

Traffic Commission Meeting of  
March 7, 2022

**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  \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Moun  
Engineering Manager

Attachments:  
9 emails from Residents.

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**From:** craig stock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2022 3:46 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Pubic Comment - Item 7a Stop Signs

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Hello-

A stop sign at the intersection of St Andrews Pl and 186<sup>th</sup> St is unnecessary. There are two large dips in the intersection metering traffic flow in both east and west directions on 186<sup>th</sup> St. Since traffic on 186<sup>th</sup> St has to slow for the dips, a stop sign isn't needed to allow cross traffic on St Andrews Pl to gain access to 186<sup>th</sup> St.

A stop sign at the intersection of Wilton Pl and 186<sup>th</sup> St makes more sense. But, we've lived in this neighborhood over 30 years, and really don't see a necessity for it either.

Thank-you

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**From:** diane hayashi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2022 11:48 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Public comment 186th 4 way stop signs

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Please do not punish the residences of this neighborhood by placing two stop signs on 186th St. between Western Ave and Van Ness Ave.

On St Andrews and 186 there are two large dips. There are signs posted to slow to 10 mph. Drivers need to slow down to cross the intersection. It is not our fault that people from out of the area damage their cars when driving to fast through it. They deserve it.

Neighborhood residence follow the law and drive 25 mph on 186th St. There is La Cattera park on south side of the street. That ends just before Wilton Pl. where there is a bend in the road. Drivers slow for this bend.

We do not need traffic signs on 186th St. If you want to stop people using 186th as a thorough fare and/or for speeding put occasional police surveillance on the street and give out tickets for speeding.

Sincerely,  
Diane Hayashi

[REDACTED]

Minnie Herredia

[REDACTED]

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**From:** GLEN YOSHIDA [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed stop signs

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I live on Dorman and 186th Street. I think a stop sign on Wilton Place is a great idea, given the blind curve there. I would suggest a stop sign on Gramercy Place rather than St. Andrews, since Gramercy is closer to the park and St. Andrews already has a big dip in the road that slows people down already. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Nadine Yoshida

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Joan Crishal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2022 9:38 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Stop sign installation on 186th St

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As a 35 year resident of [REDACTED] I see no reason to install stop signs at Wilton Place and St Andrews Place.

This is especially true at St Andrews where the severe dip causes drivers to proceed very slowly and Wilton Place

is so close to Van Ness that it also isn't needed. As an aside I have seen only one car at 185th since you installed

that stupid stop sign on Dorman.

Joan Crishal  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** John Hamamoto [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2022 6:55 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Traffic Engineering - Request to Investigate

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Good morning.

I am sending this in regards to proposed stop signs on 186<sup>th</sup> street.

My name is John Hamamoto and I live at [REDACTED] in Torrance< Ca 90504

Our house is right across the street from La Carretera Park.

My opinion is that the stops sigs to be placed at Dorman and the other at Wilton is a waste of time and money.

People are speeding up 186<sup>th</sup> between Western and Van Ness at speeds in excess of 60 MPH at times. The only Thing that slows them down is the big dip at 186<sup>th</sup> and St Andrews. The new proposed stop sign will be placed at Dorman which is so close to the dip on St Andrews that it will not slow down traffic down once they proceed Westbound towards Van Ness.

The next proposed stop sign at Wilton is so close to Van Ness that I feel this will do no good for speeding between stop signs.

My suggestion is to put in two sets of speed bumps at Gramercy and the other at Taylor Court which are the two entry points to the park.

Running Red Lights seems to be a horrible epidemic right now and I truly believe the people will ignore the stop signs as well.

You cant ignore a speed bump.

I frequent residential areas in Redondo Beach on occasion and I see speed bumps in their residential areas and see no reason why we

cannot have a few implemented here in Torrance. On another note the residential areas that I am mentioning in Redondo Beach have

no Schools or Parks where the speed bumps are put in place.

I am a retired UPS delivery Driver. I also attained 29 Safe years of driving and I have to say in all of my years of driving I have never

witnessed so many bad drivers out on the streets as of late. As I mentioned earlier, running red lights and stops signs is an epidemic now.

Thank you for your time.

John Hamamoto  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rod Okamura [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2022 9:02 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed Stop Sign Installations at Wilton Pl./186th St. and St. Andrews pl./186th St.

