

3/18/19 AGENDA - JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SUPPLEMENTAL EMAIL AND ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
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Subject: Failure to submit public comment text

**Dear School Board Members,
Dear Superintendent:**

As you might know 2017 Plan-Hermosa General Plan and the associated HB Strategic Planning documents failed to consider the safety, near-roadway pollution, noise and vibration impacts that the sharply increased number heavy trucks are bringing to the North Hermosa area; specifically on Gould adjacent to [Valley Park](#) and [27th Street](#) between Morningside Drive and Manhattan Avenue.

I believe this put the school district in the awkward position of having no guidance whatsoever relating how to handle truck-related environmental hazards and impacts near North School in a way that would not exacerbate the existing and likely future truck problems that were function of the cities past actions.

Please forgive this analogy but [27th Street](#) has been treated as the cities cesspool for many years.

[27th Street](#) and Gould adjacent to [Valley Park](#) are already full of truck related safety hazards, truck noise & vibration, dangerous, steep, narrow, obstructed sidewalks and unmeasured and unmitigated near roadway pollution.

This route is already an illegal but defacto truck route and we don't want the North School project to make matters worse.

This cesspool is full. The toilets are backed up to the rim.

Unfortunately, the North School and Plaza Hotel projects are only required to look at incremental impact of their project.

Between these two projects, they are to produce over 10,000 heavy truck trips

Well to be blunt, the sh*t is already up to the rim of the toilet on 27th and even an small incremental impact can create a big mess.

Please keep this image in mind as you go forward.

I understand that CEQA process for a *project* EIR does not require the school board to look at the cumulative impacts.

While this was supposed to be done in the Cities 2017 Plan-Hermosa program EIR. It wasn't. Nevertheless, the residents have to live with the impacts of this and it needs to be considered and not sloughed-off.

Regarding the North School Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) and the North School Traffic Engineering/Planning Scope of Work documents mentioned in the agenda: I assume these two documents will address both truck routes before & after construction as well as the issue of where to drop off students and the like.

I would like to also take this opportunity to say there is possibly a one-time chance take action that may save lives.

Both [27th Street](#) and Gould are within 500 ft. of schools, playgrounds public parks and kiddie parks.

It is imperative that the city and school districts not miss this opportunity to evaluate whether Gould adjacent to [Valley Park](#) and 27th between Morningside drive and Manhattan Ave can be limited to **15mph**, similar to what was done of [16th street](#) east of PCH; and if legally possible implement this traffic calming measure during construction hours, school hours or Park operating hours, whatever is greater.

Speed bumps on 27th simply won't work as a long term solution as they have on [25th street](#) because of the close proximity of homes to the roadway. Way too many heavy trucks and the bumps might often cause metal on metal slamming similar to the drainage ditch the city put across Morningside at the [27th Street](#) intersection. This has caused noise-spike nightmares for 27th residents for over 20 years. This must be mitigated if still more trucks are going to use this area.

But restricting the speed limit to 15mph as a function of this project may be the feasible mitigation to an intransigent problem, and be the last best chance to mitigate the safety, health and quality of life and property rights impacts and risks that park visitors, pedestrians and cyclists, and residents of 27th and Gould have suffered with for so long.

Three more quick points.

First, if North School Construction Trucks must use Morningside via Gould for **ingress** then a different route should be used for **egress** or vice-versa. Two way heavy truck traffic on Morningside will snarl and back up traffic and simultaneous turns by these trucks, going to and coming from Gould, is untenable if not impossible.

Second, why wasn't the public given the opportunity to review the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) and Traffic Engineering/Planning Draft Scope of Work and **comment** on these documents as part of the EIR process AND why are they not posted on the city website with the agenda 72 hours in advance of the meeting? The fact that these plans were not part of the EIR and subject to public comment was a significant process error that goes to the very core of the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Third, the construction trucks simply must be kept off the inclines of [27th Street](#). The safety, near-roadway pollution, noise, vibration and property-value impacts are simply not mitigable.

Our cesspool is already full and the safety risks are too great.

Thank You
Anthony Higgins

Done 27th st enforcement and Plan Her...**Category:** SAFETY**Risk:** Heavy Trucks on Narrow Road with Obstructed sidewalk

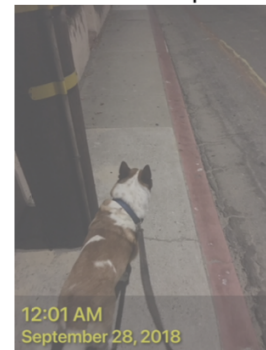
Comments:

1. Steep Hill with No Curbside Parking Buffer, Trucks Run at Curbside
2. Crest of Hill Creates Blind Spot.
3. Similar Blind spots do not exist on Herondo or Pier Ave
4. Blindspot endangers Pedestrians and Cyclists coming from Artesia.
5. 27th is a Heavily Damaged and Failing Road. (Safety Implications?)
6. Posted Signs - No Commercial Vehicles over 3 Tons

**Risk:** Narrow Obstructed Sidewalk Images

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!

