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**LAND USE AND PLANNING
COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT
April 14, 2010**



SYNOPSIS: Regarding the Intersection of Palms and Lincoln.

As requested by VNC President, Mike Newhouse, LUPC is to take public comment, deliberate and send recommendation for action to VNC Board of Officers April 20, 2010 regarding a proposed 4-way traffic light system at this intersection which includes relocating two (2) bus stops and left turn lanes.

Traffic light system to be proposed and cost-shared by both CalTrans and LADOT. CalTrans, LADOT, CD11, and representatives from Senator Oropenza's office and Assemblermember Lieu's office are asking for community support for this traffic sign array.

This intersection has been the scene of killings, maiming, and injuries of all degrees for decades. A grass-roots swell of anger arose from surrounding stakeholders late last year. They had witnessed altogether too many human fatalities and injuries over the years. Emails were sent to VNC Board and LUPC pleading for remedies. Attached to this report is a compilation of emails dating from December, 2009.

Thirty (30) emails asking that this intersection be rendered if not harmless, at least easier for pedestrians to negotiate across. Only one stakeholder disapproved of signage at this intersection. All public testimony, verbal, email, postal, to be included in report to VNC Board of Officers, CD11, CalTrans, LADOT, other governmental agencies. Please see APPENDIX III.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This intersection currently has two (2) bus stops, four (4) crosswalks, with destination commercial on each corner: STAPLES, Lincoln Hardware, Lincoln Fabrics and 7-11 Convenience Store. Palms does not go directly across the intersection, but "dog legs" across. One block north is a traffic light at California and Lincoln. Several blocks south is a traffic light at Superba and Lincoln.

Please refer to APPENDIX I for project proposal.

Venice Subarea: Millwood/Penmar
Zone: Residential and commercial
LUPC Staff: Challis Macpherson

Applicants: All stakeholders using this busy intersection

Contact Information: Table of Contact Information attached

DATES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS:

January 26, 2010 – Westminster Senior Citizen Center

Arturo Pina – Venice Deputy for Councilmember Rosendahl

Veronica Zendejas - Senator Oropeza's deputy

Jennifer Zivkovic - Assembly member Ted Lieu's Deputy

Mo Blorfroshan – LADOT Engineer

Dave White – CalTrans Engineer

Yunus Ghausi – CalTrans Engineer

Theresa Skinner - LAPD SLO

Peggy Theusing - LAPD SLO

February 23, 2010 – Venice Mobility Action Committee Special Meeting at CD11 Westchester Field Office

Arturo Pina – Venice Deputy for Councilmember Rosendahl

Veronica Zendejas - Senator Oropeza's deputy

Mo Blorfroshan – LADOT Engineer

Yunus Ghausi – CalTrans Engineer

April 14, 2010 – LUPC

April 20, 2010 – VNC Board of Officers

LUPC MOTION:

ARGUMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT: (to be taken at 4/14/2010 meeting)

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS PROJECT: (to be taken at 4/14/2010 meeting)

SYNOPSIS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: (to be taken at 4/14/2010 meeting)

FINDINGS: : (to be taken at 4/14/2010 meeting)

APPENDIX I
Description of improvements to Palms and Lincoln Boulevard Intersection in
Venice, California, as per CalTrans and LADOT

Accidents involving pedestrians on crosswalks are a common cause of road injuries and fatalities. In order to further enhance the safety and operation of the marked crosswalk at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard (State Route 1) and Palms Boulevard in Venice, we have recommended the interim and long terms improvements.

The interim improvements consisted of the following's and were completed in January 2010.

- Repainted the crosswalk and installed diagonal (Ladder) pavement makings in the crosswalk to provide sufficient warning for both motorists and pedestrian traffic approaching of this marked crosswalk.
- Upgraded the pedestrian warning signs on both northbound and southbound approaches.

Background:

The intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Palms Boulevard East and West (approaches) are jogged intersections and has a complex geometry. For the best interest of public safety, the following long term improvements are proposed and the viable alternative will be selected when the support of the community of Venice is obtained.

The Long term improvements would be consisted of the following's.

1. Placement of the in-roadway warning lights and pedestrian actuated flashing beacon signals for both northbound and southbound approaches on Lincoln Boulevard at Palms Boulevard. These improvements could be designed and built by the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans).
2. Restricting the northbound Lincoln left turn movement to westbound Palms Boulevard. As interim solution until the permanent solution is implemented, we are proposing to restrict the northbound left turn movement to westbound Palms by placement of restricted left turn signs facing northbound traffic during peak periods.
3. In addition, restricting the westbound left turn movement onto southbound Lincoln and eastbound left turn movement onto northbound Lincoln during peak periods by placement of restricted signs on Palms Boulevard.

Placement of in-roadway warning lights and flashing beacons on Lincoln Boulevard approaching to Palms Boulevard may have some advantages and some disadvantages.

Advantages are as follows:

- Placement of in-pavement warning lights and flashing beacons may improve drivers' awareness of crosswalks and pedestrians who are present in them.
- After the installation of it lights, motorist yield behavior increases; that is, more drivers stop or slow down when pedestrians attempt to cross the road than before the warning lights were present.

- The speed near crosswalks also would decline after in-roadway warning lights are activated.
- In-pavement flashing warning lights would increase the conspicuity of a crosswalk when a pedestrian is using it.

In a complex and jogged intersection such as Lincoln and Palms Boulevard the placement of the in-pavement lighting and flashing beacons may not achieve all the safety concerns as expressed by the local community of Venice.

