

May 6, 2009

Communication from the
Public submitted on 5/6/09.
Transportation Committee
CF 07-3905-51

Council members Wendy Greuel, Tom Labonge, Richard Alarcon, Bernard Parks and Bill Rosendahl:

We are writing to you regarding funding for the removal of temporary traffic mitigations in Westwood #07-3905-51.

Please approve funding for the removal of the temporary traffic mitigations in the Holmby Westwood Neighborhood.

These traffic mitigations were developed by a committee that represents only a very small area of the Holmby Westwood neighborhood. It definitely does not represent the support of the majority of the neighborhood. This small group was trying to solve a traffic problem in their own corner of the neighborhood. They did not take the whole neighborhood into account and they did not address the impact of the temporary traffic mitigations on the rest of the neighborhood. These individuals are biased, have their own self interest at heart and have repeatedly refused to work with anyone else to solve the problems, including individuals on their own street!

The temporary traffic mitigations discourage neighbors from accessing and exiting the North end of Westwood Village. They have increased traffic on Manning, Malcolm and Westholme Avenues and have created dangerous speeding problems. They have diverted traffic away from major traffic arteries into Westwood Village. Furthermore, they have funneled traffic in and out of the neighborhood on to Manning Avenue which is not a major artery and is too small to handle the increased volume of traffic.

Despite a neighborhood petition to remove the traffic mitigations, a survey which affirmed the affected neighborhoods desire to halt the mitigations, and recommendations by the City's own Department of Transportation that these mitigations are NOT working in the best interests of the impacted homeowners and the surrounding communities of Westwood Village, this small committee persists. It is an absolute waste of City time and money to continue this effort that is not representative of the neighborhood and does not serve the entire neighborhood. We need a broad-based process that serves the entire neighborhood, not just a select few in a small corner. Please approve funding for the removal of the temporary traffic mitigations.

Thank you,



Marnie Bodek and Ed Moss



801 Malcolm Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90024

Westwood Residents opposed to the mitigation in Holmby Westwood

Bernice Bratter
11220 Cashmere Street
Los Angeles, CA 90049

I agree with your letter regarding terminating the traffic mitigation changes in Holmby Westwood near Hilgard. You can add my name to your letter to the DOT. With the restrictions, we have difficulty driving our kids to and from Warner Avenue Elementary.
Ashok Mukhey
Westwood Hills

I'm a Warner mom, so the traffic mitigation efforts substantially affect our "commute".
my. The efforts are highly annoying, and I doubt result in any less traffic. Thanks!
Hilary G. Lottenberg
Vice President - Finance
Brentwood Venture Capital

Please add our names to your letter. We have found the measures on Hilgard to be extremely inconvenient. Thank you.
Peggy and Charles Norris
Denslow Ave.

Please add our names to your list. the traffic mitigation at the intersections of le conte and hilgard and weyburn and hilgard are completely ill conceived!
john and sherry west

I agree with you, the restrictions don't seem to serve any useful purpose, and are not only a nuisance, but they actually increase traffic and pollution by increasing driving time because of the detours.
Yvonne Trilling
S. Glenroy Ave.

My wife and I are greatly inconvenienced by the new traffic plan on LeConte at Hilgard. I don't see that traffic is in fact, "mitigated" at all. It is rerouted onto other streets that are no less congested. It is a silly intrusion, causes inconvenience, and provides no benefit to people who live or travel through the neighborhood.

Stuart and Suzanne Schweitzer
235 Denslow Avenue LA, CA 90049

I hate the traffic plan that has been in effect. I have lived on Bronwood Ave for 31 years and this new plan has really stymied me in my efforts to visit Ralphs, or friends or just get home!!! Who came up with this idea in the first place?? No one asked me!

Ruth Roberts Wasser
212 Bronwood Ave

Harry & Shirley Macy
11208 Cashmere St.

I agree with your letter regarding the termination of the traffic mitigation test. Please add my name to your letter.

Hannah Wecker

Please add our names to your list:

Faith A. Gomberg, Esq.

Kenneth D. Steinsapir, M.D.

Dalkeith Ave.

Westwood Hills residents

The only result of the city's efforts is that the traffic patterns have moved to other streets. The flow of traffic west and east of Hilgard by residents continues

The problem that needs attention is the double and triple parking of cars trying to get in and out of the W hotel creating dangerous conditions for motorists using Hilgard..

