

Valerie Davis

From: SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 1:45 PM
To: Marie Knight; Valerie Davis
Subject: Fw: Making East Ocean Blvd one lane/road diet/ traffic calming?
Attachments: Angled Parking Illustration.jpg; Ocean Blvd parallel parking.png; Ocean Blvd diagonal parking graphic.png

Hi Valerie - please add the above 3 PDF drawings to Parks & Rec. Commission meeting correspondence.
Thanks, Susan

From: SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 12:07 PM
To: Marie.Knight@longbeach.gov; Valerie Davis
Subject: Making East Ocean Blvd one lane/road diet/ traffic calming?

Hi Marie and Valerie,

Please add this correspondence to the Parks And Rec. Commission meeting for Thursday, August 18, 2016 meeting.

NOTE: With all the City of Long Beach budget cuts, we don't have enough police, fire, marine patrol, lifeguards, police and emergency anyway - then to make doing their job more difficult by impeding their transit is not a well thought out plan on the lone road to the beach. The plan to reduce East Ocean Blvd. to one lane with diagonal parking needs to be scrutinized.

This morning I was watching all the delivery trucks for Chuck's Coffee Shop. If they remove East Olympic Plaza for the Belmont Pool and make East Ocean Blvd. one lane with diagonal parking with a bike lane behind the diagonally parked cars - - You have delivery trucks sitting in the middle of East Ocean Blvd. behind diagonally parked cars and a bicycle lane with no room for emergency vehicles?!?!?

Regards,
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From: SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 10:17 AM
To: Elvira Hallinan; Donald Easterby ; Mike.Duree@longbeach.gov
Cc: Suzie Price
Subject: Making East Ocean Blvd one lane/road diet/ traffic calming?

Hi,

Are you aware of plans to make East Ocean Blvd. one lane? (See correspondence below with Paul Van Dyk.) I would think reducing East Ocean Blvd. to one lane would negatively impact Marine Bureau, Beach Maintenance Department and Fire Safety & Emergency vehicles efficiency greatly.

Emergency vehicle route: East Ocean Blvd. is a major emergency vehicle route. It is the only road in and out of the Peninsula. I see and hear Marine Patrol, Life Guards, paramedics, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles using East Ocean Blvd. all day long. I think making East Ocean Blvd one lane is a huge safety detriment which will impede emergency vehicles and beach maintenance equipment that use this street. In addition, East Ocean Blvd. regularly has special beach/pool events/movie nights that add to the congestion/traffic back up. Emergency vehicle movement on a one lane road with blinded drivers trying to back out of diagonal parking will be a disaster in the making.

Beach/Peninsula beach maintenance equipment traffic: Living at the corner of Ocean Blvd. and Bennett (the main access for beach maintenance equipment), I see how difficult it is currently for earth moving equipment on trailers and the other huge equipment used by beach maintenance to make the corner at East Ocean Blvd. & Bennett. If East Ocean Blvd. is narrowed down to one lane with diagonal parking - this will be difficult and dangerous for the large equipment needed for the beach and Peninsula maintenance.

I wanted to make sure beach maintenance, fire dept., marine patrol and life guards were aware of this upcoming proposed "traffic diet" which entails making East Ocean Blvd. one lane and adding diagonal parking. This road diet can effect many aspects and needs to be thoroughly vetted. Please contact Paul Van Dyk, Eric Widstrand and Suzie Price about this plan for East Ocean Blvd.

Regards,
Susan Miller

From: Paul Van Dyk <Paul.VanDyk@longbeach.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2016 4:25 PM
To: SUSAN MILLER
Cc: Suzie Price
Subject: RE: Ocean Blvd. traffic calming

Hello Susan,

Thank you for sending me this email. I did not have your email address. At Thursday's meeting I must not have made it clear that our conceptual plans do not include angled parking along the north curb of Ocean Boulevard. I have heard your concerns about headlights facing the townhome windows and doors.

We will be coordinating with emergency responders throughout the design of this project. Safety of all roadway users is our highest concern when we design our striping plans.

I have attached an illustration that was in the powerpoint. It should give an idea of what the striping would look like.

Regards,



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From: SUSAN MILLER [mailto:mpshogrl@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Paul Van Dyk
Cc: Suzie Price
Subject: Ocean Blvd. traffic calming

Hi Paul,

Thank you for having the meeting about Ocean Blvd. traffic calming project on June 30th. Since your Power Point presentation did not work - I had asked if you could email me the designs but haven't received to date.

I have lived and owned property at 4217 East Ocean Blvd. since 1993. This project effects me, my quality of life (peace and quiet) and my property value directly. The 12 townhomes on the 4200 block of East Ocean Blvd. all have floor to ceiling windows on the first floor and yes, our first floors are bedrooms. I did a test and the car lights shine into our homes with diagonal parking. If East Ocean Blvd. is one lane - a car turns in for a diagonal parking from the lane nearest the center median and the car lights shine in. The people that do not live here & making assumptions about car lights are totally invalid.

East Ocean Blvd. needs to remain two lanes for emergency vehicles passing and for the back up from special events going into the beach i.e. this last weekend for the Fourth of July was a back up nightmare for hours on East Ocean Blvd. - even the alleys were a congested mess.

Business owners bought their properties with full knowledge they had no parking. Likewise apartments that were allowed to be built without any parking. Enforcing the existing speeding laws will go along way to aiding traffic calming. It will pay for itself with the ticket revenue. It worked on East Ocean Blvd before. I am absolutely against the diagonal parking and adamantly against back in diagonal parking. Just try the reverse diagonal parking yourself on Herondo St. in Hermosa Beach

<http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifestyle/20150621/new-redondo-beach-bike-path-street-changes-draw-some-critics>.

Sincerely,
Susan Miller