- The left turn movements from northbound Lincoln onto westbound and from southbound Lincoln onto eastbound Palms would still be operating in un-acceptable level of safety, because of the roadway geometry unless these turning movements are permanently restricted.
- The meaning of the lights could be unclear to motorists and pedestrians alike. In some cases, pedestrians, who could use the lighted crosswalk, they do not and instead they cross elsewhere on the road.
- It may be difficult for pedestrians to know whether the lights are on or not, and drivers may not know what to do when the lights are flashing.
- Some drivers may slow but would still continue across the intersection in front of a pedestrian, while others may stop and wait for the lights to stop flashing, even when no pedestrian is present.

The installation of full traffic signals on Lincoln Boulevard at Palms Boulevard (at east and west approaches) would be the long term improvement and could be the viable alternative if it is supported by the community of Venice.

The process to implement the installation of full traffic signal would involve the following's.

- Requires the local community's support.
- Requires the City of Los Angeles Council's District support.
- Requires funding contribution by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (50% by LADOT and 50% by Caltrans).

Recommendation:

Caltrans will schedule accelerated project delivery, for the proposed traffic signal, at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Palms Boulevard, for the year 2011/2012 fiscal year. The remaining element of work necessary to achieve project delivery are the preparation of the cooperative agreement negotiation, execution and approval, preparation of project report and project plans.

It was suggested at the recent public meeting by the Caltrans that the city of Los Angeles may become the lead agency to install the signal under a Caltrans permit. Caltrans would then reimburse the City for the State's share of the cost, under a Caltrans-prepared cooperative agreement. In the interim, until the Council District 15 course of action, Caltrans will proceed with other the draft cooperative agreement under the existing accelerated project delivery scheduling.

APPENDIX II

Synopsis of Proceedings

Background,

On November 18, we received email note from the Office of Hon Council Member Bill Rosenthal forwarding his constituents concerns regarding the pedestrian accident at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard (SR-1) at Palms Boulevard in Venice. They indicated that the major issue at this intersection is the pedestrian's assumption that traffic can and will come to an almost stretching halt in order to allow them to cross the highway. We were asked to investigate upgrading the crosswalk upgrading them with embedded lights/yellow striping/caution signs (similar to the flashing signal on Victoria and Lincoln crosswalk).

CalTrans responded to the Office of Hon Council Member Bill Rosendahl and expressed its sympathy and indicated that we were saddened about the traffic accident that occurred at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Palms Boulevard.

A comprehensive traffic engineering study at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Palms Boulevard was conducted in response to the community concerns over pedestrian safety. As result of that study, we recommended repainting the crosswalk and installing diagonal (Ladder) pavement makings in the crosswalk to provide sufficient warning for both motorists and pedestrian traffic approaching of this marked crosswalk. Further, we recommended upgrading the pedestrian warning signs on both northbound and southbound approaches. These improvements were completed in January 2010.

We secured additional traffic accident data at this intersection and revisited the safety and operation of the pedestrian safety and reviewed the accident data, as result of this study, and in order to further enhance the safety and operation of this intersection, we recommended long term improvements. These additional long term improvements would be either installation of pedestrian actuated traffic signal or installation of traffic signal.

We look forward to continue working with the LADOT staff, Neighborhood Council, local community and the City of Los Angeles Police Department (Western Division) in improving the safety and mobility of Lincoln Boulevard in Venice. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me, at (213) 897-0560

APPENDIX III

FROM Marlene Marcus" <marlenemarcus@yahoo.com

Marlene from Lincoln Fabrics right out in front of the crosswalk. I have worked here for 45 years and lived on Palms for 31 years. I cannot count how many accidents both car to car , pedestians and bicyclists. I would love to have some kind of real signal device so other people can be spared both physically and mentally any harm arising from the many accidents that will surely happen without a signal.Thanks
Sent from my iPhone

From: Ingrid Mueller [mailto:ingridinvenice@yahoo.com]

Sent: **Monday, April 12, 2010 1:13 PM**

To: challis.macpherson@verizon.net

Subject: LUPC 4/14 meeting re: Lincoln/Palms

Hello there, Challis,

although you and I attended the meeting w/DOT and CD11 and LAPD personnel a few weeks ago, here's my comment regarding that 'impossible' intersection at Lincoln & Palms:

Unless one is c a p a b l e and sprints and dashes to avoid traffic, the intersection at Lincoln & Palms Blvd. is obviously UNSAFE for anybody!

Those various agencies capable of observing/evaluation/deciding whether to install flickering caution or permanent traffic lights better a c t soon, before another pedestrian or biker walking the bike or disabled with a wheelchair are hit again.

Thanks for taking this up with all of your possible passion.
(I am planning to attend 'Housing is a Human Right' ralley close to downtown that night)

Bestest,
Ingrid Mueller
1-1/2 blocks E of Lincoln at California

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Silagi [mailto:lrsilagi@gmail.com]

Sent: **Friday, April 09, 2010 1:44 PM**

To: Laura Silagi

Cc: Challis Macpherson

Subject: Killer crosswalk at Palms and Lincoln Crosswalk proposed traffic lights

Dear All:

Testimony is needed regarding the Lincoln and Palms crosswalk. There have been two very serious accidents involving pedestrians in recent months and that may have resulted in the death of the pedestrians. Over the years there have been many other accidents at that intersection. People are afraid to cross the street.

The city and state need community pressure in order to free up funds

to put in either a traffic light or pedestrian operated flashing light at the intersect. This is literally a matter of life and death.

