are not visible enough. This is busy pedestrian area where on multiple occasions, (I have lived on 6th Street for 22 years) I have almost been hit by cars that didn't stop at the stop sign.

This is a known problem area to both the police and the city The police sit in the alley waiting to ticket drivers who do not stop and place lettered warning road signs on the wood chip trail. The City Council has had residents call this dangerous area to their attention repeatedly, yet nothing has been done to increase the safety of the residents who walk through this very busy pedestrian area.

Please don't wait until someone is seriously injured, or, even worse is killed by inaction. I don't know how the city would avoid being sued and held liable when they have been repeatedly been made aware of a known and well documented dangerous area.

Please install flashing solar stop signs at 6th & Valley and 6th & Ardmore as a preventative measure. Please protect our residents.

Manhattan Beach has become more popular with tourists and ride share drivers who do not know our streets, are distracted looking at their apps and maps and frequently run our stop signs.

Thank you for your time and attention to this problem.

Holly Kelly

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Philip Melnick](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: 6th Street and Valley
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 7:50:23 AM

Good morning Phillip,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Erik



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From: Philip Melnick <prmelnickdmd@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 9:50 PM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th Street and Valley

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To: Manhattan Beach PPIC Commission and Traffic Engineer,

We have lived on 6th Street, a short distance from the corner of 6th and Valley, for more than 30 years.

Over time, the 6th Street intersection has become more heavily traveled and dangerous.

Cars and other vehicles often fail to stop at the stop sign, risking serious injury to other automobile passengers and pedestrians.

Something must be done to alleviate this problem. The occasional presence of a police officer has yet to be effective.

A flashing stoplight is a step in the right direction before a catastrophe occurs.

Sincerely,

Phil and Elaine Melnick

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: bbgolfman@aol.com
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 6th and Valley/Ardmore flashing stop sign
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:53:34 AM

Good morning Bill and Anita,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
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Erik



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Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 8:52 AM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th and Valley/Ardmore flashing stop sign

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We have lived on 6th Street for 18 years and in that time we have encountered many close calls crossing this intersection. People simply roll through it and ignore the stop sign all the time. We will not cross that street until we see that the car acknowledges us and comes to a complete stop. A flashing stop sign would increase the visibility and hopefully the compliance that it needs to be effective in keeping pedestrians safe.

We appreciate your swift attention to this safety issue.

Bill and Anita Bronstein
852 6th Street
MB

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Rita Crabtree-Kampe](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: 6th Street Traffic Concerns
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:54:08 AM

Good morning Rita,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
They will be added to the Correspondence we receive and provided to the Commissioners before the meeting.

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Erik



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From: Rita Crabtree-Kampe <eurocrab@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:15 AM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: Rita Crabtree-Kampe <eurocrab@hotmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: 6th Street Traffic Concerns

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To all the members of the Public Parking and Improvement Commission and MB Traffic Engineer,

I am writing to indicate my support for some measure of change to the traffic flow on Valley, particularly concerning the 6th Street STOP sign. It has been recorded by my neighbor and I have witnessed it personally, the egregious lack of respect for the sign and the speed limit. Measures by MBPD to alleviate the issue, draw attention to the stop sign and encourage adherence to the law have been fruitless.

Several solutions have been proposed: Blinking STOP signs at the 6th Street intersection, narrowing of the road to one lane only, speed bumps and a stop sign at an additional location to decrease to ability to pick up speed between Manhattan Beach Blvd and 6th Street.

I am in support of the additional STOP sign at 9th Street since the speed bumps can create issues with emergency vehicles, the narrowing may create a backlog of traffic, and the blinking lights will negatively impact (and are not supported by) the immediate residents' homes.

Thank you for addressing this critical ongoing safety issue. I hope that you will support the additional stop sign at 9th Street.

Thank you for your service to our community,

Rita Crabtree-Kampe

Resident

432 4th Street

914-548-5695

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Alan Nitzberg](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 6th and Valley flashing stop sign
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:54:30 AM

Good morning Alan,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
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Erik

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From: Alan Nitzberg <alan.nitzberg2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:32 AM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th and Valley flashing stop sign

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Regarding the discussion about 6th and Valley:

First of all I fully support the input from Tom Williams on the subject. I spent time with him standing outside his office window watching the traffic there. If you have not done so, please do.

I do not support the flashing sign because I don't think it would be an effective deterrent to the drivers and I wouldn't want the annoying light coming into my windows 24/7.

