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Fwd: Unsafe Rowena configuration

1 message

Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>
 To: Marisol Cortes <marisol.cortes@lacity.org>

Tue, Oct 23, 2018 at 7:59 AM

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From: **John White** <john.white@lacity.org>
 Date: Tue, Oct 23, 2018 at 7:36 AM
 Subject: Fwd: Unsafe Rowena configuration
 To: Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

Please add the email below to Council file 11-2130-s4 as a communication from the public

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From: **Erwan LE MOING** <erwan.lemoing@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Oct 23, 2018 at 6:49 AM
 Subject: Unsafe Rowena configuration
 To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com
 Cc: Timothy Beemsterboer <tim.beemsterboer@gmail.com>

Subject:
 Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding proposed changes that are currently under review for Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake.

I live on Rowena Avenue with my husband and I walk along Rowena daily, I am also a patron at our local businesses along Rowena - changing the current configuration on Rowena would jeopardize my safety and that of my family. I am a stakeholder in this discussion and my family will be significantly impacted by your ultimate decision.

More broadly, Rowena Avenue would benefit from added safety measures e.g. another crosswalk, increased lighting, speed bumps, or a number of other safety-related improvements. It would NOT benefit from re-configuring the traffic lanes. Some cars already drive way above the speed limit, particularly at night. Adding more lanes will not solve this problem. It will make it worse.

There is a number of things that could be done to improve traffic on Angus street, without negatively impacting Rowena: changing some of these streets to one way traffic, working with Google Maps / Waze to avoid these areas unless it is the end destination, making some of these streets dead ends, to avoid any thru-traffic, etc. Some/all of these improvements have been done in other LA neighborhoods.

Moving forward with ANY changes that would modify the current Rowena road configuration would indicate that you are willing to trade on my safety and that of my family. Please do not be swayed by a select few who are largely out of step with the vast majority of community members and neighbors in Silver Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Erwan Le Moing & Tim Beemsterboer

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2 messages

Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>
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Tue, Oct 23, 2018 at 7:10 AM

Marisol,

Please attach.
Thank you

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From: **John White** <john.white@lacity.org>
Date: Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 2:55 PM
Subject: Fwd: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration
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From: **JONATHAN BAKER** <jonathantwin@me.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 2:54 PM
Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration
To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org
Cc: john.white@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Dear Council Members,

My name is Jonathan Baker. I'm writing to you to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes that are currently under review for Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake.

I live on Rowena Avenue with my family and I walk along Rowena with my children to school daily, Ivanhoe which is also on Rowena Ave. I am also a patron at our local businesses along Rowena, and changing the current configuration on our avenue would jeopardize my safety and that of my two young children. My oldest girl is 7 and my youngest is 4. They often ride their bikes with me around the neighborhood, and I'm already deathly afraid of the speed cars drive at all times of the day, especially before and after school. I am a stakeholder in this discussion and my family will be significantly impacted by your ultimate decision.

In my opinion, Rowena Avenue would actually benefit from ADDED safety measures, e.g. another crosswalk, increased lighting, or a number of other safety-related improvements. It would NOT benefit from re-configuring the traffic lanes, as it's already quite dangerous as is. If you don't believe me, try pulling out of our driveway at any time of the day.

Moving forward with ANY changes that would modify the current Rowena road configuration would indicate that you are willing to trade on my safety and that of my young family. Please do not be swayed by a select few who are largely out of step with the vast majority of community members and neighbors in Silver Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention, and please consider our safety first.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Baker

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From: **Eoghan O'Donnell** <eoghan.odonnell@gmail.com>
 Date: Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 7:07 PM
 Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration
 To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Dear Council Members,

I'd like to express my concerns regarding proposed changes that are currently under review for Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake.

I live on Rowena Avenue and I walk along Rowena daily, I am also a patron at our local businesses along Rowena - changing the current configuration on Rowena would jeopardize my safety and that of the neighborhood children. I am a stakeholder in this discussion and my family will be significantly impacted by your ultimate decision.

More broadly, Rowena Avenue would benefit from added safety measures e.g. another crosswalk, increased lighting, or a number of other safety-related improvements. It would NOT benefit from re-configuring the traffic lanes.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
 Eoghan O'Donnell

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Fwd: Rowena Avenue Study

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Here is another one that needs to be attached to CF 11-2130-s4.

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From: **Bryant, Blake** <Blake.Bryant@warnerbros.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 4:18 PM
Subject: Rowena Avenue Study
To: "john.white@lacity.org" <john.white@lacity.org>

Dear Mr. White,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding proposed traffic changes to Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake. I own residential property on Rowena Avenue and reside there with my family. I am a stakeholder in this discussion and my family will be significantly impacted by your decision.

I understand our neighbors along Angus and other streets are being impacted with the increase of traffic in the neighborhood. We all are. However, the City traffic study focus on Rowena Avenue as the main issue neglects the other factors as well. Most afternoons and evenings, the traffic is backed up for a half mile on Hyperion Avenue. Traffic lights are not timed between Tracy Avenue through to the Rowena/Hyperion intersection. The congestion caused by the Gelsons-Trader Joes-Griffith Park Blvd business area, along with the shear increase in commuters traversing Hyperion to reach Atwater and the Freeways access there is beyond frustrating. This is what causes the overflow onto side streets, as the people trying to reach Rowena Avenue are bypassing this congestion. Changing Rowena back to a 4 lane road will not address this issue. Take 30 minutes and stand in front of "Say Cheese" on Hyperion around 5PM and you'll see what I mean.

In addition, adding to speed and the number of lanes on Rowena will decrease safety in the neighborhood on many fronts. There is an elementary school at Rowena Ave and W. Silverlake Blvd, along with a private Pre-School. Children and families frequently cross and walk along the Avenue. Since moving to Rowena Avenue from Los Feliz, I have personally witnessed 2 serious vehicle incidents on my block, 1 of which was fatal. There are inadequate cross walks along the business and restaurant areas of Rowena as well. Adding more traffic lanes will result in higher speeds and only add to our problems.

As a long-time resident of the area, I remember when the "Rowena Highway" was the fast way to cut through and by pass Sunset Blvd, and access freeways and downtown. This was long before Silver Lake boomed and became such a congested residential and business area. I feel reverting back to these days will result only in more issues, and will not address the original concern of some residents on the cut-through streets.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Blake Jory

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Los Angeles, CA. 90039

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