Please come to the Land Use and Planning Committee APRIL 14th, 6:45 p.m. at the Oakwood Rec. to discuss this issue. If you are not able to be there, please send an email with your comments to Challis MacPherson, challis.macpherson@verizon.net, the chair of LUPC. She will include your comments in the record that goes to the VNC board and hopefully also forward your comments to Bill Rosendahl. All stakeholders and especially residents surrounding this intersection are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Venice Neighborhood Council's Land Use and Planning Committee (VNC/LUPC) will take public comment, deliberate and send a recommendation for action to VNC Board of Officers at a regular meeting April 14, 2010. VNC Board of Officers will consider it April 20, 2010.

PS -Please feel free to forward this email to your friends or neighbors.

Best,
Laura Silagi

From: Karen Brodkin [<mailto:kbrodkin@anthro.ucla.edu>]
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 4:25 PM
To: challis.macpherson@verizon.net
Subject: Lincoln-Palms

I'm sorry I'll be out of town on the 14th, but would like to submit comments:
I strongly support a traffic light &/or pedestrian-controlled *stoplight*. The LA-standard light i(Abbot Kinney& Palms; & in front of Fox swapmeet on Lincoln) is dangerous: it's a blinking yellow that the pedestrian cannot see & therefore can't know if/when it starts to blink. Moreover, it continues to blink long after pedestrians have left the crosswalk. Better is the Santa Monica style pedestrian operated red, then blinking red – as on Main street.

Lincoln is truly a community-divider: it's hell to cross on foot or bike.

Karen Brodkin

From: Eileen Pollack Erickson [<mailto:eileen@slpmanagement.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 4:31 PM
To: challis.macpherson@verizon.net
Subject: Palms & Lincoln

Hi Challis,

This would be a great place to have a stoplight! It would be an asset for safety as well as traffic control.

Thanks,



Eileen

Eileen Pollack Erickson
1636 Crescent Place
Venice, CA 90291

From: Kathy Kind [mailto:kind1@ca.rr.com]
Sent: **Friday, April 09, 2010 4:34 PM**
To: challis.macpherson@verizon.net
Subject: needed signal at Lincoln and Palms intersection

I am writing to say that the Palms and Lincoln intersection seriously needs a signal. I have lived on Nowita for 23 years and that crosswalk is literal suicide. Now that Staples is on the corner, we have non-neighborhood people pulling in and out of the driveways and onto Lincoln and it is terrifying to walk or try to drive there. People do not look up crossing Palms and walk right in front of cars. People think the cars on Lincoln can see them and try to use the crosswalk and it is dangerous. People should not die trying to cross in a crosswalk. I strongly request a signal be put in at the intersection of Palms and Lincoln. A flashing light will simply confuse commuters.

Additionally, the RVs being able to park right at the alleys and driveways on Palms near Lincoln completely restrict vision and add to the danger. It is time to restrict vehicles that are that large from parking near driveways and corners and alleys in Venice.

Thank you.
Kathryn Kind
904 Nowita Place, Venice

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Silagi [mailto:lrsilagi@gmail.com]
Sent: **Saturday, April 10, 2010 10:28 AM**
To: Challis Macpherson
Subject: Re: crosswalk

Thanks for your email. I forwarded it to Challis MacPherson who will include it in the official record.

Best,
Laura Silagi

On Sat, Apr 10, 2010 at 10:14 AM, Laura Silagi <lrsilagi@gmail.com> wrote:

> ----- Forwarded message -----

> From: Steve Lemon <steve@stevelemon.com>

> Date: **Sat, Apr 10, 2010 at 8:27 AM**

> Subject: crosswalk

> To: lrsilagi@gmail.com

> Cc: Deb Lemon <deb.lemon@gmail.com>

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> Laura

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> My wife and I cross there on occasion to get to the gym, even when the

> automobile traffic is stopped for us in the crosswalk, motorcycles

> shoot the gaps between the cars not knowing about or seeing us in the

> crosswalk. A light is needed to signal them to stop as well.

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> Steve Lemon

From: Patricia Mannix [mailto:pmannoch@gmail.com]

Sent: **Saturday, April 10, 2010 4:33 PM**

To: challis.macpherson@verizon.net

Subject: Palms/Lincoln Blvds intersection in Venice

Ms. MacPherson,

As a resident of Palms Blvd, I know from experience that it's extremely hazardous attempting to cross the boulevard at Palms/Lincoln. Too many accidents involving pedestrians have already happened there. I want to feel safe walking in the community.

I strongly feel that a pedestrian operated flashing light is needed at the intersection.

Sincerely,

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1075 Palms Blvd.

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Patricia Mannix
1075 Palms Blvd.
Venice 90291

From: Juan Jose Quintana [mailto:jjquintana@gmail.com]
Sent: **Monday, April 12, 2010 11:24 AM**
To: challis.macpherson@verizon.net
Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln At PALms

I just want to express my feelings reagarding the crosswalk on Lincolns at Plams.

It's very scary to cross that street. Cars don stop or they don't see yopu when crossing.

I live close by, on Milwood and Lincoln, and me and my family are really scared of even trying to cross there. It's safe to take the car and drive one block if we go to the 7-11, Lincolns Fabrics or a restaurant there. And I'm talking about just crossing a street!

It's also very unsafe for the kids who come from the school.

I think that having a pedestrian operated flashing light would help us to be safer and also as a green alternative in our neighborhood.

Thanks for your attention to my email.

