

September 13, 2006

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of
September 20, 2006

PIER AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission:

1. Receive public comment regarding the trial striping layout on Pier Avenue between Hermosa Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway;
2. Comment to staff regarding this issue;
3. Direct the Pier Avenue Subcommittee of the Public Works Commission to participate in the proposed "Downtown Enhancement Committee"; and
4. Direct staff to review all comments and prepare a report.

Summary:

Proposition C funding was secured for FY 06-07 (the current fiscal year) for CIP Project No. 04-116 Pier Avenue Street Improvements, which includes reconstruction of Pier Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Hermosa Avenue. Prior to beginning design of these improvements, staff implemented a trial striping project to test reducing the number of travel lanes from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction. This option was recommended by the Downtown Implementation Plan, which was the outcome of a long public process referred to as the R/UDAT process.

R/UDAT stands for the "Regional Urban Design Assistance Team", an interdisciplinary task force organized by the American Institute of Architects to help communities identify issues and develop action plans to implement a shared vision for the future. The R/UDAT process began in 1992 with an independent team comprised of urban designers, architects, planners, traffic and economic consultants from around the country coming to our community to look at the commercial district on Pier Avenue from PCH to the ocean. This team came for a week of intensive brain storming with representatives of the community. Following this effort, Council formed the "City Downtown Enhancement Commission" to hold public workshops and hired a design consultant all of which ultimately resulted in the preparation and approval of the Downtown Implementation Plan adopted in 1994.

The goal of the Implementation Plan was to implement traffic calming measures and to enhance pedestrian amenities thereby creating a comfortable shopping environment for the community and visitors. This would provide a design link between Upper and Lower Pier Avenue and enhance the character of the City's downtown. Reducing Pier Avenue to one lane in each direction was to help accomplish this goal.

This test project has been in place throughout the summer. Traffic counts are being taken and will be presented at this meeting. Observations have confirmed that reducing the number of travel lanes has slowed travel speeds on Pier Avenue and staff believes the crosswalks and diagonal parking have been made safer by the slowed speeds, shortened crosswalk lengths, and widened parking aisle. The question before the Commission is to consider whether these calming measures are acceptable to the community. Many communications, both written and verbal, have been received on both sides of the issue (see attached letters).

This is the beginning of the process, with either the two-lane option or four-lane option, this project will still include installation of street trees, street furniture, old fashioned street lights plus other improvements which will enhance the aesthetics of this downtown corridor as originally proposed through the R/UDAT process. It will be proposed to the City Council that a "Downtown Enhancement Committee" should be formed comprised of two members of the Public Works Commission, the Planning Commission, and the City Council, to review the findings from the R/UDAT process, then review all public comment, comments from the Public Works and Planning Commissions and then make recommendations to Council on the final lane striping as well as design features for this "Legacy" project.

Attachments: Correspondence

Respectfully submitted,

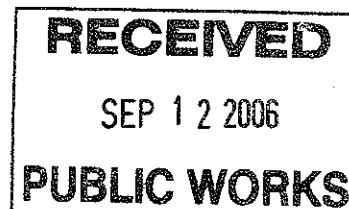
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Morgan', is written over a horizontal line.

Richard D. Morgan, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Marineland Home Owners Association
531 Pier Avenue
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

September 12, 2006

Richard Morgan
Director of Public Works
City of Hermosa Beach



Re: Pier Avenue Re-Striping

Dear Rick,

A few weeks ago I distributed surveys to Marineland Residents regarding the Pier Avenue Re-stripping Project. Enclosed are the completed surveys. The tally is as follows:

Survey Statement	Agree	Disagree	Total
1. The new 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Bard Street and Pier Avenue have made it safer for Marineland residents to enter and exit the park from Bard Street.	25	0	25
2. Pier Avenue has been re-stripped to 2 lanes (from 4 lanes) with plans to eventually widen the sidewalks. The re-stripping is safer for pedestrians because vehicles have to slow down. The wider sidewalks will improve neighborhood closest to Marineland.	20	5	25
Total Surveys			25

In addition to checking "Agree" or "Disagree" many residents also wrote comments.

I hope that this is helpful. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Yates".

