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Date: November 29, 2021

TO: Dr. Jennifer Campbell, Councilmember District 2

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

ENCL: (1) Public comment regarding Froude and Cape May

ENCL: (2) PCPB approved Letter of Support Traffic Mitigation Measures Froude and Cape May

RE: Traffic Mitigation Measures Froude Corridor

Due to increased urgency in traffic safety concerns communicated from community members who live along Froude, the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) is requesting that the City of San Diego Traffic and Transportation department fund a traffic feasibility study along the Froude Street corridor. The traffic study would be used to determine potential appropriate traffic mitigations that addresses local community member's concerns such as a lack of stop signs along Froude Street, vehicle high speeds, several near misses between pedestrians and vehicles observed by community members living along the Froude Street Corridor. (Please see the attached community concerns.)

Based on the results of the traffic feasibility study, the Peninsula Community Board would encourage the City to consider the installation of a 4 way stop sign at Froude and Cape May (ENCL (2) refers) and also possible traffic calming measures, such as the installation of diverters and curb bulb outs at intersections.

The letter was approved unanimously with a vote of 11-0.

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

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Kosmo, Jr.  
PCPB-Chair

Enclosures

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This letter is in regards to a new stop sign on Froude St at Cape May Ave. Froude St is unique in the fact that it is the only street that (from Abbott to Venice) has no stop signs in the stretch from Newport to Voltaire. Because of this, cars reach dangerous speeds that cause accidents and numerous close calls. It is pretty obvious that people divert to this street to speed and avoid stop signs. The lack of stop signs in this stretch makes no sense and comparable neighboring streets such as Guizot have three stop signs. We hope that the community group can assist in getting a sign placed to that Froude can become a safer street.

Thank you,  
Dan & Casey Phin  
2069 Froude St

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From: Eileen Ward and Lorenzo Beck  
RE: Vehicle Speeding on Froude St, Ocean Beach 92107

This letter is in response to the dangerous vehicle speed levels occurring in our neighborhood on Froude St. My husband and I have lived for decades near the corner of Froude and Cape May and have seen the situation get worse throughout the years due to a variety of contributing factors. Not surprising higher speed levels are evident during morning and evening commute times, but in addition, the continuing draw to the Sunset Cliffs area has cause great concern to street safety. We see, primarily young adults, who are departing Ocean Beach after sunset speed down Froude to return to Hwy 8 using the neighborhood as a throughfare. This is during the worse visibility of the day, dusk. Froude St residents have become vigilant to unsafe drivers when either walking, cycling or getting into or out of our parked cars due to speeding cars.

Froude St runs downhill prior to the intersection of Cape May causing additional speed levels. At the northwest and southwest corners of Froude and Cape May red curbs are present to help visibility, but being able to see the approaching cars is not the problem. It is the speed of the now apparent vehicle. I have experienced many close calls when coming up Cape May to Froude to make a left turn. We have also watch and heard (due to the under belly of the car hitting the pavement) speeding cars become airborne at the next intersection located at Froude and Long Branch.

Recently, my husband and I as well our neighbors have become aware that there are no Stop Signs on Froude from Newport to Voltaire while similar streets have three. I was quite surprised since I believe this causes an issue pedestrian safety.

My husband and I affirm that having a Stop Sign at the intersection at Froude and Cape May will make a big difference for keeping both pedestrians and other drivers safe from the hazardous speeding behaviors of others. Thank you for looking into this issue, and thank you for your time and effort in keeping Ocean Beach a safe, family neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Ward and Lorenzo Beck

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As a resident and homeowner of 2076 Froude since 1985, I have seen a lot of changes. SPAWAR has increased traffic dramatically and there are children all over the neighborhood. Going north the Froude street actually narrows at Brighton and I hear cars bottoming out all the time at the dip there. A stop sign is definitely needed here, not only for the safety of the children walking to OB elementary but slowing down the drivers damaging their cars.