I also request that you look at the speed of the cars southbound on Valley as they cross 4th place. For pedestrians crossing Valley eastbound to the steps leading to the greenbelt trail it is extremely dangerous due to the arc in the road which makes seeing the oncoming traffic very difficult.. Please consider putting a flashing crosswalk there. If you have not tried to cross there at (especially at rush hour) I wish you would.

Thanks for listening.

Alan Nitzberg
516 5th st.
MB

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: luke.putnam@gmail.com
Cc: "[kathryncputnam](#)"; [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Flashing stop sign at 6th place and Valley
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 3:32:10 PM

Good afternoon Luke and Kathryn,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
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Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 3:28 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: 'kathryncputnam' <kathryncputnam@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Flashing stop sign at 6th place and Valley

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Dear PPIC and MB Traffic Engineer,

My family lives at 436 7th Street, and we cross the intersection of 6th place and Valley multiple times per day. I have lost count how many close calls I have seen with cars, bikes, and pedestrians at this intersection due to folks NOT stopping at the stop signs there. In fact, the neighbor who lives on the southern corner of that intersection has posted on Nextdoor tons of video recordings of people blowing that stop sign. Not only that, but it is also obvious that it is an often-neglected stop sign as the police frequently park on 6th place and ticket drivers who don't stop.

At the very least, a flashing stop light may help prevent its neglect and perhaps even save life and limb.

Thank you for considering our request,

Luke & Kathryn Putnam

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Janette Ocampo](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 6th st blinking stop sign
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 3:31:38 PM

Hi Janette,

Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.

They will be added to the Correspondence we receive and provided to the Commissioners before the meeting.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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From: Janette Ocampo <jocampo90266@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 3:19 PM

To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6th st blinking stop sign

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Dear MB,

I am a resident in MB and travel along Valley. Several times a week I witness a close call and or a no stop at all at the 6th st. Stop Sign. Then the speed generated before they get to First st is elevated. This posses risk for those trying to come on to Valley from the other streets.

I am for the blinking stop sign.

However, this might pose a problem for the residents that live on that corner.

Health & Happiness Janette Ocampo 105 Bayview Dr. MB

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Timothy Hogan](#)
Cc: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Valley flashing Stop sign
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 3:32:59 PM

Good afternoon Timothy,
Thank you for forwarding your concerns and observations.
They will be added to the Correspondence we receive and provided to the Commissioners before the meeting.

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

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From: Timothy Hogan <hogandaz605@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 2:31 PM
To: listppic@mbcity.info
Cc: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Valley flashing Stop sign

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Hello, I have lived in the Hill section for 25 years and ride my bike with surfboard down 6th St past Valley almost every day to surf. It seems at rush hour in the morning the stops are a fraction of a stop or a rolling stop on most cars. I see it every day. A flasher will not solve everything but any additional help will help. It could save my life someday.

Thank you, Timothy Hogan
605 Anderson St. MB

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Solution: 6th Street Stop Sign Violations Creating an Unsafe Environment
Date: Friday, December 6, 2024 8:21:20 AM

Please add this correspondence to the “after posting” file.
All of the correspondence received after posting will need to be compiled and ultimately attached to the City Council report.

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



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From: Tiffany Barbara <seden_lynne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 2:06 PM
To: List - PPIC <ListPPIC@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Solution: 6th Street Stop Sign Violations Creating an Unsafe Environment

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To the MB Traffic Engineer and Public Parking and Improvement Commission:

I am writing to indicate my support for an additional stop sign between MBB and 6th Street on Valley to create a safer intersection at 6th and Valley. Like the stop sign you effectively implemented at Valley and Pine earlier this year, this additional stop sign could decrease drivers' ability to increase their speed to unsafe levels before reaching 6th street and voluntary violations of the 6th street stop sign.

I don't support:

- Do nothing
- A blinking stop sign since it will negatively impact the immediate residents' homes
- Speed bumps that can hinder emergency vehicles and damage resident vehicles
- A narrowing of Valley to one lane, creating a backlog of traffic, congestion, pollution, etc.

Thank you for proactively addressing this critical ongoing safety issue at the PPIC meeting today. It's only a matter of time before we have potentially deadly consequences at the 6th/Valley intersection.

Thank you for your service to our community,

Tiffany Barbara
22 Year Resident
533 2nd Street
213-500-1433

From: [Erik Zandvliet](#)
To: [Carianne Chavez](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Valley Drive Traffic Calming Recommendations
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 3:02:18 PM

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



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From: Tom Williams <tom@frigginyeah.com>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2024 12:26 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Valley Drive Traffic Calming Recommendations

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Hi Erik -

Thank you for the note, and I am sorry for the delay. It's been a few crazy weeks.

