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Re: Review Nimitz Corridor and Request completion of previously approved W. Point Loma Blvd  
Bike Lanes

Recent collisions between motorists and active transportation users at the intersection of Nimitz and W Pt Loma Blvd underscore the need for safety improvements in this corridor. While there are multiple factors contributing to these, including the recent fatality of a [skateboarder](#) and cyclist with a broken leg (see attachment), high motor vehicle speeds in this corridor contribute to the danger and potential deadliness of these interactions between road users. Two improvements are already planned, but have not yet come to pass, and we propose a third. We request that these improvements be made with no reduction of traffic lanes. With the goal of improving safety for active transportation and helping connect segments of the city's micro mobility network, we respectfully request you to:

1. Complete the western segment of the W Pt Loma Blvd cycle track originally scheduled for installation in the summer of 2019. Over a year of design and community feedback went into this plan, which was supported unanimously by our board in [January 2019](#). This is one of two segments missing to connect Old Town transit center to dog beach and all residential and commercial districts between, with class II, III, and IV bicycle infrastructure. It is also the only major thoroughfare for Peninsula residents in Loma Riviera, Mariner's Cove, and Temecula Heights neighborhoods.
2. Install class IV bike lanes along Nimitz Blvd south of W Pt Loma Blvd as this coincides with slurry seal [scheduled](#) for the coming year(s). This includes a segment where a cyclist was left [lying in the road with a broken](#) pelvis after a hit and run. Recent community feedback notes this a corridor where motorists typically exceed the posted limit of 45 mph.

3. Design and implement bicycle safety improvements on Nimitz Blvd north of W Pt Loma as it connects with Sunset Cliffs Blvd and the I8 terminal. The existing class II bike facilities do not separate bicyclists and other micro mobility users from motor vehicles traveling at high speeds. This is a critical gap in the network that will help connect the Harbor and Bayshore bikeways to Mission Bay and the San Diego River Trail, making it more accessible to all road users. Furthermore, to create safer conditions for motorists, we request lane markings for vehicles exiting I-8 southbound where Nimitz and Sunset Cliffs Blvds diverge.

It is well established that collisions between motorists and unprotected road users turn more dangerous and deadly above 30 mph. These planned and proposed safety improvements are in line with the city's Vision Zero pledge, and will further serve our climate action goals by encouraging active transportation in a better-connected network. Again, we ask the recommended changes be made with no reduction of traffic lanes in this corridor.

The Peninsula Community Planning Board voted (11-1) to approve this request.

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Kosmo, Jr.  
Chair, PCPB

Attachment caption: Screen capture from ride-sharing app posted on 10/15/21.

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Unfortunately I was side swiped by a white van on Nimitz just after W Point Loma. Hard to believe it happened while riding in the bike lane with a group of 12-15 other riders. So thankful it wasn't worse, and for the whole group for helping me get the care I needed.

