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Attachments: Esplanade Intersection traffic conflicts.pdf; Esplanade and S El Camino Real Intersections 03.18.24.pdf

Jane / Zac,

I am writing to you regarding the traffic safety barriers that were installed at the Esplanade and S El Camino Real intersection. This matter was studied at length at the Sept 15, 2020 City meeting. Bob Conrad and number of local business owners were able to share details on the extremely high accident rate at this intersection where vehicles turning out of Esplanade or the south Ralphs entrance attempting to cross oncoming traffic would misjudge the speed of the oncoming cars and get into serious accidents. See below - this photo was a typical scene prior to these barriers being installed (taken in June 2020).





A long time ago when the City decided to put the signalized intersection on Barcelona and S El Camino Real they made the decision that would be the main entrance on and off S El Camino Real from the Ralphs parking lot and the main beach access for north bound traffic. There are simply too many conflicting turn options between Esplanade, the South Ralphs entrance and the two Zebra's Coffee entrances, all within a couple of hundred feet, with a high volume of high-speed traffic that if those traffic barriers were removed we would once again see a high number of serious accidents in this location.

Now that the City has documented evidence of the success of these safety measures (we have not had a serious accident since the barriers were installed) the liability would be enormous if they were removed and we were to have another serious accident there.

So the City simply cannot remove those barriers without installing a brand new signalized intersection – which would likely be too close to the existing one..

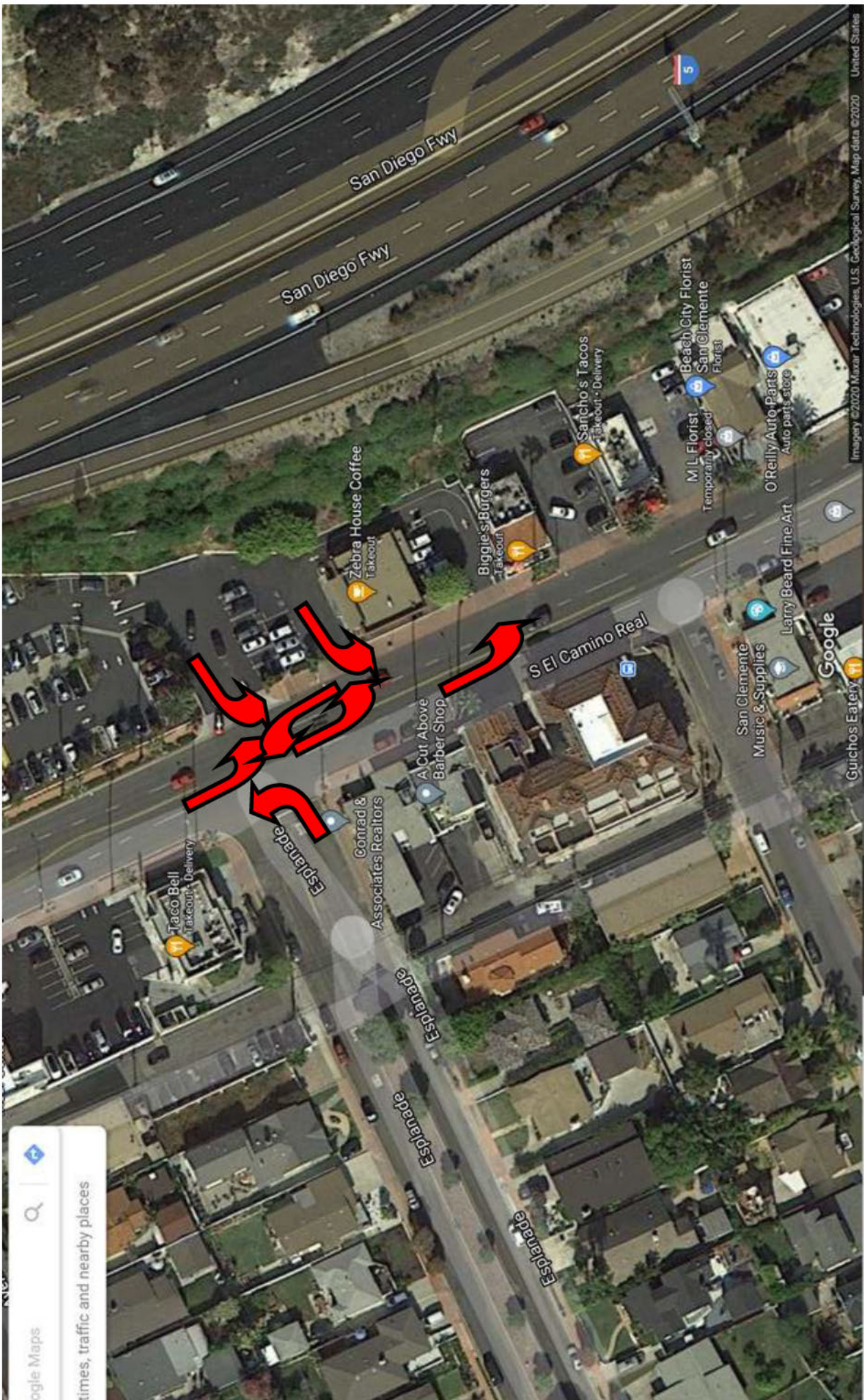
So please leave the barriers as they are.

Thank you.

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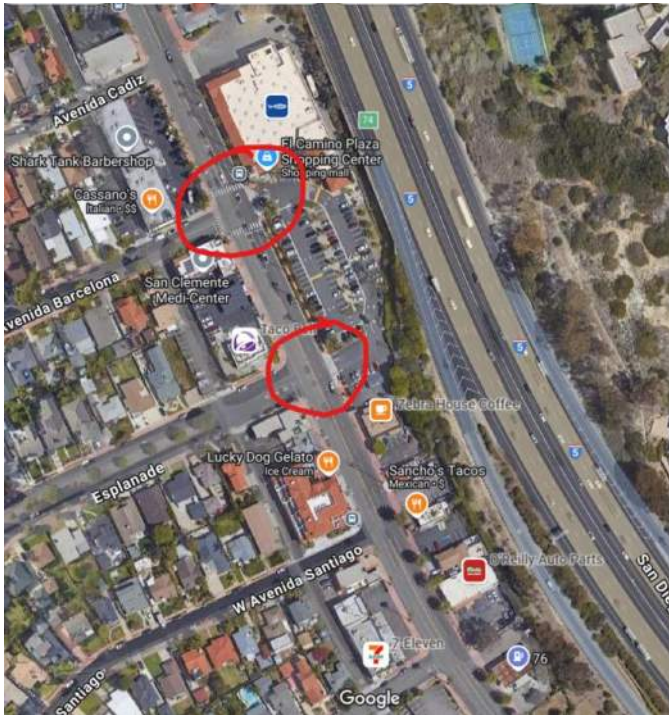


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Esplanade and S El Camino Real Intersections:

Below – Barcelona and S El Camino Real intersection - signalized



Esplanade and S El Camino intersection – showing the numerous potential conflicting traffic pattern options.