I am happy that the city council will get this on the Agenda. While I don't necessarily agree that the current signage recommendations will provide much relief, I am hopeful that the ball will finally be in play after all these years.

Happy New Year!

Best,

Tom Williams, Founder
eCommerce Price Monitoring

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On Wed, Dec 18, 2024 at 8:16 AM Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Good morning Tom,

As a follow up to last night's inquiry, I wanted to let you know that the Valley Drive traffic calming recommendations will be discussed (and approved) by the City Council at their meeting on February 4.

That's the earliest opening on their agenda schedule. We'll be mailing out meeting invitation to the residents after the holidays. This will be a second chance to provide feedback and speak at the City Council meeting.

Wishing you and yours a festive holiday season!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik



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From: Tom Williams <tom@frigginyeah.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 7:10 AM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Feedback: 6th and Valley Flashing Stop Sign Initiative

Hi Erik,

Thank you for sending along!

Best,

Tom Williams, Founder
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On Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 5:48 PM Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Sure! Here's the staff report, which is also the traffic study. The attachments have volume and speed data and a range of traffic calming tools.

You will see that the study backs up what you've observed, and supports your conclusions. There is a prevalent speeding issue both north and south of 6th Street and a large percentage don't stop at the intersection.

We are recommending several traffic calming measures as a first phase, not just a flashing stop sign (which I would agree would not completely solve the problem

entirely, but it would be an improvement over nothing.)
More impactful measures would be considered as a future phase, if the Phase 1 and 2 measures are not effective.

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

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From: Tom Williams <tom@frigginyeah.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 5:20 PM

To: Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Feedback: 6th and Valley Flashing Stop Sign Initiative

Hi Erik -

Could you share that study before the meeting? I'd be interested in seeing the data.

I am currently running the program I mentioned in my email, which analyzes the traffic data from 10/10 to the present. Right now, I have around four days processed, and I am seeing around ~150 violations before 1 p.m. and 350 in the afternoon / early evening. I do not believe a flashing stop sign will have any impact and will be a nuisance to the residences north of the stop signs.

I am out of town for the holidays, and I will share the petition when I get back next week. As we discussed the last time we spoke, I focused on speaking to only the residences on Valley Drive, as they are the ones most impacted by the terrible conditions on Valley. However, if I need to make this a more comprehensive campaign, if our voices stand to be drowned out, then I will take that up after the meeting.

Best,

Tom Williams, Founder
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On Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 3:58 PM Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Tom.

Thank you for sending your email. It will be added to the correspondence for the Commissioners to consider.

If you have your petition ready, you can send it to me and I will make copies for all the Commissioners.

We did, in fact, conduct a traffic study in preparation for this meeting and I'm also recommending several traffic calming measures for their consideration, not only flashing stop signs.

We've invited over 1,000 residents to the meeting to receive their feedback.

The staff report is now ready to view and available on the City's website:

Go to the [PPIC homepage](#) for more information and to download the agenda items.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erik

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From: Tom Williams <tom@frigginyeah.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2024 7:06 AM
To: Allen Kirschenbaum <akirschenbaum@manhattanbeach.gov>; Joe Marcy <jmarcy@manhattanbeach.gov>; Rosemarie Balla <rballa@manhattanbeach.gov>; Bob DaGiau <bdagiau@manhattanbeach.gov>; Erik Zandvliet <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: Amy Thomas Howorth <ahoworth@manhattanbeach.gov>; David Lesser <dlesser@manhattanbeach.gov>; Richard Montgomery <rmontgomery@manhattanbeach.gov>; Joe Franklin <jfranklin@manhattanbeach.gov>; ninatarnay4MB@gmail.com; VoteSteve4mb@gmail.com; Rachel Johnson <rjohnson@manhattanbeach.gov>; City Manager <cm@manhattanbeach.gov>; Hasmig Derderian <Hasmig@119llc.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Feedback: 6th and Valley Flashing Stop Sign Initiative

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Hi -

My name is Tom Williams, and I live at 609 N Valley Dr in Manhattan Beach.

I'd first like to express my appreciation for your consideration in improving the local traffic conditions at 6th and Valley. I watch the daily near misses, sometimes hits, and the complete lack of disregard by drivers from my office on what I contemptuously call the PCH bypass.

