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Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:58 PM
To: Traffic Engineering
Cc: Loeffler, Rick; Duncan, Chris; Enmeier, Mark; Knoblock, Steve
Subject: Re: Consideration on 03/19/2024 of Intersection Safety Improvement on S. El Camion Real at Esplanade

Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Enmeier, Councilmembers, and Traffic Engineering Staff

My wife and I (18 years homeowners on [REDACTED]) respectfully request that the **City modify the existing delineators located at the intersection of South El Camino Real and Esplanade.**

We specifically request that such modification **permit left-hand turns (in a westerly direction) by vehicle traffic proceeding north on South El Camino Real onto Esplanade.** That modification also would permit eastward traffic (towards South El Camino Real) on Esplanade to turn left (north) onto South El Camino Real, which is not permitted at this time due to the placement of delineators on South El Camino.

It should be noted that neither South nor North El Camino Real have delineators placed elsewhere other than at the intersection with Esplanade.

When my wife and I purchased our home 18 years ago, Avenida Barcelona was a quiet street with a low traffic flow. However, several years ago the neighborhood peace was disrupted when delineators were installed on South El Camino. That change seemingly caused all local traffic to be diverted on Avenida Barcelona, which totals an estimated 2,000 cars daily! That is because traffic (including traffic headed towards or from the popular T Street beach) **that would otherwise have been on Esplanade and neighboring streets had instead been diverted to Avenida Barcelona** due to the placement of the delineators!

That traffic created additional safety hazards for the homeowners on Avenida Barcelona: Many of those cars and trucks were driving so fast on our street that the City subsequently installed speed bumps! (By the way, not all cars/trucks slow down for the berms!) Not only is the volume of traffic heightened dramatically and its associated noise significantly louder, but there have been numerous close calls where vehicles pulling out of or into driveways have narrowly avoided collisions with the traffic speeding on Avenida Barcelona. When backing out of our driveways, residents on Avenida Barcelona have to look in both directions (up and down the narrow street) for on-coming traffic since Avenida Barcelona is a two-way street. On the other hand, residents on Esplanade need only look in one direction for oncoming traffic since Esplanade is a divided street with an island in the middle and traffic proceeds from only one direction.

For these reasons, my wife and I have joined other affected Avenida Barcelona homeowners (and **voters**) in requesting the foregoing modification of the delineators on South El Camino Real to make our street safer and neighborhood quieter. Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially

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