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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 04/12/2018

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 17-0942

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Hermon Neighborhood Council (HNC) is very concerned about the Via Marisol street project located adjacent to Hermon Park at 5566 Via Marisol, Los Angeles. Via Marisol began to buckle three years ago and because of the unsafe condition, the Bureau of Street Services installed concrete barricades in August 2016, but that could have potentially increased the danger to pedestrians and moving vehicles. In August 2017, Councilmember Huizar issued an emergency motion (CF 17-0942) instructing the Bureau of Engineering to work with the CAO's office to "identify funding to address this critical infrastructure need." This project is the top priority of the HNC since it official formed in October 2017. That said, we have received 18 separate community statements on this street project from concerned Hermon residents who travel this street every day and have personal accounts of the unsafe and dangerous conditions and include: (1) extreme danger to parents and kids traveling to the park, (2) concrete barricades are unsightly and gather much trash (3) several accidents have occurred due to the concrete barricades, (4) homeowners are unable to back out of their driveways, (5) bike lane was eliminated putting bikers at risk, (6) it is a main thoroughfare to the 110 freeway during morning and evening commute, (7) the street buckling is steadily increasing, (8) moving vehicles must slow down to 20 MPH and risk rear-end collisions, (9) vehicles are being damaged due to poor street condition, and (10) local high school students use the park for PE and the meandering vehicles pose a serious threat. The HNC strongly recommends that the City Council and the Mayor's Office collectively instruct the CAO's office and the Chief Legislative Analyst to complete a financial analysis to identify funding for the project. By completing a financial analysis, the project can be included in the next year's budget. There should be a permanent solution to avoid more accidents.

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Community Impact Statement

Community Member Input

Name: XITALI BRAVO-SOZA

Date: 2 / 8 / 2018

Email: x24bravo@gmail.com Phone #: 310-755-5755

Comment: I am a resident in the Hermon  
community and Via Marisol is a daily  
road I use to commute to the freeway or  
forwards my community park. The road is  
very unsafe for drivers and even  
more dangerous for pedestrians. My  
children attend Bushnell Way Elementary and I am  
aware that many families use the sidewalk on  
Via Marisol and steps. From my perspective  
safety is the main concern.

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Community Impact Statement

Community Member Input

Name: DALE TORSTENBO Date: 2/8/18

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: 626-484-5640

Comment: THE EXISTING K-RAIL

REDUCES THE STREET WIDTH TO THE

POINT THAT IT MAKES PARKING IN

FRONT OF MY HOUSE AND ENTERING/EXITING  
MY DRIVE WAY VERY DANGEROUS.

PLEASE EXIDE A PERM. REPAIR &

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Name Cheryl Hansen

Date 03-28-2018

E-mail [cherylhansen@pacbell.net](mailto:cherylhansen@pacbell.net)

Phone Number (323) 2844296

Comment: The ongoing construction on Via Marisol nearly caused a collision for me and another driver as it caused the drive to turn sharply to avoid the concrete berms. I have been avoiding that street ever since even though it is the closest route to the freeway. It is an eyesore to an otherwise lovely street and a danger to the community.



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### Community Impact Statement

#### Community Member Input

Name: Fiona Whelan Date: 3/7/18

Email: fwhelan227@gmail.com Phone #: 3104285734

Comment: State of Via Marisol between monterey rd and ave 60

This road has been torn up for over 2 years and I want to know why it is not being fixed.

Monterey Rd was repaved last year and to me there seemed very little wrong with it.

Why did that get funded and Via Marisol not? Myself and my child were biking down

Via Marisol to the park and were almost knocked down when having to veer

out into the road by the barriers. It is not safe. 3 times i have almost been rear-ended

when having to slow down for the various large bumps in the road

Please get this fixed we have waited long enough.



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Community Member Input

Name: LEROY RUSS Date: 3/2/18

Email: LERUSS@EARTHLINK.NET Phone #: 323-449-0283

Comment: COUNCIL FILE 17-0942

VIA MARISOL BETWEEN 110 FWY AND  
MONTEREY ROAD. THIS STREET HAS EXISTED  
IN THIS POOR STATE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS  
IT CONTAINS TWO BUMPS AMONG ITS MANY  
DEFICIENCIES. DRIVERS ARE <sup>GOING</sup> AROUND THE ~~CHANGES~~  
BUMPS, CREATING AN ONGOING ACCIDENT  
~~THREAT~~ THREAT. THE SIDEWALKS ARE ALSO  
IN A POOR STATE.

Leroy Russ



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Community Member Input

Name: Linda Licitra

Date: March 6, 2018

Email: linda\_hnc@yahoo.com

Phone #: 323-252-7176

Comment: Council File 17-0942 - Via Marisol, between 110 frwy and Monterey Road.

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Also our cars are being damaged by driving over such a bad street over and over again.

Please expedite a permanent repair to this disastrous street. The residence of Hermon

are asking to please repair our street. Thank you

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Community Impact Statement  
Community Member Input

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Community Member Input

Name: Kenneth Matzkin Date: 03/04/2018

Email: matzkin@sbcglobal.net Phone #: 323-344-9442

Comment: I think that we have waited long enough.