Juan Jose Quintana
924 Milwood Ave.
Venice CA 90291
Juan José Quintana
310.625.2934 JJQuintana@gmail.com

From: Yunus Ghausi [mailto:yunus_ghausi@dot.ca.gov]
Sent: **Monday, February 01, 2010 8:11 AM**
To: Patti Hall
Cc: councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arture.pina@lacity.org; board@venicenc.org; area 2
Subject: Fw: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Dear Mr. Hall,

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Sincerely,

Yunus Ghausi, P.E. & T.E.
Senior Transportation Engineer
Office of Traffic Investigations

From: Yunus Ghausi [mailto:yunus_ghausi@dot.ca.gov]

Sent: **Monday, February 01, 2010 6:59 AM**

To: Allison McCabe

Cc: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturo.pina@lacity.org; Yunus Ghausi; Sameer Haddadeen; Frank Quon; area 2

Subject: Fw: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Dear Ms. McCabe,

This is in response to your email in which you expressed concerns about safety of pedestrian crossing Lincoln Boulevard (SR-1) at Palms Boulevard in Venice. You have indicated that the major issue at this intersection is the pedestrian's assumption that traffic can and will come to an almost stretching halt in order to allow them to cross the highway. Also, you expressed that yesterday, numerous accidents have occurred as a result of cars hitting pedestrians at this crosswalk.

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Sincerely,

Yunus Ghausi, P.E. & T.E.
Senior Transportation Engineer
Office of Traffic Investigations

-----Original Message-----

From: Arturo Piña [<mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org>]

Sent: **Tuesday, January 19, 2010 5:46 PM**

To: Arturo Piña

Subject: Community Meeting on 1/26/10 Re: Lincoln & Palms

Thank you all for reaching out to Councilmember Rosendahl. You are receiving this message as you have expressed interest in being provided with clarifying information relative to next steps for how the intersection of Palms and Lincoln could be made safer.

I apologize for not being able to get back to everyone sooner but I wanted to let everyone know that a community meeting is confirmed for 1-26-10 at 10 am. We will be meeting at the Westminster Senior Center which is right next to the Westminster Dog Park. Address is 1234 PACIFIC AVENUE VENICE, CA 90291. I realize this is away from the area where the accident occurred but it has been difficult to confirm a facility that could comfortably accommodate us all.

We will be joined by representatives from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, California Department of Transportation, along with representatives from Assemblymember Lieu and State Senator Oropeza's office. The opportunity to hear from representatives relative to what traffic mitigation is in the pipeline and questions and answers will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there and if you are not available, feel free to provide me with your thoughts and/or questions and I will get them to the appropriate representative.

Sincerely,

Arturo Piña
Office of Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
Office (310) 568-8772 - Fax (310) 410-3946
arturo.pina@lacity.org
www.councilmanrosendahl.com

From: Challis Macpherson [mailto:challis.macpherson@verizon.net]

Sent: **Thursday, December 31, 2009 2:08 PM**

To: Dolorespavone@aol.com; lisa@dezartcinematic.com; heathbinder@gmail.com; arturo.pina@lacity.org; lisa@lisabartleson.com; 'Jim Horwitz@lacity.org'; rebeccaalber@yahoo.com;
Cc: LUPC@VeniceNC.org; board@venicenc.org; sakaplan@ca.rr.com; 'Mohammad Blorfroshan'; yunus_ghausi@dot.ca.gov; Annette_vait@Yahoo.com; jeb@witzend.com; NHC@VeniceNC.org; 26837@lapd.lacity.org

Subject: Danger at crosswalk of Lincoln & Palms

Dear All:

Attached is a compiled (see below) email string on this issue to date.

May I reiterate - the community has been trying to get a traffic light at that intersection for decades.

CalTrans or LADOT or the Council Office always listened, always reacted, always sent the information on to the appropriate departments. Everything routed correctly.

Now, Mr. Yunus Ghausi of CalTrans is a responsible engineer. We have heard from him before. Pay careful attention to his email in response to Arturo Pina's email. We have been hearing this same information for decades about that particular intersection with NO action taken.

I strongly suggest that we keep sending emails to all concerned.

Do feel free to forward this to other community members. The more, the better. Squeak, squeak, squeak!

Later, Challis

PS: I erred, the next Venice Mobility Action Committee is actually scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 3:30 PM.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Horwitz [mailto:jim.horwitz@lacity.org]

Sent: **Thursday, December 31, 2009 12:12 PM**

To: lisa@dezartcinematic.com; heathbinder@gmail.com; Arturo Piña; Councilman Rosendahl; lisa@lisabartleson.com; board@venicenc.org; Challis Macpherson

Cc: Mohammad Blorfroshan

Subject: Re: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

It looks like Arturo got Cal Trans to move immediately on this issue.

I hope their actions will mitigate most future problems.

Thanks Arturo.

From: Mohammad Blorfroshan [mailto:Mo.Blorfroshan@lacity.org]

Sent: **Thursday, December 31, 2009 1:00 PM**

To: lisa@dezartcinematic.com; heathbinder@gmail.com; Arturo Piña; Councilman Rosendahl; lisa@lisabartleson.com; board@venicenc.org; Challis Macpherson

Cc: Jim Horwitz

Subject: Re: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Hi Challis,

Happy Holidays! The next Venice Mobility Action Committee is actually scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 3:30 PM. In the meantime, Caltrans is conducting an updated traffic engineering analysis of the intersection of Lincoln Bl and Palms Bl. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mo Blorfroshan

Transportation Engineer

Western District Office, Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: Arturo Piña [mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org]

Sent: **Thursday, December 31, 2009 11:57 AM**

To: lisa@dezartcinematic.com; heathbinder@gmail.com; Councilman Rosendahl; lisa@lisabartleson.com; board@VeniceNC.org; challis.macpherson@verizon.net

Cc: Jim Horwitz; Mohammad Blorfroshan

Subject: Re: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Hi folks,

This is from Cal Trans sent yesterday.

