Pacific Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Enhancement Project

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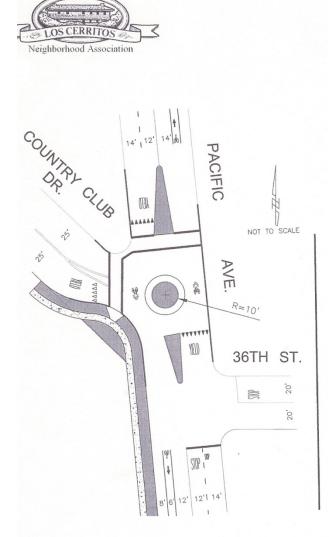
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- Project Includes
 - Signal at Wardlow Rd and Pacific Avenue
 - Bike Lanes
 - Roundabout at Pacific Avenue and Bixby Road
 - Roundabout at Pacific Avenue, 36th Street, and Country Club Drive
- Slides that follow address issues and recommendations with the highlighted roundabout

Roundabout at Pacific Avenue, 36th Street, and Country Club Drive



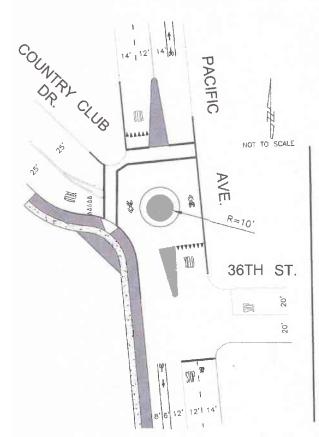
City Traffic Engineer's Sketch
Of the Proposed Design



Google Earth Photo of the Intersection "As Is"

Roundabout at Pacific Avenue, 36th Street, and Country Club Drive





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ISSUES

- •"Yield" signs replace current 4 way "Stop" signs
 - •Higher auto and bike speed through intersection
 - •Higher probability of serious auto and bike accidents
- •New "no parking zone" for ~ 125 feet in front of 3600 Pacific Ave.
- Transient parking is increasing
- Design exacerbates street parking access for homeowners / occupants
- Restricted / Awkward Traffic Flow
- Difficult access for emergency and large vehicles

Roundabout at Pacific Avenue, 36th Street, and Country Club Drive

Recommendations

- •Either create a new design that doesn't reduce on-street parking, and retains Stop Signs or ...
- Delete this roundabout
 - Keep the current intersection as is
 - Protect the bicyclists with a reduced speed limit ("When Bicycles are Present")
 - Similar concept to reduced speed sign near schools . . . "Speed Limit 25 MPH When Children Are Present"
- -Add traffic police patrols to reduce Stop Sign violations by both Autos and Bicycles



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SUMMARY

- Issues Current Design Needs Improvement
 - "Yield" signs replace current 4 way "Stop" signs creating high speed intersection traffic
 - New "no parking zone" for ~ 125 feet in front of 3600 Pacific Ave at a time when . . .
 - Transient Parking is increasing
 - Homeowner / Dwelling Occupant access to on street parking is needed
 - Restricted / Awkward Traffic Flow from all directions
 - Emergency and large vehicle access
- Recommendations
 - Either a new design that
 - Retains Stop Signs
 - Doesn't Reduce On Street Parking
 - Or, delete this roundabout from the project keep the current intersection as is
 - Protect the bikers with a reduced speed limit; for example -
 - "Speed Limit 25 MPH When Bicycles Are Present"
 (Similar in concept to reduced speed sign near schools
 "Speed Limit 25 MPH When Children Are Present")
 - Add traffic police patrols to enforce auto and bicycle Stop Sign Violations