



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Letter of Support



TITLE: Crosswalk Request on Sawtelle Blvd.

COMMITTEE: Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (T&I) Committee

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Neighborhood Council [redacted] the research and exploration of placing a crosswalk and appropriate traffic signals for pedestrian crossing on Sawtelle Blvd., between Palms and Venice.

BACKGROUND: There are currently plans underway by LADOT to implement a bikeway along Mclaughlin/Barrington or other parallel north-south streets, which will include traffic-calming measures. However, there are no known plans to address pedestrian safety and traffic-calming on a high-traffic parallel street, Sawtelle Blvd.

Between Palms to the north and Venice to the south, vehicles tend to speed on Sawtelle. They often travel at speeds that have a high likelihood of death for pedestrians involved in a car crash. Yet, due to a dearth of signaled intersections and crosswalks between Palms and Venice, pedestrians still resort to dangerous, legal jay-walking. [In general, if it takes a person more than 3 minutes to walk to a crosswalk, wait, and then resume his or her journey on the other side, he or she is likely to pursue a more direct but unsafe \(jay-walking\) route \(NACTO\).](#) Sawtelle serves as a route or cross street stop for several buses, including the Big Blue Bus route 17 and Metro 33, and thus is an important thoroughfare not only for cars trying to access 405, but also pedestrians and multi-modal users trying to access public transportation stops.

Mar Vista community member, Jackeline Lopez, has reached out to LADOT and DPW to request a crosswalk along this stretch of Sawtelle (Request Number [redacted]), and the MVCC supports the study of placing a crosswalk in this area.

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ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC T&I Committee meeting, November 1st, 2023

Motion of support moved by XXXX, seconded by XXXX

Motion of XXXX approved by MVCC T&I Committee XX-XX-XX

MVCC Board Meeting, MONTH 1st, 2023

Motion of support moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX

Motion of support approved by the MVCC Board XX-XX-XX