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I am addressing my concerns for the proposed installations of all-way stop signs on 186<sup>th</sup> Street between Van Ness Avenue and Western Avenue in the North Torrance neighborhood. It is obvious that traffic facilities will be eventually installed in the future since this neighborhood has already been under at least one proposal for traffic control locations. I have not heard recently if traffic signals are still proposed at 186<sup>th</sup> Street and Van Ness Avenue, and 186<sup>th</sup> Street and Western Avenue. I assume that thorough traffic volume, speed, vehicle type and even noise studies have been performed and reviewed prior to any proposals of mitigative measures.

I have lived in this North Torrance neighborhood for well over three decades and have observations about vehicular traffic on 186<sup>th</sup> Street. As a resident of this neighborhood, I would like to see traffic volume reduced on 186<sup>th</sup> Street due to any traffic control improvements. It is already difficult to cross 186<sup>th</sup> Street as a pedestrian since vehicular speeds are typically higher than 25 MPH. Vehicular traffic rarely slows down or stops for pedestrians to cross at street intersections. Vehicles drive fastest on 186<sup>th</sup> Street typically during the early morning hours and many are not North Torrance residents. There is a significant volume of vehicles traveling on 186<sup>th</sup> Street during the day. This includes semi-trucks and delivery (not including mail and package delivery) trucks on 186<sup>th</sup> Street because it is a cut through or shortcut street between Van Ness and Western and is a parallel route to 182<sup>nd</sup> Street and 190<sup>th</sup> Street. I have been passed by other cars while driving westbound on 186<sup>th</sup> Street because I apparently was going "too slow" for some drivers. I felt pressured from behind by these cars and I do not consider myself to be a slow driver. Construction traffic increases due to I405 freeway improvement work on weekdays.

If traffic control installations are being installed due to traffic from the 186<sup>th</sup> Elementary School, I would hope that parking and pedestrians will not add more traffic on 186<sup>th</sup> Street west of Western Avenue. I know from experience that vehicular traffic spills into the surrounding neighborhoods as school days begin and end with children being dropped off and picked up at school.

Safety has always been of great concern for both pedestrians and vehicles driven by residents in any neighborhood. Traffic improvements should be installed that would aid in reductions of vehicular volume and speed on 186<sup>th</sup> Street. The speed of vehicles is typically fastest between Taylor Court and Saint Andrews Place due to acceleration and deceleration at each end. I am skeptical that traffic speeds would be reduced significantly.

The North Torrance streets take a beating with the volume of vehicular traffic, and it shows with more repair and maintenance needs as compared to many other areas of Torrance. I do not expect streets like Van Ness Avenue, and 182<sup>nd</sup> and 186<sup>th</sup> Streets to be repaved until most of I405 improvements are completed.

Sincerely,

Rodney Okamura



**From:** Sharon Akioka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2022 1:41 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Proposed STOP sign on 186th Street at Wilton Place and St. Andrews Place

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in response to the proposed STOP signs on 186th Street at Wilton Place and St. Andrews Place. I am in full agreement that 186th Street needs a few STOP signs to help regulate the speed of traffic. The proposed STOP sign on Wilton Place/186th Street would be a great location as there is a blind curve between Wilton Place and Van Ness Avenue. On the other hand, I don't believe the proposed STOP sign on St. Andrews Place/186th Street would make much of a difference as there is a big dip at that intersection that naturally make drivers slow down. That being said, we DO need another STOP sign on 186th Street. Due to the location of the intersections the city has chosen for the proposed STOP signs it looks like the city is concerned about the "thru traffic" coming from 182nd Street. While this is a valid concern, I don't believe that this is the problem. The speed of traffic is a concern along the whole stretch of 186th Street between Western Avenue and Van Ness Avenue but, more so, in front of La Carretera Park and neither of the proposed STOP signs is near the park.

My house is on the corner of 186th Street and Illinois Court, the mid point of the park (where the park sign is posted). On a daily basis I look out of my kitchen window and see young children, grammar school age and younger, get out of their parents' cars on the driver side. This, in itself, makes me cringe but in conjunction with cars speeding down the street at 40-50 miles per hour, it's an accident waiting to happen. I've also witnessed, on multiple occasions, cars passing other cars right in front of my house. About four years ago, my Toyota Sequoia was side swiped by a car that was speeding down the street. We didn't see it happen but it was obvious that the car was speeding because there was debris scattered 30-40 feet beyond my car. We were lucky that no one was getting in/out of the car when it got hit. Speeding has been a big problem on 186th Street for a long time.