Yunus Ghausi <yunus_ghausi@dot.ca.gov> 12/30/09 1:51 PM

Dear Mr. Arturo Pina,

This is in response to your email in which you expressed concerns about safety of pedestrian crossing Lincoln Boulevard (SR-1) at Palms Boulevard in Venice. You have indicated that the major issue at this intersection is the pedestrian's assumption that traffic can and will come to an almost stretching halt in order to allow them to cross the highway. Also, you expressed that yesterday, a woman was killed in the crosswalk on Lincoln Boulevard at Palms Boulevard. You have asked to investigate upgrading the crosswalk with embedded lights/yellow striping/caution signs (similar to the flashing signal on other crosswalks).

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Cc: 'Mohammad Blorfroshan'; 'Jim Horwitz'
Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Dear All:

This is Challis Macpherson, Chair of the VNC Land Use and Planning Committee and VNC board member. This information is for identification purposes only. I have lived in Venice since 1965.

First, the Marcus Family, owners of Lincoln Fabrics, has tried for years (maybe decades) to get a traffic light at the corner of Palms and Lincoln. No avail. This is not the first casualty on that crosswalk.

Let us seize the day and get a traffic light NOW.

Second, there is a Mobility Action Committee (Venice MAC it is called) sponsored by LADOT that meets every 6 weeks. Next meeting February 16th at Municipal Building auditorium at corner of Manchester and Lincoln. 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. That is too late for immediate action - but - Mo Blorfroshan, CC-ed this email, chairs that committee. Everybody email him to get this on next Venice MAC agenda, but meanwhile keep those emails going out -- council office, mayor, LADOT, the works..

Jim Horwitz is constituent advisor for CD11 - works out of WLA office. He has all the information, email addresses, etc. for you to continue harassing the city until something is done. This is all IMHO, of course.

Later, Challis

Please keep my in the loop on this.

Dear Susie:

Attached is an email string that I put together of all the emails and information gathered about that oh so dangerous intersection of Palms and Lincoln.

First, sending to VNC Board is good. Send also to:

LADOT Mo.Blorfroshan@lacity.org;

CD11 Arturo.Pina@lacity.org;

From: Jeff Gordon [mailto:jgordon@writersbootcamp.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2010 4:33 PM

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Subject: Westside Intersection of Lincoln and Palms

To Whom This May Concern:

Building and residing at 1076 Palms Bl in Venice for going on for nearing seven years now, I've often noticed and experienced the hazard of the intersection adjacent to the 7-11.

It was exceptionally dangerous in the rain yesterday, with many blind spots due to the traffic on Lincoln, many turning vehicles and pedestrians.

There are a surprising number of people, dog walkers and animals, bus passengers, day workers, bicyclists, homeless people, trailer vehicles, trailer dwellers and slurpee patrons passing through this incredibly busy section of street.

It would be great if the appropriate leaders and city officials would address the situation.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for input.

Thanks,

Jeffrey Gordon

310/998-1199 x363

From: Challis Macpherson [mailto:challis.macpherson@verizon.net]

Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 12:04 PM

Dear All:

Please note that Marlene Marcus, Lincoln Fabrics and witness to the pedestrian accidents through the years at this intersection, is now on the email list.

Saw Marlene at Staples this morning and she will be at the Venice MAC meeting. It is Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 3:30 PM in the community room at the Municipal Building at corner of Manchester and Lincoln. Enter at door on the west side of building. This is month after next. If there are other meetings planned - with the Councilman, or CalTrans or ?? - please advise all on the contact list.

Later, Challis

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrea Reibsamen [mailto:wlkstprod@earthlink.net]

Sent: **Tuesday, January 19, 2010 3:14 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org

Subject: Crosswalk on Lincoln at Palms

Dear Council

I am support of procuring funding for a lighted crosswalk at Palms and Lincoln Boulevards.

Thank you!

Andrea Reibsamen Doyle

829 Palms Blvd

From: rebecca alber [mailto:rebeccaalber@yahoo.com]

Sent: **Saturday, January 16, 2010 12:33 PM**

To: Arturo.pina@lacity.org; Jim.horowitz@lacity.org; Yunus_ghausi@dot.ca.gov; Mo.blorfroshan@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; NHC@VeniceNC.org; LUPC@VeniceNC.org; 26837@lapd.lacity.org; mapstone@mac.com; roncalay@vitalhemp.com; Nperlman02@gmail.com; lisa@desartcinematic.com; heathbinder@gmail.com; deolorespavone@aol.com; lisa@lisabartleson.com; gonzalopanzalo@mac.com; Annett_vait@yahoo.com; jeb@witzend.com; bspeterson@gmail.com; MarleneMarcus@yahoo.com; sakaplan@ca.rr.com; lrsilagi@ca.rr.com; seriousbusiness@aol.com; Challis Macpherson

Subject: Re: Palms & Lincoln Intersection

Thanks, Challis. I will be there as well!

Just an update on the gentlemen who was hit on December 29. Some of you know this already, but I stayed with him until the ambulance arrived. I called the community police department last week, and a kind officer put me on hold to find out the man's condition. He is still in critical condition but, thankfully, alive.

Take care,
Rebecca Alber
Later, Challis

From: Mapstone Robina [mailto:mapstone@mac.com]

Sent: **Saturday, January 09, 2010 9:08 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Cc: challis.macpherson@verizon.net; Peter Charlene

Subject: Lincoln/Palms crosswalk

Here is another e-mail from a Palms Boulevard neighbor referring to the pedestrian issues at the corner of Palms and Lincoln.