Janice Yates
President, Marineland HOA
310-937-7177
zapzap@earthlink.net

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Comment: _____

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☒ Agree with re-striping

☐ Disagree with re-striping

Comment: _____

Name: _____

Sam Owenby

Space #: _____

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Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

Name: Joe Olaya Space #: 5

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Comment: I agree because it slows down
cars and makes it more safe for
children and pedestrians!!!

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☒ Agree with re-striping

☐ Disagree with re-striping

Comment: Anything to help slow down
vehicles is a must before make people
get killed.

Name: Monique van der

Space #: #17

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Comment: WE STILL NEED POLICE ENFORCEMENT OF STOP
SIGNS AT VALLEY - DRIVERS ROUTINELY COAST THRU BOTH SIGNS,
MAYBE ASSIGN ONE OFFICER TO ENFORCE INFRACTIONS.

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Comment: SIDEWALKS DO NOT NEED TO BE WIDER. BETTER
ENFORCEMENT OF DRIVING RULES WOULD GREATLY INCREASE
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. RE-ASSIGN ONE OFFICER FROM BAR PATROL

Name: Tony Matthews & John Teague Space #: 11

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Comment: long overdue good idea!

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☐ Agree with re-striping

☒ Disagree with re-striping

Comment: traffic too backed up coming
east up Pier Ave. from the beach
- have to re-route through neighborhood

Name: Anne Elling Space #: 12

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Comment: _____

Corrine Delling

Name: _____

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☒ Agree
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Comment: GOOD IMPROVEMENT!

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☒ Agree
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Comment: _____

Name: MARIE S. HOROWITZ

Space #: 15

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Name: Einar Johnson Space #: 23

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Comment: STOP SIGNS HELP RESIDENTS EXIT
FROM THE PARK ON TO PIER AVE WITH
LESS CONFUSION & FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO
CROSS PIER AVE INTO PARK!!

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Comment: PIER AVE TRAFFIC MOVES BETTER
AND SAFER WITH FOUR LANES OF
TRAFFIC. WE DON'T NEED WIDER SIDEWALKS
AND TRAFFIC HAS TO SLOW DOWN TO
MAKE INTO ONE LANE!!

Name: Margaret L. Smith

Space #: 34

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for all pedestrians who cross the street. Bard
& Pier was a dangerous intersection

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Comment: _____

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Comment: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Name: V. COUTIN

Space #: 58

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Name: SUSAN LARISON Space #: 62

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To: 8th St. Property Owners & Renters...
From: Patricia Preiss 719 8th

8th St. needs everyone of its residents to advise the City Works Department of the added traffic that we are experiencing on 8th St. Phone # 310 318 0214. This added traffic has been increasing on 8th St. since the lane change occurred on Pler Ave. I also advised them of the Fire department, Paramedics and Police department's Increase of use of 8th St. since the Pler Ave. lane change.

I spoke with City Works this date and requested that they have our traffic monitored by the counting machine. We had this done several years ago and at that time 8th St. had more traffic than Pler Ave.

**I was advised that the City Council will be having meetings in September and the Pros and Cons will determine
Our DESTINY...**

I would also like to add that with this added traffic in the past 6 weeks we have had two cars broken into and two properties vandalized...Police reports on file. Maybe, others that I'm not aware of.

Please show up at the Council Meetings in September And be heard.. Please call City Works and advise them of our problem...Let's get that traffic counter and be ready for the Council...

Rick Morgan

From: Don Karasevicz [dkarasevicz@adelphia.net]

Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 5:33 PM

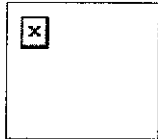
To: Rick Morgan

Subject: Pier Ave. re-striping

Hi Rick Morgan,

In regards to the re-striping of Pier Ave. the left turn on to Pier Ave. from south bound Monterey Blvd. is very sharp and does not appear practical for trucks and emergency vehicles to navigate. I trust this is only temporary due to the fact the build out plan calls for having the center turning lane only 10 ft. wide. In any case the turn is sharp due to the angle of the intersecting streets and hopefully the permanent turn will take this into account. I hope the experiment works and improves Pier Ave.

