

On February 6, 2007, days after the TONA general meeting, Hamid Mostowfi, our speaker at the meeting, sent the following report to Peter Hillier, head of the Transportation Department, with copies to Councilmember Laurie Capitelli's office and to me. He agreed to let me post it on the TONA website.

Zippie Collins
Outgoing TONA President
3/14/07

From: Hamid Mostowfi, Berkeley Office of Transportation

Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association (TONA)
Minutes of meeting held on: 2/1/2007

Location: Thousand Oaks School

Present: Zippi Collins, TONA President, Jill Martinucci (Councilmember Capitelli's Office), Hamid Mostowfi (City of Berkeley PW Transportation), and about 40 residents

At the request of TONA, I attended this neighborhood meeting to:

- 1- Present a summary of the results of the Marin Avenue Lane Reconfiguration After Study,
- 2- Update the group on the status of the San Lorenzo Traffic Calming effort, and
- 3- To listen to other neighborhood related traffic concerns.

Re 1 - There were a number of very positive feedbacks on how the reconfiguration had improved pedestrian and bicycle safety. There were also a number of residents, mainly on San Lorenzo, who thought that the change had put additional traffic on San Lorenzo.

Re 2 – Provided a brief summary of the studies completed. Also reported that after presenting our proposed solution (3-way stop at Santa Rosa/ San Lorenzo) to the neighborhood back in March 2006, the Office of Transportation had not heard any response from the group. I was then told that the affected neighbors could not agree on the proposed 3-way stop, and that was the end of that process.

The following are the resulting action items from no. 3:

- 1- Contact BPD Traffic division and ask for stepped up enforcement of the stop sign at San Lorenzo/Peralta during the peak AM and PM periods,

also enforcement of No U-Turns on Solano for vehicles making a u-turn to get into an angled parking space. Done.

2- Consider placing a "Road narrows" sign on Washington eastbound as it approaches San Lorenzo. Location visited, there is a Stop sign controlling the EB traffic, therefore the suggested sign is not appropriate.

3- Consider adding a crosswalk across Colusa either at Capistrano or at San Lorenzo. Work order issued.

4- Consider placing a speed radar trailer along Colusa. Work order issued.

5- Contact AC Transit and complain about their buses speeding along Colusa. Will communicate to AC Transit.

[end of follow-up memo]

Jill Martinucci of Councilmember Capitelli's office and I wrote to Mostowfi about follow-up on the intersection of Colusa and Portland, which needs clearer delineation. Hamid said he would look into it.

I also asked about the following:

- A circle, triangle, or better lane painting at the Alameda and Capistrano. Mostowfi said he would look at it the next time he was in the neighborhood.
- A study of whether San Lorenzo traffic has increased since Marin was reconfigured. Mostowfi said his office would measure the speed and volume of traffic on San Lorenzo in spring and compare them with similar streets.
- Painting the crosswalk at Colusa and San Pedro to discourage parents from jaywalking to the school. Mostowfi said there are currently three crosswalks on Colusa in the vicinity of the Thousand Oaks School—one at Catalina, one at Tacoma, and one at Solano. These provide ample crossing opportunities to pedestrians.
- Repaving Colusa with quieter paving the next time repaving is needed. Mostowfi said he would pass this request to his engineering colleague in charge of pavements.