

Traffic Commission Meeting of
November 4, 2024

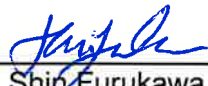
SUPPLEMENTAL #1

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

Attached are email correspondences received between 2:00 p.m. on October 30, 2024 and 5:30 p.m. on November 3, 2024 regarding Agenda Item No. 7a.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment:
4 emails related to the item

From: Matteo Interlandi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 12:28 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Intersection Doty and 182nd

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Dear Torrance Traffic Commission,

My name is Matteo Interlandi and I believe the intersection in front of Edison elementary school is very dangerous. People continuously run red lights and drive at high speed despite having kids on the side waiting to cross. I am walking my kids to school and I have witnessed many "close calls".

I am writing today to strongly urge you to take action in order to make the intersection of 182nd Street and Doty Avenue safer for residents, especially for the children who attend Edison Elementary and North High School. This intersection is extremely dangerous, there is poor signage that alerts drivers to the presence of a school crosswalk, and the signal needs improvement.

I believe one of the reasons that so many drivers run red lights or speed through the school zone is that there is poor visibility and a great lack of signage that alerts drivers to the presence of a school crosswalk. These additions alone would vastly improve the visibility of the crosswalk and alert drivers to the presence of a school:

Increased Visibility:

- Striped Crosswalk
- "School Crossing Ahead" painted in the street approaching the intersection
- Pedestrian (or School) Crossing sign hanging below the light on Doty Ave
- Bright Yellow Pedestrian signs at the intersection
- Flashing light bumps in the crosswalk

Signal Change:

- Pedestrian only walking time

Currently, there is no turn arrow and due to the crosswalk, often only 1-2 cars are able to turn left from Doty onto 182nd and left from 182nd (going East) onto Doty on a green light. This causes frustration among drivers and when they get impatient, they run red lights, turn dangerously close in front of students, or even try to beat the kids through the intersection by turning in front of them. This problem has gotten worse by the condensed school schedules as there are many more cars traveling through that intersection in a brief 20 minute window. This danger would be alleviated by a pedestrian only crossing signal.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns on behalf of Edison Elementary School parents and children. My concerns are shared by many and we urge you to take action on this important safety issue.

Sincerely,
—Matteo

From: Tim Guyton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 10:54 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Re: Public Comment: Traffic Conditions at Edison Elementary - 182nd Street at Doty Avenue

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Dear Torrance Traffic Commission,

I am writing to continue to express my concern for the 182nd St Edison crosswalk. I have already voiced my concerns and suggestions in previous comments both in person and over email so I'll keep this short. There have been pedestrians nearly hit countless times including me while having the pedestrian crosswalk sign on. I do hope that such measures are taken to make the area safer such as striped crosswalks, bright yellow pedestrian signs, and flashing lights while crossing at a bare minimum. If time and sidewalk space permitted during school hours, a "pedestrian only" crossing time should be considered as well.

Thanks and I am eager to hear what the commission has decided on.

Sincerely,
Tim Guyton

On Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 09:30:56 PM PDT, Tim Guyton <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Traffic Commission Team,

I came to represent this initiative at the first meeting we had regarding this topic (back in February I want to say?) but might not be able to make Monday night's meeting unfortunately. Anyway, I wanted to share my experience below again as a reminder:

My name is Tim, my daughter, Rayanne, is currently in kindergarten. We live walking distance from Edison Elementary and use the crosswalk in question every school day. I became part of this initiative after a scary first-hand experience. Last year, when I was walking over to the school to pick up my daughter from Transitional Kindergarten (TK), I got to the crosswalk, waited for the light to tell me to proceed to cross the street, and began walking. That was when my life flashed before my eyes. Halfway through the crosswalk a truck came flying down 182nd from Prairie to Crenshaw. He blew right by the red stop light and fortunately another parent yelled "Stop!" If it wasn't for that parent who knows if I would have been here today. I was one step away from being hit by a truck going probably 40 mph. Unfortunately, because the TK classes get out an hour earlier than the rest of the school, there was no crossing guard there at that time and I had to rely on a parent to save my life. I will say that after the truck blew through the red light, he slammed on the brakes almost like he didn't realize what he had done. I almost felt like he didn't even see the light and realize there was a school there.