Good luck,



Don Karasevicz

don@southcalhomes

(310)376-7621 direct

9/14/2006

Rick Morgan

From: Rashel Mereness [rashelm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 6:10 PM
To: Rick Morgan
Cc: Randy LaFaye; Sam Edgerton; jbrhbcc@aol.com; michaelkeegan@manhattanbread.com; peter@electpetertucker.com
Subject: Pier Avenue Renovation

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Rick Morgan

From: jgoodlett [jgoodlett@adelphia.net]

Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 7:42 PM

To: Rick Morgan

Subject: test traffic lanes

I first learned about the traffic lanes reconfiguration when my neighbor asked if I had been to the area of Pier and Valley. He had just dropped his kids off at Valley School and stated the situation made the kids late for school. On Wednesday evening I made a trip to Vons and must say I agree with my neighbor (it's a mess). I will make an effort to go down to the corner of Pier and Valley over the week-end (I'll be on a bicycle) to check it out. I invite you to do the same.

Okay so these are my thoughts.

Can the city afford to spend money for this and what is the return? Who are we accommodating?

I have lived in HB for over 35 years and do not recall a drainage issue on Pier Ave.

Do we really want more restaurants and bars in HB? Will we need more Police to control the patrons?

Can the Fire trucks enter and exit the Fire station on busy week-ends with only two lanes?

Why do we need to make a change?

I am curious on why a normal everyday citizen would find this a good idea.

Rick Morgan

From: Shauna Valenzuela [shaunaval@mac.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2006 12:20 AM

To: Rick Morgan

Subject: street reconfiguration/HB

HATE IT !!!!!!!

9/14/2006

Rick Morgan

From: Jim Schoen [jim.schoen@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2006 10:57 AM
To: Rick Morgan
Subject: Restriping of Pier Avenue

As a homeowner at 539 2nd Street, I greatly support the single lane initiative on Pier Avenue.

Thanks for doing a great job in communicating the citywork initiatives.

Jim Schoen
539 2nd Street
HB, CA 90254
310-379-7994

Rick Morgan

From: Jeremy Berman [jeremy_berman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2006 12:44 PM
To: Rick Morgan
Subject: Pier

We are residents of the area and are excited about the possible change in street conditions. We are wondering if the possibility of a signal has been considered for pier and the two greenbelt streets. The stop sign is terribly ineffective for the volume of cars and the striping will only add to the flow problems at that intersection. Manhattan has a signal to correct this problem so should we. The test is doomed to fail unless that factor is considered. Also the forced turn at a stop sign is only going to cause backups. removing the stop sign will have a dramatic increase in flow. Just a residents opinion.

Jeremy Berman
Cypress Ave

Rick Morgan

From: Sam D'Amico [sam.damico@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2006 4:52 PM
To: Rick Morgan
Subject: Pier Avenue Striping Project

I think the traffic is AWFUL! I appreciate the idea of beautifying Pier Avenue, but not at the expense of local traffic. Already, even at off peak hours the traffic is insane. I cannot begin to imagine how bad it will be on weekends in the summer month. In the last few days, I have used 8th street and taken Ardmore to get off of Monterey. This is ridiculous. Please plant flowers or trees, but open up Pier Avenue to 2 lanes once again. Stop the madness!

Joanne & Sebastian D'Amico
1101 Monterey

9/14/2006

Rick Morgan

From: Steve Brown [sbrown@sddb.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2006 11:30 AM
To: Rick Morgan
Subject: Hermosa Pilot Striping Project

Hello,

I have been a Hermosa resident for over 20 years and have watched this city grow from a sleepy beach community to a overcrowded circus with all the annual events and ridiculous festivals that bring beer swilling hooligans to our city.

Now the council in it's infinite wisdom decides to make a major change to the only artery to the beach which by the way is backing up traffic all the way to PCH and making it impossible to residents to make it to their house. Here's a little advice... Other city's decide to conduct traffic studies and flow analysis before making such a drastic change in the middle of the busiest travel season.

It's bad enough that every couple of months there is some bicycle marathon or festival that makes driving to our residence bad enough, now you are proposing that we make it permanently impossible for people to get home!!! Do you want people to move out of Hermosa? I guarantee, I have lived here longer than most of the geniuses that are making these decisions and take it from a local - LEAVE OUR CITY ALONE!