Thank You For Your Consideration,  
Larry Nenow

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Hello my name is Loni and I live at the corner of Froude and Cape May. My neighbor recently let me know about his efforts to get a four way stop put in at the intersection. I have thought a four way stop at the Froude and Cape May intersection would be a smart idea for a while. I witness near misses and odd events on a very regular basis. Visibility crossing Froude is not great and cautious drivers must inch quite a ways into the road to see crossing traffic. Drivers also have a tendency to catch quite a bit of speed coming down the hill. High speed and low visibility is not a good combination. I hear cars scraping the bottom of their cars as they hit the dip and the hill and honking at all hours. Additionally, this neighborhood has lots of children including my own who play outside nowadays and I think a four way stop would make for a safer environment for them.

Thank You for your work on the planning board and taking the time to consider my thoughts,  
Loni

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My name is Erik Johnson. My family and I live on Saratoga between Froude and Guizot. I was in contact with someone from the OB Planning Board and they advised me that my address actually falls into the PCPB's jurisdiction. I got your email off the PCPB's website, and you seemed most appropriate based on your bio information.

I'm writing because we need a stop sign on Saratoga at Guizot. There are easily 10 kids 13 years and under on our block. Pets have already been killed, but thank God no incidents with kids/people yet.

I'm looking for direction on how to work for the addition of this stop sign. I work as a firefighter/paramedic at Station 22 in Point Loma as well, and I've seen first hand over my career how dangerous these unabated vehicles can be.

Thank you for your time,  
Erik Johnson and family.

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We have lived on the corner of Froude and Saratoga for over 15 years and have witnessed many accidents, near misses and total disregard by bikers, cars and scooters for the stop sign and speed limit of 25 MPH on the 4500 block of Saratoga and Froude. I have been a Neighborhood Watch volunteer for many years and we did petition the city to put in a stop sign. It was denied because "no fatality had occurred!" This has been a number of years ago

Traffic especially before and after events in OB including the sunset is awful. Everyone comes to Froude street to avoid the stop signs on Abbott, Bacon, Cable SSC, Guizot and Venice during those

times and in general. We have seen parked cars hit, cars ending up on the sidewalks and collisions in the middle of the intersection along with the speeding airborne vehicles. Please consider a stop sign somewhere along Froude to help break up the seriousness of this problem. Thank you.

Nancy McHenry

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I realize this may seem the least of the urgent issues in our community.

I live on Froude Street. I remain concerned about speeding drivers as a number of young children, elderly, bikers, scooter rides & many dog owners dodge reckless drivers on a daily basis. It is not "if" someone will get hurt or killed but rather when. I have already seen a few dead cats.

So, I ask you to seriously consider a request to add at least one stop sign to our street for the safety of everyone. The number of drunk drivers speeding up and out on Newport Avenue on Wednesday nights is excessive. (A police presence starting around 7pm-midnight might be a good idea.) We have already had reckless drivers take out parked cars. There are police reports that back up my claim.

Lastly, if the hold up is a matter of money, I am certain that I and my fellow neighbors can assist with obtaining funds.

This is an easy, slam dunk solution. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,  
Karen Helf & Mols

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I have lived at 2076 Froude, which is pretty much 4th gear Froude st, for 36 years and things have changed a lot. In 1985 there was very little traffic on Froude and a stop sign was not necessary. Today we have a stream of speeding traffic going south in the morning and going north in the evening. My wife actually backs into our driveway so she when she pulls out in the morning she can see and wont get hit. In 1985 there were not many children in the neighborhood but today there is also a stream of strollers and parents walking their kids to school. I know of 5 elementary age kids just between Cape May and Brighton. The last meeting I sat in on seemed ridiculous. We do not need a study to determine the effectiveness of a stop sign. Watch any weekday morning or afternoon if do not believe there is a problem and why is it that all the other north south street have 2 or 3 stop signs and we have none.

Thank You,  
Larry Nenow

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I saw a flier that described the city's plan to put stop signs between Voltaire and Newport. I live on the 4700 block of Brighton Ave and am curious if there has been a decision on where the signs/lights will be on Newport and Ebers?

