

Sanchez, Susan

From: Natalie.Horner@kp.org
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 6:07 PM
To: Sanchez, Susan
Cc: hausrat911@gmail.com; Paula_Joyce@att.net; BarbaraNewcombe@SBCGlobal.net; Chezrachel@yahoo.com
Subject: Please forward: Wlassowsky and Kernigan's response to inquiry from neighbors at Bellevue and Grand re: safety concerns/lighting
Attachments: 180359284-PRR-769-Bellevue[1]Neighbors.pdf

Susan,
Thank you.
Please forward to Wladimir Wlassowsky also.
Natalie

In response to PPR 769

Susan,
If there is additional information about hearings, petitions, evidence of other accidents, injuries, recommended actions, surveys, proposals, etc...that have been brought to Kernigan or any other Council members attention please post to PPR 769.
Thank you,
Natalie Horner

Request #769

I'm interested in finding out about injuries, accidents, deaths, at Bellevue and Grand Ave. in the last 10 years with pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcycles and cars; can you please provide that information? Thank you.

2 and 3 - all correspondence with the City? like to the City Council, City Attorney, Mayor's office, Police Dept and other agencies?

2. Complaints, Comments or other correspondence received concerning safety on Grand Avenue, Bellevue Avenue, Staten Avenue, and Euclid Avenue.

3. Complaints, Comments or other correspondence received concerning Pedestrians on Grand Avenue, Bellevue Avenue, Staten Avenue, and Euclid Avenue.

Public Records Request

Bellevue/Grand

Request #769

10/14/2013

From: Chun, Peter

Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 10:16 AM

To: Cascade Heights; Kernighan, Pat

Cc: Wlassowsky, Wlad; Patton, Jason; Avelino, Darian; At Large; Wang, Joe; Santana, Deanna; Blackwell, Fred; Sanchez, Arturo M; McElhaney,

Lynette; Gerard, Jennie; Banh, Hoang; PWA Call Center; Paula Joyce Swiatkowski - (FOS) Neighbors; Rachel Broadwin; DW; Heidi Schisel;
Ruben Sundeen (FOS) Neighbors; Barbara Newcombe (FOS) Neighbors; Avelino, Darian; Wang, Joe

Subject: RE: Lake Merritt/Grand Lack of Crosswalk Safety Concerns Cascade Heights Neighbors,

Thank you for your email. The City is specifically looking at the crossings on Grand at Bellevue and will be happy work with the Neighbors on your concerns at this intersection and other areas. We have worked with many of the Neighborhood groups all along Grand Avenue corridor. Please provide us one or two points of contact (and their info.) that we can further discuss your concerns. You may contact me by email or the number below.

Thank you again,

Peter

Peter Chun, T.E.

Transportation Services Division

City of Oakland

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From: Cascade Heights [<mailto:hausrat911@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 6:39 PM

To: Kernighan, Pat

Cc: Wlassowsky, Wlad; Chun, Peter; Patton, Jason; Avelino, Darian; At Large; Wang, Joe; Santana, Deanna; Blackwell, Fred; Sanchez, Arturo M; McElhaney, Lynette; Gerard, Jennie; Banh, Hoang; PWA Call Center; Paula Joyce Swiatkowski - (FOS) Neighbors; Rachel Broadwin; DW; Heidi Schisel;

Ruben Sundeen (FOS) Neighbors; Barbara Newcombe (FOS) Neighbors

Subject: Re: Lake Merritt/Grand Lack of Crosswalk Safety Concerns

thanks for the quick feedback. We sent this far and wide hoping to reach the right people. We also believe that the dots would be more disruptive to buses and bicycles/motorcycles than the rumble strips, and possibly more expensive. However, we believe this is an important proposal since lives have already been lost and most drivers will need a serious wake up call to "wake up" to the fact that not paying attention to our poorly lit crosswalks is dangerous and life threatening. We were advised to provide a proposal and possible solution prior to the month where budgets are discussed and set in the city. Again thank you.

On Wed, Feb 20, 2013 at 4:51 PM, Kernighan, Pat <PKernighan@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Dear Feet on the Street group,

I see that you have addressed your request directly to the traffic engineers in the Public Works Transportation Services Division, which is the right place to go. I am hereby adding my voice to the request that they examine the speed and safety issues that you raise concerning the length of Lakeshore Avenue next to the Lake. (Which is actually in Council member McElhaney's district, but I drive it frequently.) I want to let you know, however, that there are unlikely to be any "quick fixes." It takes time for them to evaluate both the existing issues and possible solutions. Regarding the "rumble strips" or "bot dots", there are pros and cons to doing that. The dots that I am familiar with are quite noisy when cars go over them and thus nearby neighbors usually object to them. It may also be an issue with the buses that use Lakeshore. In any case, the engineers are prepared to do the required analysis of all the issues.

