




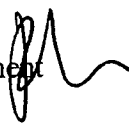
Agenda Item #: 07/0220.14

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager 

FROM: Richard Thompson, Director of Community Development
Rob Osborne, Management Analyst  **RO**

DATE: February 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Uphold the Parking and Public Improvements Commission Recommendation to Deny a Request for Installation of Stop Signs on Pacific Avenue at 18th Street

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council pass a motion to approve the Parking and Public Improvements Commission recommendation to:

- Deny the request for installation of stop signs on Pacific Avenue at 18th Street
- Install 25-foot red zones on the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection to improve driver visibility
- Replace and relocate school crosswalk warning signs on Pacific Avenue in both directions

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The recommended modifications could be accomplished through existing Public Works programs and budgets.

BACKGROUND:

The City recently received a petition requesting installation of stop signs on Pacific Avenue at 18th Street. The petitioners believe four-way stop signs would enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety in the area. A petition was also received from residents opposed to installing stop signs. Those opposed feel the stop signs are not necessary and would only serve to create traffic congestion and increase vehicle emissions. The issue was reviewed by the Parking and Public Improvements Commission at their meeting on January 25, 2007.

DISCUSSION

As described in the attached report, the Traffic Engineer does not support installing stop signs at the intersection. The pedestrian volumes, traffic volumes and accident history for the area do not meet the established criteria for an all-way stop installation. In order to enhance visibility at the intersection, he suggested installation of red zones on the northeast and southwest corners. He also suggested enhancing some existing crosswalk warning signs.

At the Commission meeting public testimony was provided by nine residents. Six of the speakers were in favor of installing stop signs and three were opposed. The Commission agreed with the Traffic Engineer's findings and voted unanimously to recommend denial of the request for stop signs.

Should the Council decide to approve the requested stop signs, adoption of the attached Resolution No. 6082 would amend the City's Traffic Resolution to include this intersection.

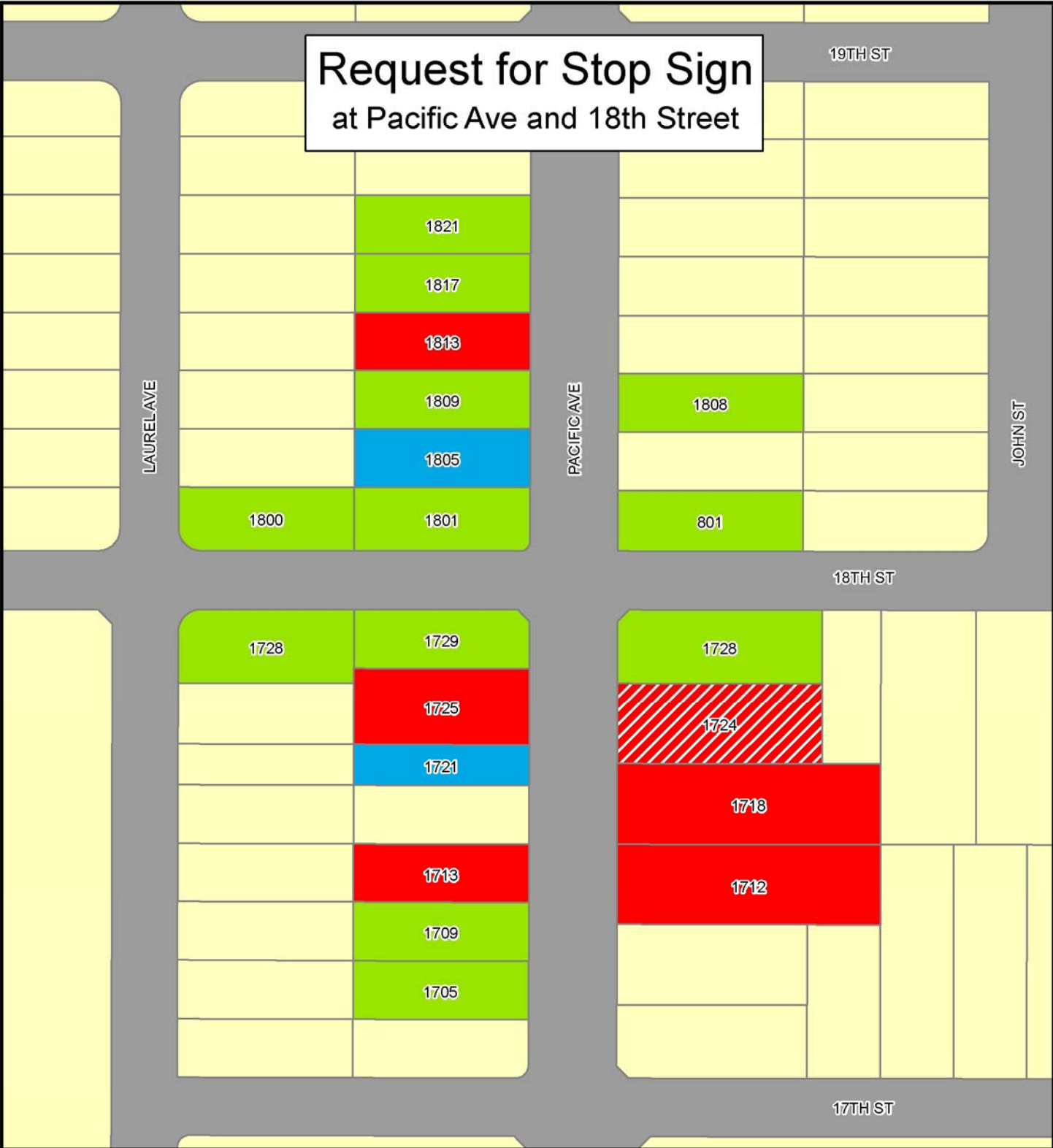
Meeting notices were sent to all properties within 300 feet of the subject intersection.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. **APPROVE** the recommendation of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission.
2. **REMOVE** this item from the Consent Calendar and provide staff with direction.

