



## Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

May 15, 2013

Councilmember Joe Buscaino  
Via email

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President

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Dear Councilman Buscaino,

At our Board Meeting May 13, 2013, the Board unanimously (16-0) voted to support the attached resolution with regard to the re-striping of Westmont and Capitol.

We are asking your office to convene a taskforce to examine the impacts at all of the affected intersections and develop recommendations within 30 days for possible alleviation of the problems. We recommend that the task force should at a minimum contain representatives of Taper Elementary, Mary Star of the Sea High School, the Department of Transportation, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the San Pedro Homeowners United, a cyclist, and a representative of at least one of the HOAs from the Gardens. Please let me know how we can help facilitate this process.

Additionally you will notice our request that Neighborhood Councils be notified and consulted in advance is such work in the future. It was helpful to be told that N. Gaffey was going to be closed for two nights for repaving work and our constituents appreciated the notice. Unfortunately we had no notice the night that the intersection of Channel and Gaffey was completely closed resulting in traffic tie-ups. Some of the problem might have been avoided with advance notice.

We hope to work together with your office on this and related issues.

Diana Nave  
President

## **NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL RESOLUTION REGARDING BICYCLE LANES**

Whereas Westmont and Capitol Drives were re-stripped without consultation with or notification of the community; and

Whereas the re-stripping of these streets has resulted in a reduction in lanes for cars; and

Whereas the result of this re-stripping has been a significant traffic tie up at the corner of Taper and Westmont, particularly in the peak morning hour; and

Whereas the intersection of Taper and Westmont is utilized by students going to and from Taper Elementary, Johnston High School, Mary Star of the Sea High School, Dodson Middle School, and Christ Lutheran School; and

Whereas motorists are exhibiting unsafe behavior, particularly at Westmont and Taper where they have been observed to try to pass rapidly through the intersection by using the right hand lane inappropriately, made illegal U turns, tried to go through the intersection when it was not their turn resulting in several “near misses”, and tried to find alternate ways around the intersection by going through the adjacent residential neighborhoods; and

Whereas the reduction in traffic lanes, while known to the Department of Transportation, was not considered in the Draft Ponte Vista EIR;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests:

1. That prior to any more restriping that would result in a reduction in lanes for cars, the community and the impacted Neighborhood Council be consulted, and
2. That adequate notice be given to the community prior to initiation of any future work; and
3. That the Council Office establish a task force to further examine the impacts at all intersections and develop recommendations within 30 days for possible alleviation of the problems, said task force should at a minimum contain representatives of Taper, Mary Star of the Sea, the Department of Transportation, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, San Pedro Homeowners United, a cyclist, and representatives of at least one of the HOAs from the Gardens;
4. The Planning Department and Department of Transportation re-analyze the traffic impacts of the proposed Ponte Vista project to incorporate the new (but previously planned) road configurations and revise the Draft EIR and Traffic Study accordingly.

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