Via Marisol was dangerous due to buckeled asphalt, it was ignored  
for too long. When Street Services came I thought that the hazzard  
would finally be eliminated. I was wrong, all they did was install barricades  
to route the traffic around the damaged asphalt. The rerouting may be  
a greater danger than the original one. I have experienced many near  
misses from the oncoming traffic as cars cross the line to avoid  
hitting the concrete barricades.

Please help our neighborhood and provide us with the safe  
Street we deserve.

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Figure 1



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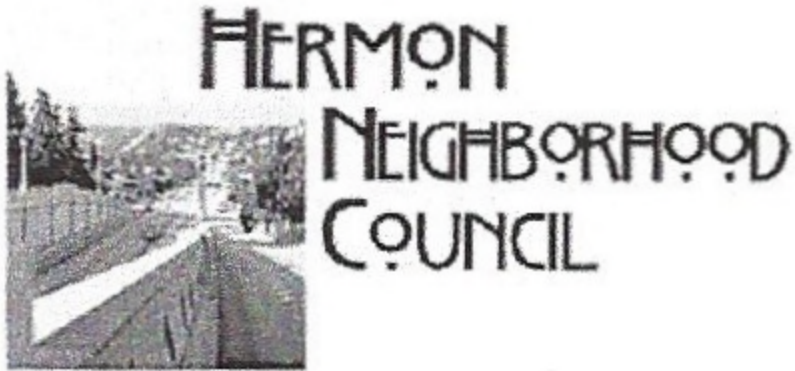
Name: Tim Culloton Date: 3-5-2018

Email: timculloton@yahoo.com Phone #:

Comment: The shoring up of Via Marisol should be of the utmost importance to  
to the newly formed Hermon neighborhood council as well as Jose Huizar. The  
absence of any progress or at the very least detailed information on why we are  
are now heading into 2 years since the road starting failing in my eyes is a derelict  
of duty to the community. I have had a business and own a home Mr. Huizar's  
district. He has shown to be fairly responsive on most matters when pressed directly.  
My point of contention particularly with this project is it's close proximity to the grade  
school and the park not to mention that the road will continue to fail as bulges are  
increasing in the road and making vehicles swerve into the south bike lanes. I have  
seen several close calls between bicyclist, cars and pedestrians. Added to pressing  
safety issues of the road is the High School that traverses that very road to the park  
for physical education classes. No progress means an eventual accident.

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Community Member Input

Name: Patrick + Andrea  
MORAN

Date: 3-6-2018

Email: pattheirishman@  
hotmail.com

Phone #: 323/255-2649

Comment: Via Marisol is heavily traveled main street used to

access & exit 110 Fwy. Also used as pedestrian access by  
FAMILIES & CHILDREN GOING TO & FROM BUSHNELL WAY  
SCHOOL. CURRENT STATE OF ROADWAY & SIDEWALKS ARE  
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND DEPLORABLE & POSE A SEVERE  
THREAT TO SAFETY & WELLBEING OF ALL RESIDENTS. PHOTOS  
SHOWING THIS DAMAGE & BLIGHT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO  
COUNCILMAN HUNZAR AND ALSO POSTED ON NEXTDOOR HERMON.  
SINCE 1/2 STREET IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC IT IS ONLY A MATTER  
OF TIME BEFORE WE HAVE A SERIOUS HEAD ON COLLISION OR  
EVEN WORSE A CAR JUMPING THE CURB & STRIKING  
CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL. RESULTING LAWSUITS WOULD BE A  
GREATER MONETARY COST TO THE CITY THAN REPAIRING THIS  
PROBLEM. THE K RAILS USED TO CORDON OFF THE STREET COLLECT  
LEAVES, TRASH & DEBRIS AND ARE NEVER CLEANED LEAVING  
A MESSY & UGLY BLIGHT ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE HAVE  
PATIENTLY WAITED OVER TWO YEARS FOR A RESOLUTION TO  
THIS DANGER IN OUR COMMUNITY & NOW THE TIME HAS COME  
FOR THE CITY TO TAKE ACTION AND ALLOCATE THE NEEDED  
FUNDS TO PROPERLY REPAIR THIS STREET. HERMON RESIDENTS  
ACTIVELY SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITY AND NEED THIS DANGEROUS  
AND UNSIGHTLY PROBLEM REPAIRED ASAP. AND WE ARE  
ALSO ACTIVE VOTERS!

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Community Member Input

Name: ARTHUR JARAMILLO Date: MARCH 8, 2018

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: 323 974-6219

Comment: ON VIA MARISOL THE CITY HAS BARACADED  
A PORTION OF THE STREET FOR OVER A YEAR. THEIR  
APPEARS TO BE A SINK HOLE. THE CITY HAS BEEN  
DRAGGING ITS FEET FOR SOME TIME. A SOILS ENGINEER AND  
A GEOLOGIST CAN MAKE ALL THE SOILS RECOMMENDATION  
ON HOW TO FIX THE PROBLEM. THE CITY HAS BOTH TYPES  
OF PEOPLE WHO THEY EMPLOYER. THE DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
WITH STREET MAINTENANCE WILL DO THE WORK. WHY  
CAN'T THE CITY TELL THE NEIGHBORHOOD THE TRUTH  
INSTEAD OF 2ND HAND INFORMATION FROM THE  
COUNCIL OFFICE.

