

Community Impact Statement

11/14/18 (Re-ordered 1/25/19)

To: Councilmember Bob Blumenfield & Members of the Transportation Committee

From: Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC)

Re: Woodland Hills Speed Surveys - DOT Letters 506.4, 444, 153.4, 376.2, 341.1

Position: Withhold Support/Opposed Pending More Information

The Board Approved the drafting of this preliminary CIS on 11/14/18 by a vote of: Aye (15) – Nay (0) – Abstain (0) • Update to Previous Input: NO

NOTE: THIS VERSION OF THE CIS HAS BEEN RE-ORDERED SO THAT THE COMMENTS ARE LISTED IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE NC COMMUNITY SURVEY OF 1/25/19. NO OTHER TEXT HAS BEEN CHANGED EXCEPT A NOTATION REGARDING THE VICTORY BLVD SEGMENT. TO SEE THE ORIGINAL CIS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION PLEASE GO TO (or click the link):

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1183>

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield (CD3) and Members of the Transportation Committee:

With regard to the proposed speed limit increases related to updated radar ratings for the following street segments:

- 1) Corbin Avenue between Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Boulevard
- 2) Mulholland Drive between Topanga Canyon Blvd. and San Feliciano Drive
- 3) Oxnard Street between De Soto Avenue and Shoup Avenue
- 4) Victory Boulevard between Shoup Avenue and Valley Circle Boulevard
- 5) Shoup Avenue between Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Boulevard

The Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council appreciates the hard work of DOT and LAPD staff and recognizes that the rules regarding the use of Radar/Lidar are dictated by current State Law and, while we strongly support and desire increased safety enforcement, we ask that more information be provided to the community and board regarding the proposed speed limit increases before a final decision is made. Until that time we must **withhold support** for the above referenced speed increases.

We respectfully request that the following steps be taken prior to finalizing the speed limit changes:

- A) More opportunity is provided for public notification and input.
- B) DOT provides answers to any questions related to the proposed changes.

- C) LAPD is able provide information regarding the available staffing to support the monitoring of the above referenced streets. For example, in some cases the primary concern regarding the increased speed for a radar-rated street was that there would still be a lack of enforcement resources in the Woodland Hills area.
- D) Exploration of alternative solutions to appropriately control the speed and flow of traffic while enhancing pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- E) Overall concern about the increased likelihood of a pedestrian fatality in an accident at the higher speed limits – especially in pedestrian crossing areas.
- F) Alternative speed limit options in relation to the review of the 85% rule as outlined in AB2363.

We received limited, but primarily negative reaction on these proposals from stakeholders at our November 7th Public Safety Committee meeting, and again at the November 14th Full Board meeting.

One or more of the previously mentioned steps/concerns applied to **all** of the street segments listed below. The following are some **preliminary** segment specific concerns generated by the Neighborhood Council – with a limited amount of stakeholder input to date. We understand some upgrades may be planned, but specific information on these intersections was not available prior to the WHWC NC Board Meeting of 11/14/18.

Specific Suggestions & Concerns:

File 153.4 - Revise the speed limit on Corbin Avenue between Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Boulevard from 35 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour.

- 1) Additional safety features for the school crosswalk at Corbin & Calvert - including but not limited to establishing a 25MPH school speed limit near the crosswalk, and the addition of flashers or other visual warnings to notify drivers of pedestrians in the crosswalk.

File 341.1 - Revise the speed limit on Mulholland Drive between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and San Feliciano Drive from 35 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour.

Substantial concerns about the proposed increase in speed due to a number of factors including:

- 1) The frequency of accidents in the area;
- 2) Road conditions & topography on portions of Mulholland Dr.;
- 3) Pedestrian safety at various intersections.
- 4) School traffic
- 5) A lack of speed control features
- 6) Speeds on eastbound Mulholland Drive approaching Alizondo Dr. – which is a blind curve just before the intersection.

File 376.2 - Revise the speed limit on Oxnard Street between De Soto Avenue and Shoup Avenue from 35 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour.

There are concerns about the increased speed limit on portions of these street segments which are:

- 1) Supposed to be part of the WC2035 live-work pedestrian friendly environment;
- 2) Areas undergoing substantial residential development; and,
- 3) The related impact on, or planned improvements for, the Oxnard St./Variel intersection currently governed by a four-way stop sign.

(DOT Letter File 506.4 - Revise the speed limit on Victory Boulevard between Shoup Avenue and Valley Circle Boulevard - *THE NC DID NOT SUBMIT SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THIS SEGMENT IN THE ORIGINAL CIS*)

DOT Letter File 444 - Revise the speed limit on Shoup Avenue between Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Boulevard from 35 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour.

- 1) Additional safety features at Shoup Ave. at Miranda Street (Woodland Hills Recreation Center). Concerns regarding many reports of red-lighting running and excessive speed combined with pedestrian crossing for the park.
- 2) Safety upgrades at Shoup Ave. at Collins St. to protect the school intersections.

We are happy to meet with CD3 staff and others to move forward with this process. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



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