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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.
Name: XIMAY BRAVO-SEO    Date: 2/8/2018
Email: x24bravo@gmail.com    Phone #: 310-755-5755

Comment: I am a resident in the Hermosa community and Via Marisol is a daily road I use to commute to the freeway or towards 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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Name: Dale Torstensen  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 EXODGE & REPAIR <
Name: Cheryl Hansen

Date: 03-28-2018

E-mail: 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 driver 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.
Fiona Whelan

Name: Fiona Whelan

Date: 3/7/18

Email: fwhelan227@gmail.com

Phone #: 3104285734

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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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 AROUND THE BUMPS, CREATING AN ONGOING ACCIDENT THREAT. THE SIDEWALKS ARE ALSO IN A POOR STATE.

Leroy Russ
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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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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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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 hazard 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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The shoring up of Via Marisol should be of the utmost importance 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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Name: Patrick & Andrea MORIAN
Date: 3-6-2018

Email: pattheirishmen@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 deteriorable & pose a severe threat to safety & well-being of all residents. Photos showing this damage & blight have been submitted to Councilman Huizar and also posted on next-door 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 cordo off the street collect leaves, trash & debris and are never cleaned leaving a messy & very 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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Name: Arthur Jaramillo  
Date: March 8, 2018

Email: ___________________________  
Phone #: 323 974-6219

Comment:
On Via Marisol the city has barricaded a portion of the street for over a year. Their appears to be a sink hole. The city has been dragging it to find the cause 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 employ. 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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Marc Loge  Date: 3/8/2016
marc.loge@att.net  310.490.2886

Comment: I live on Via Marisol. Because of the K-swails, I have witnessed several accidents in front of my house where the K-swails begin. The worst was a stolen car that panicked at high speed and ran into my neighbor's 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 where housing cars on Via Marisol now!
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Name: Bruce Castillo  Date: 3/8/18

Email: fofoqa4voce@yahoo.com  Phone #: 310 430 9992

Comment: ________________________________________________________________

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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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.
Name: Elizabeth Torstenbo  Date: 3/8/2018

Email: litztorstenbo\o  Phone #: 323-255-9111
dslxxtreme\.com

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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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 fire 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 impassable 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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Name: Robert Hubbard  Date: 03-08-2018

Email: RED ALERT OUTLOOK.COM  Phone #: 323-540-1764

Comment: VIA MARISOL HAS BEEN IN DISREPAIR FOR OVER 3 YEARS.

I NOTICE PEOPLE SOMETIMES DRIVE PAST THE BARNICAPED THEN PULL CLOSE TO THE CURB TO AVOID THE BUMP. PARTS OF THE ROAD THIS IS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN.

Please return completed form to: info@hermonnc.org
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.