

Title: Establishment of a Blinking Crosswalk for Pedestrian Traffic crossing Jefferson Boulevard from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson Boulevard to Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson Boulevard

Item No. 1

Meeting date: June 2, 2009

Agendized by: Committee Chair for the Government Affairs/City Services Committee of the NCWP - John Ramey

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Committee Vote (if appropriate): 7-0

Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? No

Additional documents attached? No

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board pass the motion transmitted to it by the Governmental Affairs/City Services Committee as stated below.

BACKGROUND:

At the Committee Meeting on May 19th, the Committee heard a presentation from a representative from the Playa Vista Homeowner's Association (PVPAL) regarding its request from the support of the Committee and the NCWP in seeking the creation of a blinking crosswalk for Pedestrian Traffic crossing Jefferson Boulevard from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson Boulevard to Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson Boulevard.

DISCUSSION:

The Playa Vista resident who presented the request noted that there have been a number of incidents in which vehicles turning left onto westbound Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson and left onto eastbound Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson, as well as vehicles turning right onto westbound Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson and right onto eastbound Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson have narrowly missed pedestrians crossing from Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson to Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson (and vice-versa) while the pedestrians were utilizing the marked pedestrian crosswalk. While such vehicles are required by law to yield to such pedestrians, vehicles are attempting such turns in front of or behind these pedestrians, which presents danger to these pedestrians. The creation of a "blinking crosswalk" would better serve to alert such operators of vehicles that there is a pedestrian crosswalk at the location in question, and to be on the alert for pedestrians making use of the crosswalk.

Following a question and answer session a motion was presented to support the creation of the blinking crosswalk, and the motion was approved unanimously by the Committee.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: No Fiscal Implications

ATTACHMENTS: None

MOTION:

That the NCWP write a letter of support to the Department of Transportation and/or any other applicable municipal agency in favor of a Blinking Crosswalk for Pedestrian Traffic crossing Jefferson Boulevard from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson Boulevard to Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson Boulevard