Instead of placing the STOP sign at St. Andrews Place, I would like to suggest putting a STOP sign and cross walk at either Gramercy Place, Illinois Court or Taylor Court. There are a lot of residents in our neighborhood that walk their dogs regularly and placing a STOP sign & crosswalk somewhere in front of the park would not only help to slow traffic but would also provide pedestrians (and their dogs) a safe place to cross.

If the city doesn't think it's feasible to put a STOP sign in front of the park, would it be possible to install a couple of speed bumps in front of the park? We desperately need something in place to make people slow down.

I appreciate you taking the time to listen to our (the neighborhood's) input. I look forward to a resolution to this issue that suits both the city and the neighborhood.

Thank you!

Sharon Akioka

**From:** Shoko Nelson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2022 12:35 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Cc:** Brad Nelson  
**Subject:** Proposed Stop Sign Installation on 186th Street

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the City's proposal on installing a STOP sign on 186th Street at Wilton Place and St. Andrews Place. Our family resides on 185th Street, one block North of La Carretera Park. The safety of this neighborhood and proximity to the park were one of the main reasons we purchased our house here. We take our three young children and dog to the park frequently and observe first-hand the traffic and safety issues surrounding our neighborhood park.

I apologize if I missed prior conversations on this issue, but would like to review the intended purpose of placing STOP signs on this street. If the purpose is to reduce speeding between Western Ave. and Van Ness, I do not agree with the proposed placement. As a resident and frequent walker of these streets, I believe this proposed solution will have little impact to that effect. Instead, I offer alternative placement suggestions which I believe will be safer for the city and more beneficial to our community.

The biggest safety concern here, in my opinion, is along La Carretera Park. As a resident who walks this street almost daily, I believe a far safer and more effective solution would be to install STOP signs or speed bumps at or near entry points to the park.

Install All-Way Stop Signs OR Speed Bumps at:

- \* Taylor Court and 186th Street
- \* Gramercy and 186th Street
- (\* Dorman and 186th Street as an alternative to Gramercy)

The park entrances are located one block apart at Taylor Court, Illinois Court, and Gramercy Place. Most people who drive to enjoy the park, naturally park their cars on 186th street between these intersections to access the park. A STOP sign or speed bump in these locations would be more effective and serve as a safer solution than the proposed locations, which are 2 blocks east and one block west of the park. The residents living on the north side of 186th Street would also benefit from having a safer crossing point to access the community park.

Furthermore, as the park is the central spot (leaning one block west) between the two major streets, Western and Van Ness, it would help to regulate the speeding issue to install Stop signs closer to park entrances. There are 8 intersections on 186th Street between Western and Van Ness. The proposed installations would place Stop signs two blocks in from each direction, leaving 4 intersections in between for cars to pick up speed. The park happens to lie within these 4 intersections, raising the safety concern. Should Stop signs be placed at the above suggested, it would land more centrally between the major streets and be more evenly spaced out; 3 intersections from Van Ness, 4 intersections from Western (or an equal 3 if using alternative, Dorman). Besides, we already have a speeding deterrent in place at St. Andrews. There is currently a large dip at that intersection speeding cars cannot ignore.

Lastly, if we really want to address the speeding concern down this residential street, my vote would be to install speed bumps over Stop signs. Drivers often run straight through Stop signs, but they cannot avoid speed bumps!

Thank you for reading and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shoko Nelson  
North Torrance Resident

**From:** Y. S. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2022 3:16 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Suggestion for Review: Add Stop Sign at NE Corner of 185th St. & Manhattan Pl.

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Related to the upcoming Traffic Commission Meeting regarding stop sign additions to 186th Street at Wilton Place and St. Andrews Place, would it be possible to also consider adding a stop sign at the NE corner of Manhattan Place and 185th Street for increased vehicle cross-traffic and pedestrian safety? Manhattan Place has experienced increased traffic flow during the past 10 years or so as a direct result of cars entering Manhattan Place from multiple directions (via 182nd Street on the north, 186th Street to the south and 185th Street on the east). Also, there is (or was) a proposal for additional condos being built near the NW corner of 185th Street and Western Avenue (in the empty lot adjacent to the Nikkei Credit Union Bank), which will result in even more unwanted traffic entering Manhattan Place via 185th Street.

Thank you for your consideration.

Y.S.