From: charles hill <charleschristopherhill@verizon.net>

Date: **January 9, 2010 6:36:27 AM PST**

To: Charlene Sato <mysticdragonfly@earthlink.net>

Subject: **Re: Crosswalk Lincoln Boulevard/Palms Boulevard**

Dear All,

There is a sidewalk that aligns with the southwest corner of Palms, it is in an inconvenient location. Last year I witnessed an LAPD action on this corner trying to identify people who do not stop for pedestrians.

The police had a group of people who took turns walking across Lincoln, it was amazing how many people did not stop for pedestrians. I think they wrote a lot of tickets that day.

Any signage or device slowing traffic will divert more traffic to Penmar Avenue to the east, I have noticed this happening already.

Lincoln Boulevard is a dismal street to drive on and the traffic is impossible during commuting hours, perhaps that is why drivers are so nasty.

Charles

From: John Menaghan [mailto:menaghan@yahoo.com]

Sent: **Thursday, January 14, 2010 3:04 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd / Palms Blvd

Hello:

I write to support the call to install blinking lights, yellow paint, and pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk at Lincoln and Palms.

John Menaghan
707 Palms Blvd.
Venice, CA 90291

-----Original Message-----

From: Susie Shapira [mailto:suzqz3@yahoo.com]

Sent: **Wednesday, January 13, 2010 3:28 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln/Palms Blvd

Dear Venice Neighborhood Council,

I live at 930 Palms Blvd, and I would like something to be done about the crosswalk across Lincoln. It is extremely dangerous to cross there, regardless of the time of day, because there is simply nothing alerting the cars speeding by that there is, in fact, a crosswalk there, besides a tiny yellow sign that is not in plain view.

I was alerted recently to the fact that another pedestrian was struck and in my opinion, it is time to act.

Please allocate funds to put in blinking lights, yellow paint and better pedestrian crossing signs at this intersection, and prevent anyone else from being hurt.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Susie Shapira

From: Pietz Peterson [mailto:bspeterson@gmail.com]

Sent: **Monday, January 04, 2010 6:47 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; artuopina@lacity.org

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln/Palms Blvd

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Venice. I live at 1043 Palms Blvd, just East of Lincoln. Please consider adding flashing lights and paint to the crosswalk across Lincoln. Recent traffic accidents have been rather horrific and the crosswalk is easy to miss. This is a neighborhood which has an increasing amount of foot traffic, which is a great thing, but please let's try to make it a bit safer for pedestrians.

In addition, I would strongly urge installing speed bumps across Palms Blvd from Penmar to Lincoln. The street widens quite a bit and people feel inclined to treat it like a freeway rather than a residential neighborhood.

Thanks for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely, Brian Peterson

646.209.0109

From: rebecca alber [mailto:rebeccaalber@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 12:08 PM

To: yunus_ghausi@dot.ca.gov

Cc: Dolorespavone@aol.com; lisa@dezartcinematic.com; heathbinder@gmail.com; arturo.pina@lacity.org; lisa@lisabartleson.com; "Jim Horwitz"@lacity.org; rebeccaalber@yahoo.com; challis.macpherson@verizon.net; LUPC@VeniceNC.org; board@venicenc.org; sakaplan@ca.rr.com; Annette_vait@yahoo.com; jeb@witzend.com; NHC@VeniceNC.org; 26837@lapd.lacity.org; Mo.Blorfroshan@lacity.org

Subject: Danger at crosswalk of Lincoln & Palms

Dear Mr. Yunus Ghausi,

QUOTING email from Challis Macpherson who is on the Venice Neighborhood Council:

Now, Mr. Yunus Ghausi of CalTrans is a responsible engineer. We have heard from him before. Pay careful attention to his email in response to Arturo Pina's email [ATTACHED] We have been hearing this same information for decades about that particular intersection with NO action taken.

Mr. Ghausi, if this crosswalk is not improved within the 2 months that YOU PROMISE, I propose that you accept culpability for any more of our CITIZENS BEING MAIMED, INJURED OR KILLED while crossing in this neglected, direpaired, deadly crosswalk.

I have witnessed ONE DEATH and ONE CRITICAL INJURY within ONE YEAR in this crosswalk.

Enough is enough!

Respectfully,
Rebecca Alber

p.s. I have contacted local newspapers about this issue.

ATTACHED – Yunus Ghausi's email to Deputy Director, Arturo Pina.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cheri Pann [mailto:gonzalopanzalo@mac.com]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 10:21 AM

To: board@venicenc.org

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Dear District Director,

We desperately need a crosswalk with flashing yellow lights at the corner of Lincoln Blvd & Palms Blvd in Venice. It is really scary to

attempt walking across to Lincoln Hardware or Staples. I know of 2 people who have been seriously injured by drivers not paying attention.

Thank you,
Cheri Pann
1116 Palms Blvd
Venice, CA 90291-3525

-----Original Message-----

From: Mapstone Robina [mailto:mapstone@mac.com]

Sent: **Saturday, January 02, 2010 7:44 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Boulevard/Palms Boulevard

Dear Venice planners and organizers:

I have been a citizen of Venice since 1972 when I purchased my house on Palms Boulevard.

The street which is unusually long between Penmar and Lincoln has seen many changes and has always had traffic issues due to it's length. The intersection where Palms meets Lincoln is a troublesome corner. Pedestrians cross Lincoln and Palms where there are no markings to help them make the journey across safely, nor are there yellow lines or blinking lights to remind motorist that it is a well traveled corner and they should slow down and consider the pedestrians. Three of the corners have businesses that bring in pedestrians and the fourth has a hardware store a few yards south of the corner. Lincoln Boulevard is a highly traveled street where traffic moves very slow. Drivers are frustrated and tend to be more interested in gaining a few yards than checking for pedestrians where there is no marked crossing.

