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AGENDA ITEM 8

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Tracy Oehler

From: Mike Johnson
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 2:14 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: -EXT- Concerned citizen in need of accessibility, public comment on CIP
Attachments: Crosswalk system.pdf

From: lyssia nicolini
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 2:45:35 PM
To: Sofia Rubalcava <srubalcava@cityofventura.ca.gov>
Cc: Joe Schroeder <jschroeder@cityofventura.ca.gov>; Lorrie Brown <lbrown@cityofventura.ca.gov>; Jim Friedman <jfriedman@cityofventura.ca.gov>; Doug Halter <dhalter@cityofventura.ca.gov>; Mike Johnson <mike.johnson@cityofventura.ca.gov>; Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios <jpalacios@cityofventura.ca.gov>
Subject: -EXT- Concerned citizen in need of accessibility

Hello, I have attached a formal letter on the need for having an accessible crosswalk system and would appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Lyssia Nicolini
p.p. Jessica Kelley
SAGE Services
Community Coach

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Lyssia Nicolini

Ventura, CA 93004

January 17, 2022

Members of Ventura City Council
501 Poli Street
Room 205
Ventura, CA 93002

My name is Lyssia Nicolini, I live in Ventura and would like to formally request that Ventura County establish a new crosswalk system for the deaf and blind to ensure safety of all individuals, especially those of us with handicaps. According to an article written by Kevin Chan on the dailyhive.com, the City of Vancouver introduced new accessible pedestrian signal (APS) push buttons which are being used as the new standard for signal-controlled crosswalks and have approximately 30 locations set up.

The aforementioned article states that installing the APS will assist individuals who are deaf, blind, and visually impaired, as the push buttons for the crosswalk include tactile locator tools for pedestrians with sight and hearing challenges. The raised arrows should point the direction of travel and the arrow vibrates when the APS is activated. According to the article, "the audible locator is located lower, closer to the level of pedestrians and particularly those in a wheelchair."

This is extremely important to me because I want to be able to navigate the streets of my city safely, independently alongside other disabled citizens that will benefit from these improvements. Thank you for your time and consideration of these very important accessibility changes that will greatly improve my mental and physical health.

Respectfully,

Lyssia Nicolini
p.p. Jessica Kelley
SAGE Services
Community Coach

Reference:

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/vancouver-accessible-pedestrian-signals-push-buttons>

Tracy Oehler

From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 2:54 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form

Public Comment Form

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Name	Trevor Gotsman
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	1/24/2022
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	Support Recommendation
Written Comments	Field not completed.
Upload Files	<u>City Council January 24 2022 Public Comment.pdf</u>

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Honorable Mayor Rubalcava, Deputy Mayor Schroeder, City Council Members Brown, Sanchos-Palacios, Friedman, Halter and Johnson.

January 24, 2022

Regarding Pedestrian Safety for Residents of District 1:

As a daily driver of Ventura Avenue, I know how difficult it is to see pedestrians crossing the avenue, even with flashing light signals. Dark clothing on dark streets. Bright headlights set high. Blinding industrial light pollution. Extreme contrasts are volatile.

As a pedestrian walking a dog, the uneven, broken terrain, the roads are squeezed through, makes walking a daily obstacle course of real consequence.

Children and retirees represent the majority of the pedestrians along the two miles of Ventura Avenue between Main and Dakota.

Safer environments with broader leeway are needed south of Stanley to Main.

A driver insulated inside a machine is a lethal weapon for most creatures whose path it intersects. Children, pets, strollers, wheelchairs leaving home. No matter how you argue, accidents happen, and all pedestrians are vulnerable.

District 1 is historic, and should be delicately tended.

The simple solution is to segment the avenue. Have traffic exit the avenue similar to how Main Street Moves is set up. Do it strategically working with locals, block by block, so it improves safety by improving the overall economy with more space for retail and recreation. Then reconfigure the Stanley on/off ramp at the 33 south so drivers can bypass the Avenue more efficiently - (parking structures with low impact/active public transport across District 1).

We do it together. The City works for the people and needs to communicate at their level, especially with the pedestrian resident at their wits end surviving the continuous roulette.

Patchwork solutions are wasteful unless addressing immediate safety issues. Please work with us and our Westside Community Council (<https://www.westsidecommunitycouncil.org/>) so our family and friends can safely wander amongst their kin, and feel at home.

Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Trevor Gotsman