- Attachments:
- A. Area/petition map
 - B. Resolution 6082
 - C. Excerpt from PPIC minutes of 1/25/07
 - D. PPIC report dated 1/25/07, with attachments
 - E. Additional correspondence
 - F. Meeting notice, 2/6/07

Request for Stop Sign at Pacific Ave and 18th Street



Legend

- In Favor
- Opposed
- Opposed (Originally in Favor)
- Signed Both Petitions
- Parcels



**City of Manhattan Beach
Community Development**

RESOLUTION NO. 6082

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 21 (THROUGH STREETS AND STOP INTERSECTIONS) OF RESOLUTION NO. 2715 (THE TRAFFIC RESOLUTION)

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section 21 (Through Streets and Stop Intersections) of Resolution No. 2715 of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DEFINING AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN STREETS AND PARTS OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AS ONE-WAY STREETS, THROUGH STREETS AND STOP INTERSECTIONS. RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS, NO PARKING AREAS, DIAGONAL PARKING ZONES, NO STOPPING ZONES, TRUCK ROUTES, COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PROHIBITED STREETS AND WALK STREETS

passed and adopted on the 19th day of November, 1968, shall be amended by adding the following:

Boulevard Stops:

Add:

	<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Entrance</u>
21p-1,	Pacific Avenue at 18 th Street	Northerly and Southerly

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall make this Resolution reasonably available for public inspection within thirty (30) days of the date this Resolution is adopted.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2007.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

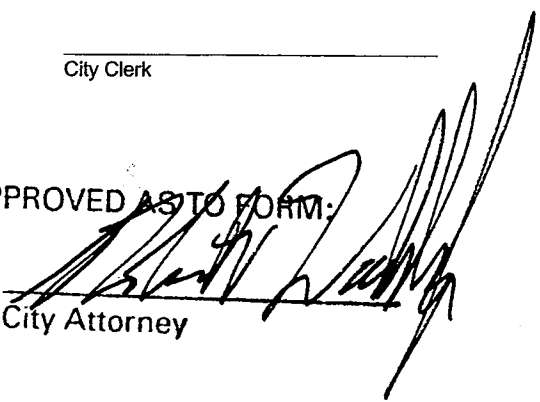
Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By _____
City Attorney



4. Request for Stop Signs – Pacific Avenue at 18th Street

Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet presented staff's report and recommendations to deny the request for stop signs at Pacific Avenue at 18th Street; paint 25 feet of red curb on Pacific Avenue between the intersection and the first driveway on the northeast and southwest corners; and replace and relocate school crossing warning signs on Pacific Avenue at the intersection of 18th Street in both directions.

