

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I live just around the corner from this intersection, and my husband and I regularly cross on the northern side of Ventura across Woodman Ave. I have multiple times almost been hit while crossing in the crosswalk, with the walk symbol on, and have had to yell out to keep from being run over by SUVs. Drivers, especially turning from Ventura north onto Woodman from the western side of Woodman, and especially during peak hours at night, are very much in a rush and do not look or care to look if you are crossing the street well within your right and allotted time to walk. I would like to see a number of changes implemented. 1 - Either a scramble crosswalk so everyone can cross all at once (the wait is also particularly long to cross) OR pedestrians given a head-start to start crossing before a green light starts. 2 - A DUTCH JUNCTION would make this intersection safer for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers. Anything short of this level of safety improvement, IMO, is a failure and would be paying only lip service to improving safety rather than actually making this and similar intersections in The Valley safer. 3 - Automatic cross-walk lights -- you shouldn't have to hit the button and risk missing the light. 4 - More lighted crosswalks within a half-mile along Ventura in both directions. Crossings, particularly lighted and with crosswalks, are too infrequent along Ventura and many people, particularly at Matilija and Stern, dash across the road. 5 - Similarly, more lighted and protecting crosswalks along Moorpark to the North, so pedestrians have more options for crossing instead of having to go up to Ventura to cross. 6 - Lighting these crosswalks better for nighttime, whether from above or below, including more streetlights in this area. 6 - Curbed and protected bike lane going up and down Woodman, connecting safely all the way past this intersection to the south and to Riverside in the North. COMBINED with biker protections at this crosswalk. 7 - More protection for pedestrians and bikers. Combo bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and trees, particularly near bus stops.