

TITLE: 3900 Block of Beethoven St - Traffic & Safety Issues

PURPOSE: To improve safety, protect property, and offer congestion relief to residents, pedestrians, and drivers on Beethoven St, between Washington and Zanja.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. [Slide deck](#)
2. Neighbor petition in support: physical copy (*currently 15 in support of removing parking, 2 in support of a change but hesitant on removing parking, and 0 opposed to any change*)
3. [Link](#): Dorothy Sims' email concern (3945 Beethoven St)
4. [Link](#): Oregon Hunter's email concern (3945 Beethoven St)

BACKGROUND: On our stretch of the block, the road narrows by over 7 feet (in other words, it's 7 feet skinnier than every other block in the neighborhood). With the average car width under 6 feet, this turns our two-way street into a dangerous bottleneck that makes it difficult for traffic to pass.

Beethoven St is fully residential, yet we are bookended by two traffic lights. As vehicular traffic looks to escape the main commercial thoroughfares of Lincoln and Centinela during rush hour, they end up bumper to bumper on our block, a block that is 25% narrower than other streets.

This tightened, two-way traffic during the daily, stressful rush hour windows enables dangerous driving behavior. This block of Beethoven was not built to handle the traffic received – we have regular occurrences of property damage and inevitable safety concerns. Every neighbor can attest to hearing the crunch, or seeing the aftermath, of cars swiping each other, either moving in opposite directions or hitting parked cars. This happens anecdotally 2x / month, but isn't properly reflected in DoT traffic incident data because people don't see the value in filing police reports.

On top of the property damage, the road is bottlenecked during the beginning and ending of school, which creates serious safety issues as drivers erratically try to pass each other. Many students from Venice High, and likely Mark Twain, walk along our block every day.

I, along with my neighbors, am very concerned about the property damage, safety, and congestion on this block given the oddly narrow stretch of road. We are proposing a simple solution: remove 12 street parking spaces on one side of the block, coinciding with the ~430 feet where the street is 25% narrowed, and add in speed bumps. Every home and apartment complex on our block has a private garage, so this solution still provides ample street and private parking to residents, while simultaneously allowing cars to adequately drive down our block at slow speeds.

THE MOTION: *Proposed:*

- 1) Remove 12 street parking spaces on one side of the block, between 3980 Beethoven St and 3936 Beethoven St.
- 2) Add speed bumps to the same block

DIRECTED TO: MVCC Board of Directors

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC Board Meeting, [date]