I'd also like to state that I do not support putting in a flashing stop sign at this time. There are many reasons why, but the first is that before a vote to consider what traffic calming measures should be undertaken, a traffic study needs to be conducted to determine current traffic patterns, and then once again, after any calming measures have been implemented, to test their effectiveness.

Furthermore, I'd argue that a flashing stop sign does not solve the type of traffic problems we face. The current stop sign is well declared on both sides of the road, it's been striped (even a wider stripe), it's written on the road, and it's announced 150 feet or so before with signage. I'd also argue that the majority of violations that occur are not from people unaware that a stop sign exists but instead from willful disregard of it. Valley Dr, between MB Blvd and 1st, is currently designed in a way that promotes bad behavior, and that needs to change.

I've spoken to over 20 families in the 42 homes that front Valley between MB Blvd and 1st, and one message has resonated very loud and clear: people are fed up with the speed and reckless driving.

They are fed up with being unable to cross the street to the greenbelt safely. They are fed up with their cars getting hit. They are fed up with cars traveling more than 40 miles per hour down the street. They are fed up with drag racing between 6th and 1st. They are fed up with the lack of accountability.

I will present a physically signed petition currently, 24 homes out of 42 on this stretch of road. There has yet to be a single family who has declined to sign. The petition formally requests the city to perform a traffic calming study before taking any action and present all options available.

I believe that radical engineering concepts need to be considered to improve the conditions on Valley:

- Reducing Valley/Ardmore to a single lane in both directions between MB Blvd and 1st. Dedicating the right traffic lane for pedestrians, bike traffic, and emergency vehicles.
- Making Valley/Ardmore bi-directional between MB Blvd and 1st. To match the traffic flow in both the Tree Section and HB to Herondo.
- Add a crosswalk along 6th on both Valley and Ardmore (And potentially other locations of known foot traffic). There are currently no crosswalks from MB Blvd to 1st (0.5 miles). Fun fact:
 - Ardmore - MB Blvd to Rosecrans has eight crosswalks (1.3 miles)
 - Valley - MB Blvd to Rosecrans has eight crosswalks. (1.4 Miles)
- Emergency services friendly speed humps and other traffic calming infrastructure like chicanes. There are knee-jerk emotions to speed humps,

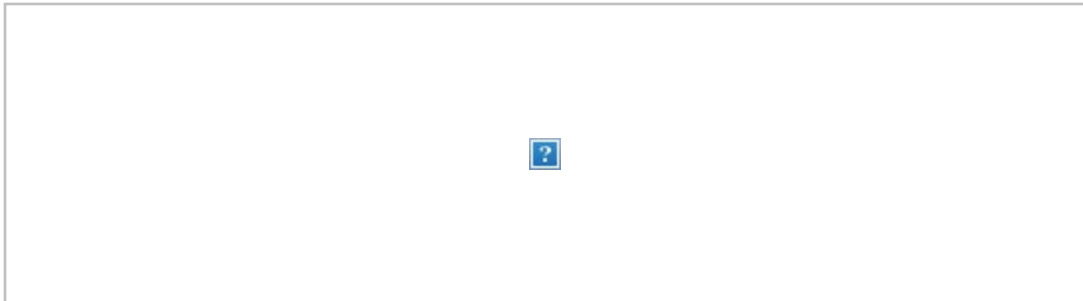
especially when it comes to emergency services, but this has now been well studied and can be engineered to both calm traffic and have minimal to no impact on response times.

I have collected thousands of hours of video footage. I have also created hand-curated clips of some of the worst violators that I'd see with my own eyes. Now, as of last week, I've invested over a hundred hours of my time and built a computer vision model that accurately picks out some of the worst offenders.

To that end, I'd like to offer my footage and my time to work with the city's traffic engineer to profile the vehicle data I am cataloging in lieu of (or in addition to) a traditional traffic study.

I think that together, we'd come to a similar conclusion that most of these violations come from local traffic/commuter traffic that know very well there is a stop sign but also know that it is merely a suggestion 99.98% of the time.

I cannot begin to overstate just how bad the conditions are. It's something that one has to consume in its totality to really appreciate the perverseness of the situation. For example, here are data points from my review the traffic patterns for only one day - 11/19/2024.



If you are curious about what a video of over 400 cars running the stop signing looks like on a given day, and you have a large pot of coffee. Here are all 54 minutes of it: <https://youtu.be/qTpc89B0PSM>

Here are some additional clips I put together in the past.

<https://youtu.be/xXoyWrndTf4>
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Best,

Tom