Ronald Rosenfeld

Dalkeith Ave.

310-278-7560 (wk)

Julie and Joel Mayer agree with the letter

516 S. Bentley Avenue

I find the whole thing ridiculous and very inconvenient.

Shelley L. Stamm Denslow Avenue

The restrictions create a terrible drive pattern and are unnecessary. Please add my name to the list to return the traffic patterns as they were prior to this inconvenient plan.

LAura Reasner

I wholeheartedly agree with the conclusion of your letter Please add my name to your letter requesting removal of the recently placed traffic restrictions in the Holmby/Westwood area.

Dianne Jacobs

11130 Cashmere Street

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Don & Mary Norman on Ophir Drive

Please terminate the restrictions on movement across Hilgard at LeConte.

Saul J. Faerstein

Saul J. Faerstein, M.D., F.A.P.A.

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Please add our names to your letter...that the "mitigation" should be terminated.

Dr. James and Roella H. Louie

Tavistock - Westwood Hills

Please add my name Katrin Kohncke as well as my husband's John Hatherley to your letter.

David Nofri

SHARON MARCUS I agree

If the test means that we can't go straight on Westholme, then get rid of those green arrows! That has been my way to Beverly Hills for 20 years. davenport@post.Harvard.edu

From: JoBee Croskery [mailto:jojococo@earthlink.net]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 8:08 PM

To: evan.gordon@lacity.org

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Subject: protest traffic mitigations

Office of Councilman Jack Weiss Council District 5

Attention Evan Gordon:

Due to short notice I can not attend the Westwood community meeting concerning Casden traffic mitigations, which is too bad as I would like to hear your explanation as to how these new traffic measures have improved the flow of traffic in our neighborhood.

I would like to express my disappointment and opinion regarding the new traffic restrictions affecting residents living east of Hilgard Avenue.

I and my family have found the traffic flow has been impeded drastically, causing confusion and inconvenience for us.

We have been living on Malcolm Avenue for 9 years and appreciated the ease of going to Westwood Village and returning home crossing over Hilgard on Le Conte and Weyburn Avenues, as well as driving on Lindbrook Avenue both west and east.

The convenient access to the village was a deciding factor in our decision to purchase our home.

That privilege is no longer valid and I am absolutely opposed to and protest these restrictive measures denying the homeowners sensible access into Westwood Village and returning to our homes via the streets I have listed.

Please help restore our rights as home owners to protect our wonderful neighborhood from this burden of excess driving and nonsense.

It is my opinion these traffic mitigations make no sense and are ridiculous.

Respectfully yours and concerned home owner,

Mrs. JoBee Croskery

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From: Morton Scolnick [<mailto:mortonscolnick@yahoo.com>]

We agree . Morton and Barbara Scolnick 160 bronwood ave. Tel 310 4727298

From: Richard Baum

Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2008 8:32 AM

Subject: Re: traffic mitigation

we certainly agree with this, and are happy to add our endorsements.

--richard baum

--karin joffe

10966 strathmore, #2.

Hi Roxane, mlucy

Please add my name to the list of residents who are opposed to this new traffic pattern. I have lived in the area (212 Bronwood Ave) for over 30 years and this is the worst idea we have ever been forced to live with ... really inconvenient. It will definitely stop me from running into the village when coming home from East of Westwood. Too bad for those stores that are waiting for my patronage...it just isn't easy to get there when they have the roads blocked.

Thank you for listening.

Ruth Roberts

From: Craig Farkas <cf@hdainvest.com>
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Date: 5/6/2009 8:06 AM
Subject: Urgent E-mail re. 8:30 AM Traffic Committee Meeting

I am writing as a concerned resident who is unable to attend today's meeting. I attended the previous meeting and attended the meeting at Jack Weiss' office this week. I am appalled that Weiss' office is not giving the parties a chance to work this out and ram rodding it through the transportation committee. Please be sure to vote "NO" today and to require the parties' additional time to try to resolve this matter. Both sides agreed to sit down at the table and try to reach an amicable solution on Monday night and Weiss's office is not providing that opportunity. Absolutely nobody is being harmed by the additional time. I hope you appreciate my position and vote "NO" today. Thank you!!!

Craig E. Farkas, CFP