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Rick Morgan

From: Robert C. Aronoff [Robert@Aronoff.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2006 7:47 PM
To: Rick Morgan
Subject: Pier Avenue restriping

The reconfiguration of upper Pier Avenue is horrible. Traffic is backed up. People are causing gridlock at Valley and Armore as they try to squeeze into one lane. Traffic is going into residential areas as motorists try to find alternative paths. Each time a car parks, traffic backs up. Rush hour was bad enough without intentionally trying to limit traffic flow.

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Robert C. Aronoff
124 The Strand
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
Telephone: 310/318-2222
Facsimile: 310/943-1400

Rick Morgan

From: The Andersons [hfa3@adelphia.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2006 9:33 AM
To: Rick Morgan
Subject: Fwd: City of Hermosa Beach - Important Notice

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Begin forwarded message:

From: hermosabch@e-govmail.com
Date: June 9, 2006 5:15:03 PM PDT
To: hfa3@adelphia.net
Subject: City of Hermosa Beach - Important Notice
Reply-To: webmaster@hermosabch.org

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

PIER AVENUE PILOT STRIPING PROJECT

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The City has set aside Proposition C Funding to reconstruct this street in Fiscal Year 06-07. Scope of work for this project includes reconstructing sidewalks, curb

9/14/2006

Rick Morgan

From: Terri Dinubilo on behalf of Web Master
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 7:42 AM
To: Rick Morgan (Rick Morgan)
Cc: Steve Burrell (sburrell@hermosabch.org)
Subject: FW: City of Hermosa Beach - Important Notice

Here are some emails I received that were sent to our web site.

FYI

~Terri

From: Jb573@aol.com [mailto:Jb573@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2006 9:05 AM
To: Web Master
Subject: Re: City of Hermosa Beach - Important Notice

Thank you for the email. I saw the changes this week when I tried to get downtown. It was horrible. The cars were backed up from upper Pier Ave near Vons. And that was during the daytime. I imagine nighttimes and weekends will be worse with people going to restaurants, to the beaches, shopping, or just trying to get home. I was headed to The Bike Shop but gave up when I saw the difficulty of getting there. I decided not to try the beauty supply store by the Post Office and went to another one near Vons.

I think it is a poor decision to try to imitate the 1-lane that Manhattan beach has. They have a bottle neck on upper Man Bch Blvd each day above Ardmore and to Pacific. We don't need longer parking spaces for Hummers, etc--- we need smaller cars.

We are not in support of this at all.

Jacki and Bernie Friedman

9/14/2006

Rick Morgan

From: Terri Dinubilo on behalf of Web Master
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 7:46 AM
To: Rick Morgan (Rick Morgan)
Cc: Steve Burrell (sburrell@hermosabch.org)
Subject: FW: Pier Avenue Traffic Test

Another view....
~Terri

From: Lisa Gevov [mailto:Lgevov@adelphia.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2006 11:14 AM
To: Web Master
Subject: Pier Avenue Traffic Test

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding the Pier Avenue Traffic Test.

Of course, all change takes time to get used to, however, I'm not clear on why this change was considered. Two lanes was not accommodating the traffic up and down Pier Avenue prior to the test, so now a lane from each side is removed? How is this better? The flow of traffic is slowed, the congestion is increased, and people are driving around Hermosa looking for parking that doesn't even exist for the residents of the city, let alone visitors. I'm sure I'm not the only one who couldn't believe that it could take 15 minutes to get from Hermosa Avenue to Von's, with 2 lanes going.

The idea to update Pier Avenue to invite more people to experience Hermosa is great, except where are all of these people going to park once they finally make it down Pier Avenue? Hermosa doesn't have the parking availability like Manhattan and Redondo. Doesn't that have to be part of the plan?

Looking forward to the next concept.

Thank you,
Lisa Gevov

9/14/2006

Rick Morgan

From: The Andersons [hfa3@adelphia.net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 9:28 AM
To: Rick Morgan
Subject: Re: City of Hermosa Beach - Important Notice

Thanks, Rick - realized I left out the street name, as I was unsure of it - but after driving by this morning, the street is Bard.