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Community Impact Statement

Community Member Input

Name: Marc Loge Date: 3/8/2016

Email: marcloge@att.net Phone #: 310.490.2886

Comment: I live on Via Marisol. Because of

the K-rails, I have witnessed several accidents  
in front of my house where the K-rails begin.  
The worst was a stolen car that panicked at  
high speed and ran into my neighbors house  
while she was with her newborn twins. Both my  
truck and my caregivers car have had their  
rear view mirrors smashed broken. It is  
impossible to back safely out of my driveway  
so I must now park on the road. Then, there  
is the eyesore of looking at the mess everyday!  
People are warehousing cars on Via Marisol now!

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Marc Loge





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Community Impact Statement

Community Member Input

Name: BRUCE CASTILLO Date: 3/8/18

Email: fofoca4voce@yahoo.com Phone #: 310 430 9992

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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PARKING AND NAVIGATING VIA MARISOL  
HAS BEEN A NIGHTMARE THE LAST FEW YEARS!  
THE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN VERY  
INCONVENIENT AND HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT  
TO FIND PARKING SPOTS - NOT JUST FOR  
OURSELVES BUT FOR VISITORS ALSO.  
PLEASE FIX OUR STREET AS SOON AS YOU  
CAN! THIS HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH.  
THANK-YOU.

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Community Member Input

Name: Cristina Ayala Date: 3/8/2018

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (626) 399-6168

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

THE CONSTRUCTION ON VIA MARISOL  
HAS GONE ON TOO LONG. THE BARRIERS  
ON THE PARK SIDE HAVE MADE PARKING  
IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND - TRAFFIC HAS  
BEEN NARROWED, MAKING IT HARD TO  
NAVIGATE - MANY ACCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED  
SINCE THE CONCRETE BARRIERS HAVE BEEN  
ERECTED. PLEASE ADDRESS THIS SOON.  
MY CAR HAS BEEN HIT SEVERAL TIMES BY  
THIS PROBLEM.

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Community Impact Statement

Community Member Input

Name: Elizabeth Torstenbo Date: 3/8/2018

Email: liztorstenbo@dslxtreme.com Phone #: 323-255-9111

Comment: I live on Via Marisol where the lanes have been narrowed and the barriers erected. I have been unable to park in my driveway for two years because exiting is too dangerous. There is no room to maneuver. I am forced to park on the street, where entering and exiting my vehicle is extremely dangerous. There is no longer a bike lane there, and so my vehicle barely fits within the striping. (And I have a small car.)

Via Marisol has a high volume of traffic during rush hours. It is a main thoroughfare here in our community connecting to the 110 freeway. I have observed several bad accidents in the past couple of years because of the delayed construction and numerous near-accidents not only between vehicles but vehicle-bicycle and vehicle-pedestrian. This is a dangerous condition that has been ignored far too long.





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#### Community Member Input

Name: Sandra Mora Date: 3-7-18

Email: lilmorasand@gmail.com Phone #: 624-319-7469

Comment: Council File - 17-0942

I am writing in regards to Via Marisol and the  
street issue that has been present since Spring 2016.

Via Marisol between Monterey Rd and the Via Marisol  
freeway exit/entrance has had continuous issues during the  
last 15 years. There seems to be potholes that are newly  
formed throughout this section and most recently in the  
past 2 years there has 2 small humps and 1 very large bump  
that has been formed. The major bump has a portion of the  
street impassible and is currently blocked by a K-Rail.

This is a major street that is used daily by commuters trying  
to access the freeway. Also there is many parents that drive their



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#### Community Member Input

Name: ROBERT HUBBARD Date: 03-08-2018

Email: REDBIRD1966@OUTLOOK.COM Phone #: 323-540-1704

Comment: VIA MARISOL HAS BEEN IN

DIS REPAIR FOR OVER 3 YEARS

I NOTICE PEOPLE SOMETIMES DRIVE

PAST THE BARRICADED THEN PULL CLOSE

TO THE CURB TO AVOID THE BUCK.

PARTS OF THE ROAD

THIS IS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO

HAPPEN.

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Community Member Input

Name: Alexander Mora

Date: 3-8-18

Email: mr.alexander.mora@gmail.com

Phone #: 626-840-2387

Comment: Council file # 17-0942

The issue on Via Marisol has only been getting worse as  
time goes by. Over two (2) years now have we dealt with  
the congestion that gets worse and worse. It is a safety  
hazard as cars that do not know the area speed at  
normal speeds, though one needs slow down to less than  
20mph to drive in the affected area. It is now a one way  
lane in either direction the bike lane cannot be used, the  
street continues to get deformed which will make the  
area even more unsafe.

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