I was also curious if there was any discussion of putting speed bumps in on the east west streets (specifically Muir, LB, Brighton, Cape May, and Saratoga)? I routinely see people going 50+ mph down Brighton between sunset and ebers. As a father of 2 toddlers, it's putting a lot of pressure on my family to sell the house or turn it into a rental. I would love to know if this is changing anytime soon.

Marcus Wu

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Thank you for your efforts to bring stop signs to Froude St.  
I have lived at the corner of Froude and Cape May Ave for over 15 years.  
I have seen so many dangerous incidents and accidents. I regularly hear cars speeding down Froude and bottoming out at my corner.  
I enthusiastically endorse place a stop sign on any of the corners along Froude, particularly Newport, Santa Monica, or Saratoga.  
Thank you so much for helping improve Ocean Beach!

Amy Lisewski  
4604 Cape May Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92107

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I have been an Ocean Beach resident for almost 30 years now and currently live on the corner of Froude and Brighton, 4591 Brighton Avenue, going on 10 years. Ever since living here, we have always had issues with speeding cars as people know there are no stop signs from Newport to Voltaire so they choose this route for that reason. That all of the other parallel streets have two to three stop sign from Newport to Voltaire and we have none doesn't make sense. I wonder what their thinking was to not add stop signs was. Living on the corner, we daily hear speeding cars hit the street as they bottom out, however, in the past few years in particular with the growing number of visitors coming to watch sunsets on the cliffs, it has been especially busy and dangerous for cars trying to cross from cross streets and for people trying to cross streets. We see and hear it daily. Please consider adding at least one but preferably at least two stop signs on Froude between Newport and Voltaire to keep our neighborhood safer. If there is a reason that this can't happen, I would really like to know why as a concerned long time community member. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tanja Neiner

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I'm writing to express concern over the lack of stop signs on Froude St. between Newport and Voltaire and to ask that something be done about this. We are homeowners since 2010 on the corner of Muir and Froude. We routinely see cars going in both directions on Froude well over the posted speed limit. We have kids and its always on my mind that something terrible is going to happen. Vehicles traveling towards Voltaire will still be going over 40 mph as they pass our house before stopping at Voltaire. Going the other direction you can hear them floor it once they make the turn onto Froude. If it were up to me I'd put a stop sign right here at Muir, but having one or more along this stretch between us and Newport would be helpful.

Is there any way I can get more involved with this? Is there a movement to get a request to the City?  
I'm happy to join in whatever effort there is.

Thanks,  
Cory Osth  
4602 Muir Ave.

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I am one of a number of neighbors who have been trying for some time now to have the city install a stop sign on Froude between Newport and Voltaire. Currently there are no stop signs on Froude between Newport and Voltaire. The result has been that cars go too fast — particularly when they reach Froude and Brighton. Children and pedestrians are at increased risk of being hit. Cars backing out of their driveways on Froude are also at risk of being hit.

I contacted the city months ago about this issue, which resulted in a City Traffic Engineering test being conducted, but I have not received any word of results.

I am concerned for the safety of all the families in this neighborhood. Please advise.

M. Jeanne Willoughby  
2111 Froude St  
San Diego, CA 92107

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I came across a flier that indicated to email you regarding the request to put in stop signs on Froude St. I just wanted to send my support and request for this. The traffic and speeding on Froude St has gotten ridiculous and I have found 2 cats that have been hit in the last month alone. It seems this street compared to others is getting much worse and unsafe. Please let me know what else I can do to support this effort.

Thank you,  
Alex

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We support the movement to install a stop sign at Froude St and Saratoga. There was an accident here not too long ago and many close calls. People drive way too fast in the neighborhood and we have small children who we worry about, so would love to get a our names on a petition.

Thank you,  
Lucy & Jason Holland

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RE: Traffic Mitigation Measures Froude and Cape May

The Peninsula Community Board would advocate for the installation of a 4 way stop sign at Froude and Cape May

Additionally, the PCPB would request the city of San Diego Traffic and Transportation Department to consider reviewing the stretch of Froude in between Voltaire and Newport to install traffic calming measures. There are currently no stop signs along this route of .44 miles. The letter was approved with a unanimous vote of 8-0.

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

Sincerely,



Frederick Kosmo,  
PCPB-Chair

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