

Guillen, Abel

Subject: RE: Issue Between Trestle Glen and 580

From:

Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 11:42 AM

To: Guillen, Abel; DeVries, Joe

Cc: Gerard, Jennie; Mendoza, Mandalyn

Subject: Re: Issue Between Trestle Glen and 580

Hello Abel,

I am contacting you as the successor to Jean Kernighan to ask for your help in a recurring problem.

I am a resident of Haddon Place and my property is adjacent to a Caltrans right of way with interstate 580 on the westbound side.

At the bridge that connects McArthur Blvd to the westbound side of 580 at Lake Park, there's a consistent homeless encampment. These folks break through the Caltrans fence and leave trash and human waste all along the fence line and under the bridge. Consistently there are camp fires under the bridge as well. It has been some time since Caltrans has been in there and the trash is piling up again. Most recently, a new group of homeless are in the area, and they have been leaving bags of trash, boxes and luggage with personal belongings along the fence line and sidewalk with Lake Park, and also on the bridge itself. I've also noticed a middle-aged male who sleeps directly on the bridge sidewalk and this is becoming a regular occurrence.

I have submitted a ticket with Caltrans and they have responded that they will work with Oakland community outreach on this issue. Here's their response for MSR ticket #605457 that was opened this morning:

"There is need for community policing of the place. Caltrans can only do little within its power but community can prevent this if serious attention is paid to the problem. You will be notified that the problem has been resolved as soon as I hear back from the maintenance crew. Thank you." T

I have also submitted a case with the City of Oakland to have the trash that is dumped on the sidewalks cleaned up. Additionally, I have contacted OPD and they have been out a few times to speak with the individuals about this issue when they see them sleeping or loitering on the sidewalk at Lake Park. Since they do not have jurisdiction for the Caltrans right of way, they have not entered the encampment under the bridge

Any support from the City on this would be greatly appreciated. I have a young family at home and I'd like to be sure that the area is safe and stays managed. This might be an issue for Joe DeVries or his successor, but I have no contact information (taking a guess on email here) for him, so if your staff could pass this along, I will be grateful.

Best,