

Altadena Safe Streets Committee
September 6, 2018
Meeting Notes

Introductions and Safe Streets Concerns

1. Sharon: Figueroa and Casitas – need traffic signal.
2. Gina: more trees along Figueroa, west side.
3. Grannie: need more traffic lights on Casitas and left turn signal off Lincoln.
4. Especially Safe Routes to Schools.
5. Melissa: representing the library.
6. Ronald Kelly: Hathaway-Sycamore home – kids get out – jump into yards. Two Town Council reps have been contacted – got no reply. Have called Sheriff's Dept.
7. Pat Pipkin: Safe Routes to Schools – not feeling safe riding bike.
8. Diane Jimenez: Hathaway-Sycamore home – kids get out – jump into her yard and access. Crestford Dr. Has recording of staff member returning call, saying they got him off her roof. Fence has been raised 2 feet.
9. Jazmine: from Day One. Planning Safe Routes to School day in Altadena.
10. Carly: from Day One.
11. Carlotta: Hathaway-Sycamore home – kids get out – run through back yards. Got tire of calling.
 - a. Also, at Casitas and Altadena Dr. lots of drivers fail to stop at stop sign.
12. Shannon: Hathaway-Sycamore home – kids get out.
13. Gary: Large vehicles parked on Woodbury blocks driveway exit view risking bicyclists and vehicles.
14. Protected left turns are inconsistent confusing drivers:
 - Woodbury at Lincoln – protected left turn activation requires multiple vehicles for an extended period in turn lane.
 - Woodbury at Windsor – westbound red arrow is necessary due to obstructed view by slope; eliminate eastbound red arrow that hinders safe legal turns.
 - Remediation recommendations for the West Altadena Business District:
 - Restrict overnight Woodbury parking between Lincoln and Windsor – Tow-Away 2am – 6am
 - Move Metro bus stopover to the west to eliminate blocked view exiting 505 West Woodbury. Can the bus share the large fire hydrant red zone? Consider moving the hydrant east (swapping location with the current metro designated area).
 - Eliminate red left arrow from Woodbury eastbound light at Windsor
 - Set left lane detection minimum parameters to be single vehicle present for one second prior to light change for all directions (northbound, southbound, eastbound, and westbound)
15. Mary Hines: supports people complaining about Hathaway-Sycamore. Arson.
16. CHP Captain Tai Vong: here to listen.
17. Dot: talked about committee.
18. Anne: would like to see roundabouts in Altadena.
19. Tom: works in urban planning.
20. Justin: concern is to reverse automobile-centric street design in Altadena.

Conversation with CHP Captain Vong

1. Best way to communicate is by email: tvong@chp.ca.gov
2. In reply to question about stats near Jackson: no traffic collisions documented right at Jackson.
3. What is CHP role? Be a presence. This usually corrects behavior.
4. 100 employees at Windsor station. This exceeds Altadena Sheriff's station by a bit. Three officers focus on Altadena: Officers Mike Ulloa, Stephanie Norman, Phil Cooper.
5. Office hasn't been communicating responses to requests for attention to specific areas (number of tickets written, for example). Will do better.
6. Station does provide education: bike rodeos, programs (Capt. Vong distribute program brochures). They will come out and do such a program to schools etc.
7. A recent DUI checkpoint has been at Lake and Calaveras.
8. Gina: Casitas and Figueroa: drivers speed through at drop off time. There is a school crossing. Tickets should be given out.
9. Where does ticket revenue go? 50% to County, 50% to City.
10. Engineering is needed as well as enforcement and education.
11. Granny: traffic problem around Odyssey school. Casitas is taking more traffic than street was designed for.

Announcements of upcoming activities and events

1. Meeting next week at Jackson Elementary School, Wednesday **Sept. 12, regarding construction** at school, with PUSD engineer. 5:30 p.m.
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3. Jazmine: October 9 is **Walk to School Day in Altadena**. Each student will be given a flyer to take home. Meetup that day will be at 7th Day Adventist Church on Lincoln Ave at 7 a.m. Should be put on NextDoor.com and facebook group pages.
4. At the end of the walk, at Jackson, there will be speakers including Principal, reps from ATC?, CHP? Also activities. Will try to get walking school buses started. Some teachers are interested.
5. Press releases planned.
6. Sept. 11 Community Safety Workshop planned. Trying to change to Sept. 26 to prep for Walk to School Day. Need volunteer 45-60 minutes. Will also be at back to school night to raise interest.
7. Dot: GoHuman Pop Up Park – Bike Skills event coming up Sept. 23 at Bob Lucas Library. Grannie got Unincorporated Coffee to donate. Taste of Lincoln will offer food samples from Lincoln Ave. vendors. Pop Up Book Sale. Volunteers needed starting at 8:30. Documentation might be useful for future grant (photos, videos).

Final Thoughts

1. Next projects
Grannie: speed bumps
Carlotta: speed limit signs near Muir High School

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

After the meeting, those who stayed discussed the Hathaway-Sycamore home as to what can be done.

- Notes taken by Anne Chomyn