We must implement more safety measures at this intersection. Most people don't even realize that there is an elementary school there unless they have kids. The entrance is a very small gate that doesn't take up much area and many drivers see the area as just a street that connects Prairie to Crenshaw. For that reason, we need to make it safer which could include visible signs, flashing lights, bright yellow painted crosswalks and maybe even speed bumps or something to slow the traffic down altogether.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing the 182nd street Edison crosswalk safer in the coming months!

Respectfully,

Tim Guyton

Cell: [REDACTED]



From: Jayne Okazaki <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 11:31 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Letter re: 182nd and Doty
Attachments: Letter to traffic commission.pdf

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Good Afternoon,
Please find attached a letter in support of increased safety measures at the intersection of 182nd and Doty.
Thank you for your time.

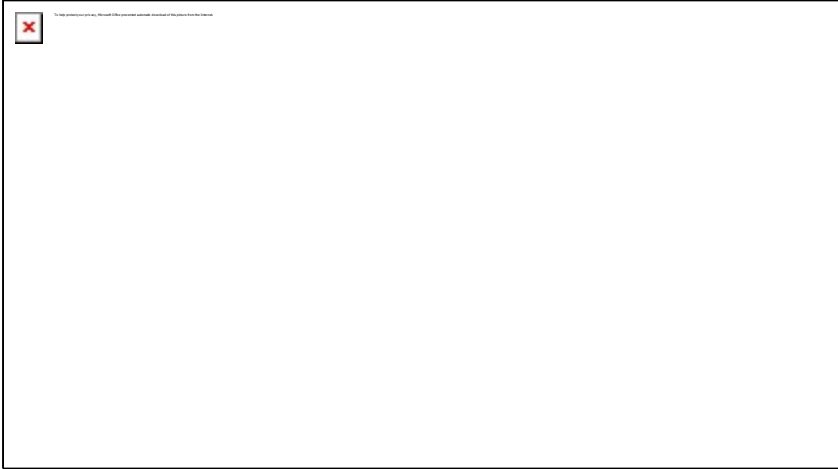
Best regards,



Jayne Okazaki
Principal, Edison Elementary School
Torrance Unified School District

Office: [redacted]

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November 1, 2024

Dear Torrance Traffic Commission,

My name is Jayne Okazaki. I am a North Torrance resident and the principal at Edison Elementary. The intersection in front of Edison is hazardous. In my eight years as the administrator at Edison, every year I have witnessed (more like hear the accident and come out) car collisions at the intersection of 182nd Street and Doty Avenue. In addition, two students have been hit by a car at this intersection right after school. I appreciate and understand that some action will be taken to make the intersection of 182nd and Doty safer for the Edison students, residents, and the community.

I have seen drivers run red lights or speed through the school zone, and I believe there is poor visibility and a lack of signage that alerts drivers to the presence of a school crosswalk. The below additions alone would vastly improve the visibility of the crosswalk and alert drivers to the presence of a school:

Here's some ideas for Increased Visibility:

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On behalf of Edison Elementary School, parents and children, I thank you in advance for taking action on this important safety issue.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Jayne Okazaki.

Jayne Okazaki

[REDACTED]

From: Terry Furey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2024 1:31 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Edison traffic

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Traffic Commission,

I feel that the District and the City need to create a drop off line for students. They could utilize the North High parking lot which is nextdoor to Edison. There is a driveway that parents could pull into to drop off their student and continue on to the exit farther up, making it a right turn only on to 182nd St. Most other schools in Torrance have a drop off line. Actually, the Special Education busses use this route when dropping off their students to North High.

The Edison students would not have to walk into the parking lot as there is a sidewalk to take them right to the front entrance of the school.

Just my thoughts,

Terry Furey