Lois

On Jun 12, 2006, at 9:23 AM, Rick Morgan wrote:

Thank you for your comments, I assure you they are being considered as part of this test...Rick

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Rick Morgan

From: Jackie Drasco on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 9:56 AM
To: Cahir, Marylou
Cc: Rick Morgan; Steve Burrell
Subject: RE: Pier Avenue

Ms. Cahir - Thank you for your comments. I am forwarding your email to Rick Morgan, Director of Public Works, and to Steve Burrell, City Manager.

Jackie Drasco
Deputy City Clerk
City of Hermosa Beach

-----Original Message-----

From: Cahir, Marylou [mailto:marylou.cahir@boeing.com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 9:47 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Pier Avenue

Dear City Clerk,

I must tell you that am very unhappy with the changes that have been made to Pier Avenue.

The re-lining of the street makes it very difficult to drive through the city. This was especially true this past weekend with all the traffic that was in town for the AVP tournament.

To re-line the street to reduce the number of lanes from two to one makes it impossible for traffic from Valley and Ardmore to turn onto Pier going south. It also makes it incredibly difficult for those parking at businesses along Pier to back out onto the Pier and leave. I attempted to go to the dry cleaners on Saturday (Karen's Cleaners) and found it almost impossible to get to the store and equally difficult to get someone to let me out so I could get out of the center of town.

If you are trying to drive residents away from using the businesses in downtown Hermosa you are doing a good job. I try to patronize local stores but if you are going to charge for parking and then make it impossible to get out of those spaces, I think that I will have to take my business to stores that have easier parking.

I strongly urge the city to change the street markings back to what they were at the beginning of the year.

MaryLou Cahir
2020 Hillcrest Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Rick Morgan

From: Jackie Drasco
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 9:57 AM
Cc: Rick Morgan; Steve Burrell
Subject: FW: Pier Ave - One Lane Failure

-----Original Message-----

From: Jackie Drasco On Behalf Of City Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 8:06 AM
To: 'Susan Palmer'
Subject: RE: Pier Ave - One Lane Failure

I am forwarding your email to Rick Morgan, Public Works Director, and to Steve Burrell, City Manager.

Jackie Drasco
Deputy City Clerk
City of Hermosa Beach

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Palmer [mailto:sussssan2005@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 3:17 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Pier Ave - One Lane Failure

Hermosa,

What were you thinking when you merged Pier Ave to one lane! I've seen many changes over the 50 years I've been here and this is one of the worst decisions I've witnessed. Tell me it's only experimental only and your going to change it back next week? Your not only creating a hazard, what about the congestion in front of the fire station? I love this town, but boy are you making it more difficult to live here.

Susan Palmer
Parents: George & Jeanette Prichard
Daughter: Morgan Palmer

Rick Morgan

From: Rashel Mereness [rashelm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 10:03 AM
To: Rick Morgan
Subject: RE: Pier Avenue Renovation

great - thank you!

Rick Morgan <rmorgan@hermosabch.org> wrote:

Rashel, I have good news for you...your street will be re-paved this summer. Thank you for your comments and patience with the Pier Ave test...Rick

From: Rashel Mereness [mailto:rashelm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 6:10 PM
To: Rick Morgan
Cc: Randy LaFaye; Sam Edgerton; jbrhbcc@aol.com; michaelkeegan@manhattanbread.com; peter@electpetertucker.com
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 1134 Cypress Ave #2
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Rick Morgan

From: Sam Perrotti [sperrotti@adelphia.net]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 10:37 AM

To: Rick Morgan

Subject: Upper Pier Ave

Rick,

The link on your email message is not working properly so I am sending this email message without using that link. The Hermosa Beach Art Walk held its second event on Thursday, June 8. During that afternoon and evening, I had an opportunity to observe the new striping on upper Pier Avenue. Traffic was a bit slower but the drivers seemed to have adjusted to the new lanes fairly well. Traffic was slower, which I think is great. The additional stop sign is long overdue. Whenever I have tried to cross Pier Ave, the drivers not only don't stop but they generally curse at you and flip you off if you dare try to cross the street. The stop sign at Bard surely helps the cities fire and police get through that intersection. I had thought the stop sign would be at Cypress because that is in the middle of the block but any new stop sign is great. I am sure you will get negative responses but traffic in the city has to slow down. Good luck with your project. Take care.

Sam Perrotti

9/14/2006