Audience Participation

Paul Beswick, 1700 Block of Pacific Avenue, referenced their submitted petition for the stop signs, which states that the residents feel very strongly that the current situation at this corner presents a significant hazard to public safety and a potential liability for the City. There is a safety hazard for pedestrians, especially school children, crossing Pacific Avenue and for both cars traveling along Pacific Avenue and those pulling out of 18th Street. He questioned the report's findings on traffic collisions, volumes and speeds, stating that he has personally witnessed accidents. This situation is being brought to City's attention and lack of action can significantly increase the City's liability if a serious or fatal accident occurs in the future. Mr. Beswick also submitted a letter of support from Mr. Bob Taddiken who was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Mark Solognian, 1800 Block of Pacific Avenue, voiced his support of the stop signs, stating that cars are traveling over 40 mph and the stop signs would reduce speeding. Hermosa Beach had a similar scenario on Sepulveda Boulevard and it took a fatality to get the City to take action. Pacific Avenue has become a thoroughfare with non stop traffic and there are lots of little children in the area. Mr. Solognian asked that the Commission consider their request as it is a serious safety issue.

Ronald Clinton, 800 Block of 18th Street, spoke on behalf of his three small children and his concern for their safety. He lives on the corner of 18th and Pacific Avenue and constantly sees cars speeding down the street all hours of the day, witnessing two accidents and numerous close calls. Pacific Avenue has stop signs on just about every corner, except 18th Street, which causes cars to speed past 18th Street. It also causes confusion with drivers who think there is a stop sign on this corner. Mr. Clinton stated that stop signs are the best suggestion because they are the most respected measure and the stopping process is the safest measure.

Randy Forbes, 1800 Block of John Street, relayed his support of the stop signs, sharing that he walks to American Martyrs daily and this area has become a funnel to downtown.

Jim Sheekey, 1700 Block of Pacific Avenue, indicated that he has a petition against the installation of stop signs, stating that he has lived in the area for 28 years and has never seen a problem at the intersection. Very few pedestrians use the intersection to cross and the traffic studies indicated cars are traveling 25 mph. Stop signs will cause traffic congestion and create more air pollution. Mr. Sheekey stated his support of staff's

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recommendations, adding that the cutting back of an overgrown hedge along the corner will also help visibility.

Lisa Weber, 1700 Block of Pacific Avenue, stated she initially agreed with the need for stop signs and signed the petition. However, after further review she has reconsidered her position and would like her name removed from that petition. She stated support for the opposing petition, as she believes the stop signs will create more noise, air pollution and traffic congestion.

Barbara Sheekey, 1700 Block of Pacific Avenue, stated that the need for stop signs has been overblown and she hardly recognizes what is being said about this intersection. There are peak times with traffic but stop signs are not warranted.

Malissia Clinton, 800 Block of 18th Street, indicated her support of the stop signs, stating that two schools are in such close proximity and the stop signs will make the area safer for children crossing the intersection. Staff's submitted traffic data is "stale" and needs to be updated, and she does not believe their recommended measures are adequate to ensure the safety of the children.

Bob Schoel, 1800 Block of 18th Street, shared that this is a "tight neighborhood" where neighbors get along well with each other. Either solution will be a win/win. Stop signs will increase noise and traffic congestion, but will increase safety. Because of the safety issue he will support the installation of stop signs.

Discussion

In response to questions from the Commission, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet clarified that the traffic volume count was conducted on January 16, 2007 not October 30, 2001 as indicated in the report. The traffic collision history was from 2004 and the traffic speed data was completed in 2003. The suggested travel route to Pacific School is to stay on the same side of the street until you reach the school and then cross with the crossing guard. Traffic Engineer Zandvliet also clarified that the installation of stop signs does not impact speed; they actually encourage motorists to increase speeds to make up for the stop. Repeated stop signs also make for more intolerance and increase roll throughs.

Commissioner Seville-Jones complimented the residents for the high minded discussion and the manner in which their differing views were presented. Referencing Traffic Engineer Zandvliet's statement that stop signs do not help in reducing traffic speed, she stated that she does not believe stop signs are warranted and will support staff's recommended measures to increase visibility at the location.

Commissioner Osterhout also complimented the residents on the positive discussion. He too will support staff's recommendations and does not support stop signs at this location, stressing that they do not assist in controlling speed. In regard to comments made relative to the City's liability, Commissioner Osterhout stated that the City did hear the petition and performed due diligence.

