

Traffic Commission Meeting of  
August 16, 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 public notices was posted on August 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Moun  
Engineering Manager

Attachments:  
4 emails from Residents.

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**From:** Matthew Pearne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 12:10 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** proposed block party on 235th Street

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This correspondence is to register our opposition to the proposed block party on 235th Street and the closure of 235th for the duration of the party. We have lived at [REDACTED] for 7 years. We feel that proposal is inappropriate because:

1. West 235th street is the main thoroughfare for traffic to travel between Crenshaw Blvd. and Western Ave. The closure of 235th Street would cause the thru traffic on this street to divert to West 234th Street at Haas Avenue. This street narrows to one lane between 2107 and 2113 W. 234th Street due to the easement of a property extending from the north side of West 235th Street. The width of the road is reduced to 1/3 as compared to the areas west and east of this "bump-out".
2. Recently, electrical work by Edison caused 235th Street to be closed for eight hours at the same points that the proposed block party would require. There were several near accidents. Drivers were confused by the narrowing of the roadway. Additionally, many vehicles raced by at an unsafe speed for the conditions and width of the roadway. Further, many vehicles made dangerous U-turns when confronted by the "bump-out" because they believed it was a dead-end.
3. There is no way that a block party could be limited to the immediately adjacent neighbors. The street is not "isolated" or a cul-de-sac street. Hence, it could attract a wide population who would park on the nearest street (i.e. west 234th street). This would compound the traffic flow and cause possible liability issues for the residents and homeowners.

We are opposed to granting the temporary street closure for this event.

Thank you,  
Matthew & Emi Pearne

Sent from my phone ☞

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**From:** Commercial [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 4:16 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Denial of Permit to a Temporary Road Blockage of 235th Street

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Dear Traffic Department,

We are requesting that a proposal to temporarily block traffic for a block party on 235th Street between Cabrillo and Haas be denied. We are residents of 234th Street, and we believe that approval of the road blockage on 235th would be dangerous to the residents of 234th Street since the bulk of the traffic would be detoured to our street. We are used to very little traffic on our street, and the additional traffic from the heavily travelled 235th Street would be extremely dangerous to our residents. Our street experiences the usage by elderly walkers, exercisers doing walking and jogging, pet walkers, children playing on the sidewalks and on the street, neighbors gathering for socializing, etc., and we fear traffic accidents. Additionally, a large part of our street narrows to one lane due to an oversized lot which has a retaining wall which is falling down. Many new drivers unfamiliar with our street would be unaware of the necessity for exercise extreme caution due to this narrow area.

Please deny the permit to block 235th to through traffic.

Thank you.

Roy and Eileen Sakamoto  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Tricia Sue Cole [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 13, 2022 10:29 AM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Notice of Traffic Commissions Meeting - denied request

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Hello,

I am in receipt of the notification of the meeting regarding the city denial for a temporary street closure on West 235th Street between Haas and Cabrillo Avenue.

I would like to support the denial of the closure as this is a busy street and when it was closed for electrical work, our street, West 234th Street, got the detoured traffic and people sped down our normally quiet street. It was at unsafe speeds for any neighborhood street but it was excessive even for part of the day. I fear the West 235th closure would direct traffic again to West 234th Street and we'd have speeding traffic again all day.

I am not opposed to a normal street blocked off for a block party but not as busy as 235th.

Overall, I support the denial of the block part on 235th due to the speeding traffic overflow onto West 234th Street (between Haas and Cabrillo).

Thank you for allowing my input.

Tricia Cole  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Daina Nehira [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 3:41 PM  
**To:** PWTraffic  
**Subject:** Re: Block party on 235th St

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I'm writing to you regarding the proposed block party on 235th Street and the closure of 235th for the duration of the party. I live at [REDACTED]. I feel the proposal is inappropriate for the following reasons:

1. The closure of 235 Street would cause the thru traffic on this street to divert to West 234th Street at Haas Avenue. This street narrows to one lane between 2107 and 2113 West 234th Street due to the easement of a property extending from the north side of West 235th Street. The width of the road is reduced to 1/3 as compared to the areas west and east of this "bump-out".
2. One week ago, electrical work by Edison caused 235th Street to be closed for eight hours at the same points that the block party would require. Several near accidents were barely avoided. Drivers were confused by the narrowing of the roadway. Additionally, many vehicles raced by at an unsafe speed for the conditions and width of the roadway. Further, many vehicles made dangerous U-turns when confronted by the "bump-out" because they believed it was a dead-end.
3. There is no way that a block party could be limited to the immediately adjacent neighbors. The street is not "isolated" or a cul-de-sac street. Hence, it could attract a wide population who would park on the nearest street (i.e. west 234th street). This would compound the traffic flow and cause possible liability issues for the residents and homeowners.
4. Our neighbors walk their pets and children play on our street. The high volume traffic and speed of the cars is extremely dangerous. It is an accident waiting to happen.

I stand with you to uphold your original decision to deny the request for this block party. It is unnecessary and risky during the times we were in with Covid and Monkey Pox. Please do the right thing, stay strong and deny this appeal.

Sincerely,  
Daina Nehira

Sent from my iPhone