

DIRECTOR'S MOTION: Jakob Meuser

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.

BACKGROUND: This motion was brought to the TIS committee by a concerned stakeholder. They presented evidence of signatures from the residents of this block in favor of the following traffic adjustments. The motion passed in committee 9-0-0 but was in a format not amenable to passage through the full board. This director's motion offers a lightly edited version of the stakeholder's original letter, coming from the MVCC. Further information provided in the original motion is as follows:

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)

THE MOTION: The MVCC directs the following communication to Traci Park and the LA Department of Transportation regarding traffic concerns on the 3900 block of Beethoven Street in Mar Vista:

To whom it may concern,

On the 3900 block of Beethoven Street, between Washington and Zanja, the road narrows by over 7 feet. With the average car width under 6 feet, this turns the two-way street into a dangerous bottleneck that makes it difficult for traffic to pass. Beethoven St is fully residential yet 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 the block, a block that is 25% narrower than other streets.

This tightened, two-way traffic during the daily, stressful rush hour windows causes dangerous driving behavior. This block of Beethoven was not built to handle the traffic received – there are regular occurrences of property damage and inevitable safety concerns. Every neighbor in the area 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 about twice per month but isn't properly reflected in traffic incident data because people don't see the value in filing 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 walk along this busy block every day.

The neighbors in this area are very concerned about the property damage, safety, and congestion on this block given the oddly narrow stretch of road. They have proposed 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 speed bumps. Every home and apartment complex on this block has a private garage, so this solution still provides ample parking for residents, while simultaneously allowing cars to adequately drive down the block at slow speeds.

The MVCC requests that Traci Park and LADOT investigate the following remedies:

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

DIRECTED TO: MVCC Board of Directors

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

NA, director's motion