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Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 9:50:37 AM

To: <>

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<>

Subject: [External] Re: Restriping Mission Inn

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Here is the actual letter; I've left two messages for public works at the number on the letter on 5/3 and 5/5. I have not received a call back.

On Thu, May 5, 2022 at 4:06 PM <> wrote:

Hello Erin,

My name is Virginia Fesunoff, I reside at 4457 Mission Inn Avenue – my family has lived here for 21 years.

I am writing regarding the proposed left turn pocket and red curb plan at Mission Inn and Redwood. As my neighbor, Cynthia Gibbs has also communicated below, the traffic engineering department has not presented a viable method of stating our opposition, so I am hoping you can forward our concerns to the appropriate persons.

I do believe that a left turn solution is warranted. There are too many accidents caused by people trying to turn left, either by their own fault or by unaware drivers rear-ending them. **However**, eliminating the parking in front of so many of our homes is overkill and will result in greater hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists.

I love living on this street – it is one of the prettiest entrances we have to this city. Having cars able to park on both sides of street creates a sense of neighborhood. Parked cars remind drivers to slow down. This IS a neighborhood. Children live here. Elderly people live. Tax payers live here. Voters live here. Eliminating our parking sends the message to drivers passing through that this is just another boulevard to barrel down.

Where will our tradespeople park? A pizza driver is not going to park around the corner to make a delivery. They will park across the street (if there is any parking left) and dash across four lanes of traffic putting their life and my pizza in danger. The same goes for Fedex and UPS drivers. My milkman, plumbers, electricians and lawn maintenance workers will do the same. While jaywalking is prohibited, it **will** become more common. Yes, they should go to the corner, press a button and cross at the light. But they won't. I know it and you know it too.

This project reduces the value of our properties. When the day comes to sell my home, a real estate professional and their client will have to park at least a half a block away, if not more, to visit my home. If I had to hike to my front door, I would have discarded it a potential purchase and they will too. Is the traffic engineering department going to compensate me for loss of value?

I **would** like to see a left turn light installed, but not a turn pocket that requires a red-zone. The cross traffic on Redwood has straight and left traffic taking their turns in each direction. Mission Inn can too.

Traffic backs up? That's fine. This will slow them down. Maybe more people will use the freeway instead of our street.

Traffic Engineering has not had a positive effect here in the last several years. While the light at Pine and Mission Inn was much needed, creating a left turn pocket and abrupt merge to one lane has resulted in more accidents and a sharp increase in road rage/honking incidents. Forcing 2 lanes of traffic going 40 miles an hour into a single lane in just ½ block of space and then slamming to a stop at the light is extraordinarily dangerous. Asking even more people to park only on that side of the street where the merge is occurring is just plain insane.

Please be assured that this neighborhood is unilaterally opposed to the red-curb plan.

Best Regards,

Virginia S. Fesunoff

On May 5, 2022, at 10:46 AM, Cynthia Gibbs <> wrote:

Good morning Erin,

I wanted to raise your awareness about an item on Mission Inn. Many of us received a letter dated May 2nd from the traffic department that they want to re-stripe our block and the block north of Redwood Drive red so they can put in a left pocket turn at Mission Inn and Redwood Drive.

When this issue it was brought to the community in 2016, it was resoundingly met with zero support from the citizens. When we asked what other options there were for that intersection, they just told us nothing else was possible to control the traffic besides pocket turn lanes. We asked about things like having all westbound traffic go and then all eastbound traffic and then north south etc. There are other busy intersections in the city that do this but they kept telling us that there was absolutely no other option besides a left turn pocket. Fast forward to this week and we all received the same letter again asking for our comments about restriping. Again, we resoundingly do not support having two blocks striped red so there is zero parking for our homes.

I have left two messages with the traffic division, it just goes straight to voicemail when I called the number on the letter. It asks for our feedback, but does not provide a link to any supporting documentation like a traffic study or any project information as to the purpose and need or why it's being done. It simply states that they want our feedback and there is a picture on the back of it that shows which blocks will be striped red. We cannot make informed, substantive comments on a project that we have no supporting information for. I realize it is in Ward 1 there are a lot of very important things going on, but it is frustrating to have this conversation once again like we're starting from zero.

Thanks,

Cindy Gibbs
4475 Mission Inn

PS I reached out to Paloma a few months back about the level of trash that was overflowing in the CVS parking lot. It looks like it's being better maintained, thanks to your office for reaching out to the property owner.

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Kirke Jorgensen

4435 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501

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9 May, 2022

Phillip Nitollama, City Traffic Engineer, Public Works Dept, City of Riverside CA.

Dear Mr. Nitollama,

This letter is in reply to your improvement project proposal at the intersections of Redwood Dr. and Mission Inn Avenue. I agree the frequent collisions at this intersection need to be addressed. Most are right-of-way violations caused by drivers attempting to make left turns onto SB Redwood Dr. or NB onto Redwood Dr. I also agree with our many neighbor's concern that adding extensive red curb striping would deprive them of on-street parking, and room for delivery vehicles to unload. It should be appreciated that none of the homes on our north side 4400 block of Mission Inn have front driveways for parking. That is why the elimination of street parking would be so onerous. I am open to suggestions other than curb striping for left turn pockets. I present one below.

Eliminate all left turns from Mission Inn Ave onto Redwood Drive. The city has recently added a signalized dedicated left turn lane on EB Mission Inn onto NB Pine St. A sign could direct drives to turn left on Pine to get to Fairmount Park. Speed humps might be added to parts of Pine to calm traffic.

Drivers traveling WB on Mission Inn could be directed to turn left at Brockton and then take WB University Ave to SB Redwood.

Perhaps other solutions can be considered. As an aside, many years ago 7th St (now MIA) was one way WB out of town, and 8th St (University) was one way EB into town. As a former Riverside Parking, Traffic, and Street Commissioner, I realize not everyone can be pleased.

Sincerely,



Kirke Jorgensen

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PUBLIC WORKS

May 11, 2022

Philip Nitollama
City Traffic Engineer
Traffic Engineering
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3900 Main St.
Riverside, Ca. 92522

Dear Mr. Nitollama

My wife and I approve of the plan to red curb the parts of Mission Inn Ave. specified in your letter. I know that at least one of my neighbors objects to the plan since it will cause some inconvenience to people coming to the houses on the north side of the street. There is alley parking for both of the blocks in question and it has served us well enough for decades.

On the other hand, people have died at the intersection in question in part because the problems inherent in left turns at that intersection. Many more have had their lives disrupted or drastically harmed. I think that their lives are of more value than my convenience in this matter.

May I suggest that the whole of the street from Redwood to Mt. Rubidoux be red curbed, and if not, then at least the last hundred feet or so where the road branches to allow access to Mt. Rubidoux Dr. At present there is no indication that parking is not permitted though it is obvious that it blocks traffic.

Also, please consider making the east-west direction subject to two lights as the north-south direction is currently. This would do much to reduce the left turn collisions at that intersection and would allow more time for the east bound lane than for the west bound lane. In the afternoon and evening east bound traffic backs up a good deal; a longer passage time should help this.

Thanks for reading my comments and suggestions.

Spencer and Denise Boles



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