I understand a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle while using the crosswalk at Lincoln and Palms and is seriously hurt. This is not the first time this has happened but one would like to hope that it could be the last.

Please review this situation carefully, and take appropriate measures to install some remedial measures such as blinking lights, yellow paint, pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk.

Thank you for considering this request from a Venice citizen.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Mapstone
1090 Palms Boulevard, Venice, CA

From: "ronalcalay@vitalhemp.com" <ronalcalay@vitalhemp.com>

Date: **December 31, 2009 11:54:54 AM PST**

To: board@venice.org, councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org, arturopina@lacity.org

Cc: Nancy Perlman <nperlman02@gmail.com>

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Dear Board, Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Arturo Pina,

I grew up in the Palisades in the 60's and 70's, walking in the middle of residential streets, and never even worrying about cars stopping when I crossed Sunset Blvd at a crosswalk. I knew that "pedestrians have the right of way," and felt this law was sane, just and must be self-evident.

Now I'm 48, and though I feel the same way, it's clear to me that a large minority of drivers either do not know the law, or do not feel it is particularly important to obey. They must think: "Cars are bigger and more powerful. Let the little things like pigeons and humans get out of the way. I'm going somewhere!"

For the last two and a half years, I've lived at 1048 Palms Blvd., just East of Lincoln with my girlfriend, who has owned a house here for about eight years. She is scared to cross Lincoln at Palms, even at the crosswalk. I always reassure her, stepping off the curb when there's plenty of time for cars to stop. Unfortunately, what I've deemed enough time is not always enough for drivers intent on cruising along (pedestrians be damned), and we've had to pause, letting monomaniacal drivers speed by, or stop suddenly, irate because we continued to cross. Now, with this latest serious pedestrian accident, I'm a little scared too.

Won't you please install a flashing pedestrian crosswalk light, so all the people East and West of Lincoln who use this intersection won't have to fear for their lives every time they cross the street? Now that the problem is so painfully obvious, I'd hate to hear of another accident.

Another thing the city council might consider: promoting the rights of pedestrians through billboards that read, "Pedestrians have the right of way...always! That's the law." Something along those lines would reinforce what many in their driving exam pass over lightly (or may even get wrong and still pass the test). Peoples' lives (both pedestrians and drivers) do not have to be ruined by more senseless accidents.

Please take the prudent steps to insure the safety of our neighborhood's pedestrians and of all the citizens of Los Angeles.

Thank you.

Looking forward to a safer 2010 for all,

Ron Alcalay, Ph.D.
(310) 962-3651

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Perlman [mailto:nperlman02@gmail.com]

Sent: **Friday, January 01, 2010 3:43 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Subject: Crosswalk: Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Please take the necessary steps to install proper visual alerts - blinking lights, yellow paint, reflectors and pedestrian crossing signs at the Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd crosswalk. As you all are aware, a pedestrian was struck in that crosswalk on 12.29.09. As a Venice resident who's lived on Palms near Lincoln for 10 years, I'm frankly surprised there haven't been more similar accidents. Palms Boulevard is a major thoroughfare, resulting in making the Palms/Lincoln intersection highly trafficked.

There's an obvious need here, and as those in charge of protecting and serving our community, I strongly urge you to take action now. Properly outfitting this crosswalk would be an excellent way to start 2010, not only for residents of Venice, but everyone who drives and walks through our neighborhood. This is an easy one.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Nancy Perlman
1048 Palms Blvd.

From: rebecca alber [mailto:rebeccaalber@yahoo.com]

Sent: **Thursday, December 31, 2009 1:32 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturo.pina@lacity.org

Subject: DANGER-Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd!

City Officials and member of the VNC,

I witnessed a horrible event the other morning. I saw a man hit by a vehicle going full speed through this crosswalk. I was one of the first people on the scene and stayed on the phone with emergency and by the man's side as we waited for the paramedics. I don't know his condition, but I did find out he was taken to a trauma unit and had to have emergency surgery.

This incident was avoidable.

The city must have data of the multiple accidents at this dangerous crosswalk that is in serious disrepair. Cars are continually screeching on their brakes to avoid hitting pedestrians and as a result, slam into each other. And into people.

A woman was killed in the crosswalk not even a year ago!

The pedestrian sign on the west side of the street is upside down and has graffiti all over it. There are no reflectors or blinking lights as on other crosswalks.

How many more people need to have their life's destroyed by this neglected crosswalk? **PLEASE - Fix it IMMEDIATELY, or remove it!**

(If any of you have information about the condition of the gentleman hit, I would appreciate knowing. I am heartbroken for him, his family and the driver.)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical, urgent issue!

Rebecca Alber

A resident of Venice, Palms Blvd.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Tauscher [mailto:lisa@dezartcinematic.com]

Sent: **Thursday, December 31, 2009 10:37 AM**

To: board@venicenc.org

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd. / Palms Blvd.

Dear Members,

We live on Palms Blvd just West of Lincoln Blvd. Our kids do use the Lincoln Blvd. crosswalk quite a bit on walks around the neighborhood - it's a frightening prospect for crossing. I am urging you to spend funds on blinking lights, yellow paint and pedestrian crossing signs at this crosswalk for the safety of Venice citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Lisa Tauscher

Venice Resident - 820 Palms

-----Original Message-----

From: heathbinder@gmail.com [mailto:heathbinder@gmail.com]

Sent: **Wednesday, December 30, 2009 10:17 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturo.pina@lacity.org

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Dear Members of the VNC, Councilman Rosendahl and District Director Pina,

I wanted to bring your attention to an issue that's troubling me and my neighbors.