Patricia Kernighan

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From: Cascade Heights [<mailto:hausrat911@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 3:08 PM

To: Wlassowsky, Wlad; Chun, Peter; Patton, Jason; Avelino, Darian; At Large; Wang, Joe; Santana, Deanna; Blackwell, Fred; Sanchez, Arturo M; McElhaney, Lynette; Kernighan, Pat

Cc: Banh, Hoang; PWA Call Center; Paula Joyce Swiatkowski - (FOS) Neighbors; Rachel Broadwin; DW; Heidi Schisel; Ruben Sundeen (FOS) Neighbors; Barbara Newcombe (FOS) Neighbors

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involving ourselves and our neighbors. Research we have personally undertaken as a community safety group indicates that while there are many reasonable speed limit signs posted around the Lake in both directions, drivers are largely not obeying them. They also ignore the wide white crosswalk lines in multiple locations where there are NO traffic lights.

We believe that the installation of "transverse or in-lane rumble strips" is a viable solution to enhance crosswalk safety. These strips extending across full lane width several yards in front of each crosswalk area would be a reminder to drivers that a crosswalk is coming up. A common use of rumble strips is to warn inattentive drivers of something unexpected, in this case, crosswalks. The strips can have small spaces in the pattern so that bicycles can pass through unimpeded although riding across a strip is not problematic as they are quite narrow. We have checked cost and it seems fairly economical (\$500-\$3000 per mile) compared to speed bumps and embedded crosswalk LED lighting. Costs for rumble strips installed as a stand-alone project may vary and it is difficult to compare unit prices as some may include only cost for milling the rumbles, while others include the cost of lane closures or other incidentals of city road work. A helpful link to address questions about rumble strips follows:

http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/pavement/rumble_strips/faqs.cfm

I have copied some of our Feet on the Street membership - we will be forwarding this message to any and all city officials we believe will be concerned as well as our local representatives who are interested in this project becoming funded successfully and completed as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration and please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Sincerely,

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From: Wlassowsky, Wlad

Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 5:27 PM

To: 'Cascade Heights'

Cc: Banh, Hoang; PWA Call Center; Paula Joyce Swiatkowski - (FOS)

Neighbors; Rachel Broadwin; DW; Heidi Schisel; Ruben Sundeen (FOS)

Neighbors; Barbara Newcombe (FOS) Neighbors; Chun, Peter; Patton,

Jason; Avelino, Darian; At Large; Wang, Joe; Santana, Deanna;

Blackwell, Fred; Sanchez, Arturo M; McElhaney, Lynette; Kernighan,

Pat; Gerard, Jennie; Farmer, Casey

Subject: Update and Response to: Lake Merritt/Grand Lack of Crosswalk Safety Concerns

To our Concerned Citizens in the Grand-Lake, Adams Point and neighboring communities:

Recently, in a span of two months, two auto-pedestrian collisions occurred at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Bellevue Avenue that resulted in the deaths of two pedestrians. The first incident took place on **Oct 12, 2012** when a pedestrian walking in the marked crosswalk across Grand Avenue was struck by a car. Although the pedestrian was released from the hospital, he died days later. The second incident occurred on **Dec 17, 2012** when a couple was crossing Grand Avenue in the same marked crosswalk. They were both struck by a car and seriously injured. The female victim died as a result of her injuries.

Our staff in Transportation Services Division met with the OPD Traffic Investigations Unit officers to discuss the details of the collisions. From their preliminary investigation, they conclude that the first incident was caused by driver inattention and the second incident was caused by driver inattention and lighting conditions (the incident took place early in the evening after sundown). Both drivers did not appear to attempt to stop before their vehicles collided with the pedestrians.

In the aftermath of the incidents, we received emails from the community requesting safety enhancements. Both emails identified a list of crosswalk locations along Grand Avenue from where the pedestrians were struck to the entrance to Children's Fairyland for our consideration. I would like to report that we are in the process of reviewing these locations

along with all other crosswalk locations on the Grand and Lakeshore corridors for potential improvements. Some of you have expressed an interest in convening a meeting to discuss pedestrian safety and access on these streets. We are available to meet with you and discuss our preliminary findings, and hear your thoughts, opinions and ideas for improvements. I've spoken with Council member McElhaney and Kernighan's office and they have both expressed interest in participating in such a meeting. We will coordinate with both their offices and schedule a meeting to discuss pedestrian safety. Please stay tuned, and we will be in touch. Thank you again for your concerns and making Oakland better and safer for all our roadway users.

Wladimir Wlassowsky

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