

August 2, 2016

Re: Holloway Drive Street Widening – Request for meeting with you.

Dear Councilmember,

We thank you for taking time during this summer season to read this entreaty regarding the planned widening of Holloway Drive.

Approximately four weeks ago, three mature trees were removed from the parkway directly in front of our building – Holloway Terrace, located at 8530 Holloway Drive.

After following up with the City to determine why the trees were removed, our Board of Directors were informed that **the City of West Hollywood, acting upon a previously approved MMP (approved in conjunction with an EIR which was approved in 2006 for the Sunset Millennium Project), is going to widen Holloway Drive – on the south side only, to include the addition of a second left turn lane at the intersection of Holloway Drive and La Cienega, and the addition of a second right hand turn lane, also at that intersection, while leaving a small east bound through lane.** This would cause the south side of Holloway Drive between the intersections of Alta Loma to La Cienega to become a four lane street.

At the present time, the south side of Holloway Drive at La Cienega has a median lane, dividing the east and westbound traffic, a left hand turn lane at La Cienega and a through lane which allows for right turns onto La Cienega. With the present volume of traffic eastbound on Holloway Drive, this has proven to work well, with only minimal back up during peak traveling hours (early morning and early evening on weekdays and weekends).

Our Board and Association members now understand, after a meeting with Mayor Meister, Rachel Dimond, Stephanie DeWolfe and John Keho, that the Sunset Millennium Project will now require the City of West Hollywood to redirect additional traffic from Sunset Boulevard (the percentage being touted is 30% additional traffic) eastbound from Sunset Boulevard to Holloway Drive (zoned as a high density R4 residential street) and this is the reason for widening Holloway Drive and adding additional turn lanes at La Cienega.

The impact the street widening will have on Holloway Terrace is significant, specifically with respect to the safety of our owner/residents. The owners whose units face Holloway Drive will have the distance between the front of their units and the street reduced to just several feet. The 40 plus cars that are exiting the east garage onto Holloway Drive, according to the current widening plan, directs that those cars will exit their 30 degree sloped driveway exit, cross the 15-18 inch sidewalk, and will at that point be within the newly constructed right-hand-only turn lane on Holloway Drive. Our engineer's estimate is that these cars will be between 15-24 inches into the lane upon exiting the garage upon stopping at the top of the garage slope, with no opportunity to check traffic in either direction before exiting the remaining distance onto Holloway Drive. The current widening plan will also certainly demand that upon exiting that driveway, these cars will have little if no opportunity to reach the through lane, eastbound on Holloway Drive.

Our suggestion, is that the additional right hand turn lane be either eliminated or moved further east on Holloway, closer to the intersection of La Cienega, significantly increasing the distance from street

to owner/resident units, and reducing the safety issues on owner/residents trying to exit the east garage of Holloway Terrace onto Holloway Drive.

Rachel Dimond has been in contact with our Board and has advised that a new design for the street widening, as it pertains to Holloway Terrace safety issues, is being drafted either by the developer's engineer and/or the City of West Hollywood's City engineer.

Holloway Terrace is not attempting to shut down the Millennium Project or even the street widening which we understand is a global issue with respect to traffic mitigation and the Sunset Millennium Project. **Our owner/residents are very concerned for their safety, not only by the City's mitigating additional traffic onto Holloway Drive, but also garage exiting issues from the building based on the current widening design, and therefore we must continue to pursue an answer to these issues, and hopefully a new design to the MMP as it pertains to our property.**

We are looking forward to continuing to work with the City and developer on this issue and look forward to the walk through of the new design prior to the street widening work being initiated.

Our Board members would be pleased to meet with you and demonstrate the issues mentioned above at your earliest convenience.

Thank you and we sincerely hope you are enjoying your summer. We very much appreciate our City Council and all of the effort you put into making our City a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for your consideration,

Board of Directors

Holloway Terrace Homeowners Association

Attachments: Letter addressed to City Council dated July 5, 2016

Letter addressed to Mayor Lauren Meister dated July 7, 2016

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