There is a crosswalk at Lincoln and Palms, in front of the fabric store (we live right there at 940 Palms). Yesterday a pedestrian was struck by a car there and seriously injured (perhaps killed, we don't know). This keeps happening and we are at the point where we will not cross Lincoln Blvd. there anymore by foot because cars don't stop (it's also, for that matter, dangerous to drive through that intersection).

Could you please take some steps to improve the safety at that intersection? A traffic light would be best, but some other solutions could include lit crosswalk signs, increased speed trapping from the police, improved signage, etc.

Please advise, and I'd love to be kept informed about your efforts.

Thanks, and happy new year,

Heath Binder

From: Dolorespavone@aol.com [mailto:Dolorespavone@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 8:15 PM

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Subject: "crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd.

concerning the 12/29/09 accident at palms and Lincoln, something should be done to avoid such. e.g. blinking lights, yellow paint, pedestrian crossing signs at this crosswalk. thanks and I hope to see some improvement soon.

From: Lisa Bartleson [mailto:lisa@lisabartleson.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 7:28 PM

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

Hello Members of the VNC, Councilman Rosendahl and District Director Pina,

Yesterday, December 29th, a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle while traveling in the crosswalk at Lincoln Blvd and Palms Blvd. This is the second pedestrian that I know of that has been hit this year at Palms / Lincoln, in both cases the injuries were very terrible and severe.

My home is at 940 Palms Blvd, which is in close proximity of the crosswalk. I hear screeching tires and collisions daily that are a result of drivers slamming on their breaks to avoid hitting pedestrians.

I am writing you this note as a concerned Venice resident, asking that you address the safely concerns of this crosswalk before we loose more lives.

Lisa Bartleson
940 Palms Blvd
310 988 5234

From: Challis Macpherson [mailto:challis.macpherson@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 3:04 PM

To: 'rebecca alber'

Cc: Dolorespavone@aol.com; lisa@dezartcinematic.com; heathbinder@gmail.com; lisa@lisabartleson.com; sakaplan@ca.rr.com; Annette_vait@yahoo.com; jeb@witzend.com; gonzalopanzalo@mac.com

Subject: RE: Danger at crosswalk of Lincoln & Palms

Dear All:

First, I must clarify that I may be ON the Venice Neighborhood Council, I do not REPRESENT the Venice Neighborhood Council unless I am presenting a recommendation moved, seconded and voted upon by the Venice Neighborhood Council. The VNC has yet to take public comment, deliberate and/or recommend a course of action on this intersection.

Thank you. Now onward and upward.

Do not lose momentum here. Keep those emails going. Follow up emails are OK also. Reference previous emails. Ask what is being done. Spread the word to friends and neighbors. You know the drill.

I put together a table (attached) of neighboring stakeholders and city employees and their email addresses. "Select" and "Copy" from the email address column and paste on the "To" line of outgoing emails. Whether or not you want to send every email to everybody is your decision. The list is there for use. Feel free to make any additions and send to me.

And I have another little trick to share. If things are not progressing as we would want them to progress, as a group select a time slot, say between 1 and 3 pm, and EVERYBODY telephone all government employees concerned. Don't accept voice mail, talk to real person. Wish I could take credit for this maneuver - can't. Passed on to me by Jane Usher, former chair of the LA Planning Commission and currently on staff of Carmine Trutanich, our City Attorney. Sharp mind and a community activist from her toes to her nose.

From: eric willett [mailto:blacktamborine@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2010 7:12 PM

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Subject: crosswalk lincoln/palms blvd

As a resident of palms blvd for over 4 years now i'm quite surprised this issue has taken so long to be addressed properly. I personally cross the street in the crosswalk 5 days a week on my bike to get to work on abbot kinney and i can tell you its a death trap. I personally invite you to come try crossing the street there at 8 30 am or 9 pm on a weekend. Its truly frightening. Theres just not enough of a signal for the drivers to even know theres a pedestrian let alone give them time to stop. Please make this a priority- blinking lights and better signage would be a good start. I cant deal with another injury or death. Please take time to make this a safe street. Thanks, Eric Willett

From: Allison McCabe [mailto:allisonmccabe@ymail.com]

Sent: **Thursday, January 28, 2010 10:43 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturo.pina@lacity.org;
yunus_ghausi@dot.ca.gov

Subject: Crosswalk Lincoln Blvd/Palms Blvd

There have been numerous deaths and injuries as a result of cars hitting pedestrians at this crosswalk. I have a young son and live down the street and am scared.

PLEASE spend funds on blinking lights, yellow paint, and pedestrian crossing signs at this crosswalk IMMEDIATELY! (as promised.)

Thank you,
Allison McCabe

From: alexander manning [mailto:photo.alexander@gmail.com]

Sent: **Wednesday, January 27, 2010 8:10 PM**

To: board@venicenc.org; councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org; arturopina@lacity.org

Subject: Lincoln and Palms

I am writing to you to express my heartfelt need for a cross walk signal at the crosswalk of Lincoln and Palms. Last month a pedestrian was struck in this cross walk and suffered serious injuries. I would like to ask for some speed bumps on Palms because people speed on Palms between Lincoln and Abbot Kinney making me fear for the local children and families. But could we start with a cross walk upgrade that that intersection is in desperate need of? Thank you for your time.

Alexander Manning

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