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To: Dr. Jennifer Campbell, Councilmember District 2
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Gary Pence, Senior Traffic Engineer City of San Diego Transportation and Storm Water Dept

Re: Prioritize funding for bicycle safety improvement at Sports Arena and W. Pt Loma Blvd

We write to ask you to prioritize funding for a city identified need at the intersection of Sports Arena and W Pt Loma Blvds. Currently, a west bound bicyclist or scooter rider in the class 2 bike lanes on Sports Arena, is forced into an unmarked merge in the middle of the intersection; W Pt Loma Blvd only has two vehicle lanes, the right most with class 3 bicycle sharrows (see attached aerial photo).

This is a dangerous situation in a high-speed, high-volume corridor, creating a weak link in an otherwise consistent class 2 and 4 bikeway serving commercial and residential properties from Rosecrans to Rue de Orleans (soon to be extended with the completion of the W Pt Loma Blvd cycle track). By proactively addressing this, you can reduce the risk of preventable serious injury or fatality of unprotected road users.

A service request in spring resulted in the Traffic Engineering Division qualifying this intersection as needing improvement, placing it on the unfunded projects list. Simple and inexpensive solutions exist, such as a <u>bicycle box</u> for cyclists and scooters to safely queue in front of cars. Without funding, the city engineers won't start designing the solution. We ask you to elevate it to funded status. Thank you for your time and commitment to Vision Zero in the Peninsula and Midway.

The letter was approved with a vote of 00-0.

Thank you for your support and time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Frederick Kosmo, PCPB-Chair





(Orientation: north = up) Westbound Sports Arena has a class 2 bicycle lane at the traffic island. The road changes width through the intersection and W Pt Loma Blvd contains a right lane with bicycle sharrows until after it passes the right turn from SE-bound traffic on Sports Arena Blvd and starts the class 4 cycletrack.