

Peninsula Community Planning Board
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Date: May 18th, 2023

TO: Dr. Jennifer Campbell, Councilmember District 2

INFO: Gary Pence, Senior Traffic Engineer City of San Diego Transportation and Storm Water Dept

RE: Voltaire Street Corridor Traffic Safety Request

ENCL: 1. Original PCPB Letter requesting Stop Signs at Soto or Bolinas or Guizot
2. Pictures of damaged vehicles along Voltaire
3. Affidavits from neighbors expressing concerns about the traffic safety issues

The Peninsula Community Planning Board is very concerned about the traffic safety along Voltaire Street between Catalina and Froude. We have received reports from several neighbors living along Voltaire of increased urgency in traffic safety concerns. However, to avoid potential traffic congestion along Voltaire, we would like to rescind the request for the installation of a stop sign along Voltaire and Soto or Bolinas or Guizot that was approved by our board in November of 2022.

We would like to request that the city expedite and prioritize the installation of the approved and funded flashing pedestrian crossing beacon at Voltaire and Froude and the flashing speed indicator sign along Voltaire. Additionally, we ask for an additional flashing speed indicator sign to be installed along both sides of Voltaire.

Instead, we would like to request that the city conduct a traffic study, install traffic calming measures, reduce the speed limit, and increase traffic enforcement in the area of Voltaire between Froude and Catalina. The community has reported numerous instances of cars speeding through this area and several accidents involving pedestrians being hit by vehicles. This has caused concern among the community about the safety of crossing Voltaire, and we fear that without action, there may be further injuries or fatalities.

Furthermore, we would like the City of San Diego Traffic and Transportation Department to consider reducing the speed limit along the stretch of Voltaire between Froude and Catalina from 30 mph to 25 mph. We believe this would help address the safety concerns of vulnerable road users and support the Vision Zero goals of the city.

We understand that Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 43 (Friedman) into law in October 2021, allowing cities to consider the safety of vulnerable road users and their Vision Zero goals when setting speed limits on streets with a history of collisions. We hope that this law will provide the necessary support to address our community's concerns and improve traffic safety along Voltaire Street.

If the proposed traffic safety mitigations do not provide sufficient relief to the community, we will continue to ask the city to explore additional traffic safety mitigations.

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

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

Sincerely,

Frederick Kosmo,
PCPB-Chair

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