

October 17, 2017

Subj: 27th Street Pedestrian Safety Issues

Dear Council Members,

As you might have surmised, I submitted a written response to the Plaza Hotel EIR because the contractor recommended using 27th street as the primary route for between 7,000 - 7,500 Heavy Construction Truck trips.

In that EIR response I focused on Health & Safety issues UNIQUE to 27th Street.

But the EIR documentation has a broader application and that is why I am writing to you..

It identifies and documents serious Safety Risks on 27th that need handling now, not as a function of the EIR process.

The PHOTO evidence provided below “visualizes” the risks and the accompanying “bullets” highlight the specifics.

I respectfully request you take few moments to look carefully at the pictures and read the the bullets..

After doing that; please, once again consider my request that the Council instruct HBPD to begin enforcing the No Trucks Laws on 27th immediately.

The city has long resisted enforcement of posted No Trucks signs taking a Laissez-Faire approach to managing the it's growing Heavy Truck Traffic and consequent Health and Safety risks.

That's the antithesis of a 'Healthy Hermosa'.

Where there are legitimate safety issues the mechanisms provided to the city are the posting on no trucks signs followed by police warnings and enforcement. The direct-route argument flies in the face of common sense.

Not a single ticket has ever been issued.

There is a busy park filled with children on this street.

No one wants a situation where obvious avoidable risks were ignored and someone is killed or injured.

Thank You

Anthony Higgins

**POSTED SIGNS RESTRICTING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON 27TH EAST & WEST**

**UNIQUE HEALTH, SAFETY, QUALITY OF LIFE CONCERNS ON 27TH STREET**

**27th Street Westbound at Morningside Drive**



**Steep Hills & Narrow Sidewalks and High Pollution Levels Already Exist**

**Large Number of Illegal Trucks CURRENTLY Use 27th Street**

**7,000 - 7,500 Plaza Hotel Construction Trucks?**

**Simply Irresponsible!**

**Category: SAFETY**

**Topic: Heavy Trucks run inches from narrow obstructed sidewalk**

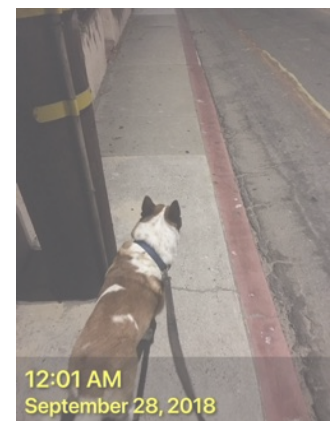
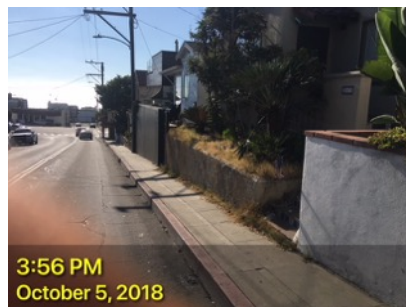
- Comment:**
1. Steep Hill next to narrow sidewalk adds to safety risk
  2. Crest of hill on 27th creates a blindspot in roadway.
  3. Crest blindspots do not exist on Pier or Herondo
  4. Blindspot endangers Bicyclists
  5. 27th is a Heavily Damaged Failing Road.



**Category: SAFETY**

**Topic: Narrow Obstructed Sidewalk**

- Comment:**
1. 27th street's narrow sidewalk obstructed by telephone poles
  2. In places there is less than 19 inches clearance to curb
  3. Baby Strollers have difficulty fitting by poles when trucks pass



**Hardly Room for Small Dog much Less Baby Stroller  
And the Plaza Hotel Contractor wants to add 7,500 Heavy Trucks!**



