

Traffic Commission Meeting of  
April 5, 2021

**SUPPLEMENTAL #1**

**TO:** Traffic Commission  
**FROM:** Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT: Supplemental Material for Agenda Item No. 7a**

Attached is email correspondence received after the agenda item was posted.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By 

Steve Finton  
Deputy Public Works Director/ City Engineer

Attachments:  
3 emails from Residents.

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**From:** julie walden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 9:04 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** traffic project PCH and Colinas

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Dear Public Works Dept,

You must be so tired of our neighborhood. There are complaints right and left about the traffic; you and Caltrans find a solution and have a start date to fix it and some people chain themselves to the tree to thwart you. Why?? It is a non native ficus, known for tearing up pavement and roads. It does not provide shade to lounge under, no one picnics there. The woman (Amy) who is spearheading this effort did not notify the neighborhood of her plans before she ran with it. I am in favor of you going forward with project of taking out the tree and extending the left hand turn lane.

Thank you,  
Julie Walden

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**From:** Steve Gerhardt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 02, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Traffic Commission 4/5/2021 - Item 7a

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Dear Traffic Commission and staff,

As the former traffic liaison for Riviera Homeowners Association, I have had multiple conversations with Steve Finton, Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer. We discussed options for adding capacity to left turns from PCH to PV Blvd, both to improve safety and to reduce cut-through traffic on Colinas, Delicas and other narrow streets in our neighborhood. This came in the aftermath of the Colinas diverters that put so much more traffic on Delicias (my street), and then were removed after an appeal and discussion before the Traffic Commission.

I am appalled that some of my neighbors would wait until the City worked through the arduous process of coming up with a solution and getting CalTrans to approve it (no easy feat) and then decide that a ficus tree is worth fighting for. If that were the case, we should have fought to get PCH widened in front of the Legado project in Redondo Beach to allow for dual left turn lanes with shorter left turn green light timing. Now that construction on that project is well underway, it's probably too late to make that happen.

Traffic safety, both for drivers making left turns onto Northbound PCH from our neighborhood, and by reducing cut-through traffic and speeding on our narrow streets is the TOP priority. We still get many drivers doing 35 or more on Delicias on a daily basis, mostly heading south to avoid the light.

Saving that old ficus tree would be at best a nice bonus. Ficus trees are known to rip up the pavement with their roots. While we certainly need many more trees in the City, this one tree is the wrong tree in the wrong place.

I urge you to continue the street improvement as currently configured. A good portion of the neighbors I've spoken to in the last few weeks feel the same way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Gerhardt

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**From:** Sara McKown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 02, 2021 2:18 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Left Turn at Camino de las Colinas from PCH

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Dear Traffic Commision,

I live on Camino de las Colinas and oppose any type of approved left turn lane onto our street. When cars use our street as a cut through, they do so because they want to save time. Then they save more time, and speed down our friendly little street. We have lots of houses with children who play in the driveways and front yards and it is unsafe to have all these cars speeding through our neighborhood.

This traffic will just get worse when the Legado Project is complete. Cars will use the left turn to not only speed away to a faster route, but to park their cars in order to avoid parking fees at the new property.

Please do NOT allow cars to turn left down our street. We need to stay safe. We need to keep the peace.

Thank you,  
Sara McKown  
resident on Camino de las Colinas