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Subject: Mission Canyon safety and frustrations

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Dear Supervisors Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam, and Lavagnino,

I wrote extensively on the Multimodal plan.

There have been no pedestrian accidents so even though the area from the Alameda Padre Serra merge with E. Los Olivos (City) to the Las Encinas Rd. intersection at Mission Canyon Rd. (County) are probably the most dangerous in all of Santa Barbara, there are few accidents because everyone is usually very cautious so it would seem that concerns are not warranted.

The three frustrations:

1. The stegosaurus wall keeps getting hit by speeding cars.
2. Vehicles keep parking on the pedestrian paths.
3. Cars speed in both directions on Mission Canyon Rd. where the crosswalk is to the Museum of Natural History. Visibility for pedestrians is not great.

So, the to Do List could be:

1. Stop vehicles from crashing into the Stegosaurus wall.

How?

- a. Make the one and only 20 MPH CURVE sign visible. Add another giant 20 MPH CURVE at the ARROW sign at the Puesta del Sol intersection. This second sign would be visible for a long distance with nothing able to obscure it.
- b. put in speed humps from the bridge all the way to Las Encinas Rd. on Mission Canyon Rd.
- c. Do NOT change the camber of the road. This section is finally water free on rainy days. The rain drains through a hole in the stegosaurus wall on the west and into a drainage box at Rocky Nook Park on the



east.

#1. IMG_7460 photo by paulina 2-16-15, 2:45 PM. Looking south on Mission Canyon Rd. at the south crosswalk at Las Encinas Rd. Vehicles are going at least 35 MPH at this intersection and often faster. There is only about 250 feet, maybe 300 feet between the

single partially hidden 20MPH CURVE sign and the curve. Brake lights are not put on until going past the curve. Paved road is too wide here so drivers go too fast. Hedge hides 20MPH sign. Crosswalk to Museum at Puesta del Sol is seen in the distance with yellow Ped. Xing sign. Note arrow sign too, indicating road goes left. A huge 20MPH sign should be here as it is visible from way up Mission Canyon Rd. The stegosaurus wall that has been hit several times in the last year begins at the arrow sign.

2. Prohibit off-street parking along Mission Canyon Rd. especially at Rocky Nook Park.

How?

- a. Put some boulders in strategic places to prevent parking.
- b. or put in drought tolerant plants that a fire truck could drive over in an emergency.
- c. or put up a rustic removable fence.



#2. IMG_7434 photo by paulina, 2-16-15, 2:45 PM. Looking south on Mission Canyon Rd. from the stegosaurus wall (being repaired) on the west side of the road. A few boulders placed along the road at the entry to this broad area in front of Rocky Nook Park would prevent vehicles from parking here, on the pedestrian path, without putting up no parking signs. It would be aesthetically acceptable as this is a scenic corridor on the Mission Canyon Community Plan.

3. Make crosswalk at Puesta del Sol (Museum is on this road) and Mission Canyon Rd. a safer crossing.

How?

- a. Put in speed humps between the bridge and Puesta del Sol. But be careful not to block drainage should we ever get rain again.
- b. Put speed humps between Puesta del Sol and Las Encinas on Mission Canyon Rd.
- c. Improve visibility for pedestrians if possible. Tree canopies can be pruned. Phone pole and sign moving is more difficult and costly.
- d. Narrow Mission Canyon Rd. visibly with fog lines and actually with barriers such as boulders, removable rustic fencing or drought tolerant plantings.

e. Put a stop sign on the north side of the Las Encinas intersection on Mission Canyon Rd. going south.



#3. IMG_7299 photo by paulina 2-9-15, 4:30 PM. Crosswalk to east side of Mission Canyon Rd from the north side intersection with Puesta del Sol. the Museum of Natural History is on the south west side of Puesta del Sol. Visible across the street in this photo is the Rockwood Woman's Club. Note that on the north west side from here there is a phone pole blocking visibility. Note that across the street there is also a phone pole and a sign pole in the line of sight. Vehicles speed here in both directions. To slow traffic down, the road could be visually and actually narrowed with fog lines, rustic fencing, boulders or plantings. A stop sign could be put in for south bound traffic on Mission Canyon Rd. at the Las Encinas intersection.



Photo for #1,#2,and #3. IMG_7436Photo by paulina 2-16-15, 2:40 PM Looking north on the west side of Mission Canyon Rd. in front of the stegosaurus wall at 609 MC Rd. Wall is being repaired after two accidents on 2-7-15. The wall is 48" high. Drivers do not obey the 20MPH Curve sign if they see it. There is only one sign and it is about 300 feet or less from the curve. The crosswalk to the Museum of Natural History is at the bend where the yellow diamond shaped sign is. The path on the right is often covered by parked cars.

Thank you again for your time and interest.

Again, there have been no pedestrian accidents so I guess none of this is a real issue.

Sincerely,

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