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Commissioner Donahue agreed that stop signs are not warranted at this location and stated that although he is generally not in favor of removing parking spaces, he will support staff's recommendation to remove the spaces to increase visibility.

Commissioner Paralusz stated that she was proud to be a part of such a civilized discussion and that she too will support staff's recommendations, adding that the referenced hedge should be trimmed back to also increase visibility.

Chairperson Lang noted his agreement with staff's recommendations and that stop signs do not slow down traffic. The problem at hand is speeding which needs to be addressed through police enforcement. Chairperson Lang further stated that there is a stop sign on 19th Street which is where school children should cross the street.

Action

A motion was MADE and SECONDED (Seville-Jones/Osterhout) to approve staff's recommendation to deny the request for stop signs, paint 25 feet of red curb on Pacific Avenue between the intersection and the first driveway on the northeast and southwest corners, and replace and relocate school crossing warning signs on Pacific Avenue at the intersection of 18th Street in both directions.

AYES: Donahue, Osterhout, Paralusz, Chairperson Seville-Jones and
Chairperson Lang
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

H. COMMISSION BUSINESS

None


I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

TO: Parking and Public Improvements Commission

FROM: Richard Thompson, Director of Community Development
Robert D. Osborne, Management Analyst *RB* 

BY: Erik Zandvliet, Traffic Engineer

DATE: January 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Request for Stop Signs
Pacific Avenue at 18th Street

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recommend the following:

1. Paint 25 feet of red curb on Pacific Avenue between the intersection and the first driveway on the northeast and southwest corners.
2. Replace and relocate school crossing warning signs on Pacific Avenue at the intersection of 18th Street in both directions.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2006, Mr. Paul Beswick, at 1729 Pacific Avenue, submitted a petition requesting stop signs in all directions at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and 18rd Street. The petition states that the intersection is unsafe for both pedestrians and drivers. The petition is signed by 18 residents at 14 homes in the area.

DISCUSSION:

Pacific Avenue is a 40-foot wide, two-lane major local street that connects with Valley Drive/Ardmore Avenue to the north and Manhattan Beach Boulevard to the south. Pacific Avenue provides north-south circulation for several streets in the area and is stopped at 19th 400' to the north and 17th Street 400' to the south. 18th Street is a 30-foot wide, two-lane local street that terminates at Ardmore Avenue to the west and Poinsettia Avenue to the east. The speed limit on both streets is 25 mph. Both streets have curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The intersection of 18th Street and Pacific Avenue is located in a single family residential area. There is a slight downhill slope on Pacific Avenue in a southerly direction near 18th Street. Parking is allowed on both sides of both streets. Pacific Elementary School is on Pacific Avenue at 17th Street south of subject intersection and American Martyrs Private Elementary School is located one block west of the intersection. The intersection is painted with yellow crosswalks on all approaches, and pedestrian warning signs are posted on Pacific Avenue in both directions in advance of 18th Street.

The traffic collision history between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2004 was analyzed for the intersection. According to City records, there have been no traffic collisions reported near the intersection during this four-year period. No collision patterns were identified.

A traffic volume count was conducted on October 30, 2001 during a typical day. A summary of the peak hour and daily traffic volume is provided below:

DIRECTION	AM PEAK HOUR	PM PEAK HOUR	DAILY
Northbound (Pacific Ave.)	259	224	2,198
Southbound (Pacific Ave.)	255	301	2,695
Subtotal	514	525	4,893
Eastbound (18 th Street)	<50	<50	<500
Westbound (18 th Street)	<15	<19	153

The existing Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey was completed in April 2003. The speed limit was reduced in 2003 from 30 mph to 25 mph as the result of this survey. A statistical summary of the recorded speeds shown below confirms that prevailing speeds on Pacific Avenue are typical for a residential area and are considered lower than normal for a major local street.

Average Speed 25 mph
 85th Percentile Speed 29 mph
 10-mile Pace Speed 22-31 mph

Field observations were made at the intersection during peak travel periods. Staff confirmed the empirical traffic count data and speed data. Pacific Avenue carries moderate traffic volumes appropriate for its designation as a major local street. 18th Street carries very low traffic volumes. No delays were observed at the intersection. It was noted that there are old school crossing warning signs on Pacific Avenue that should be replaced and relocated closer to the intersection to be in compliance with newer State requirements. The new signs will raise driver awareness of the possibility of students crossing at this intersection.

Intersection visibility is good in all directions with the exception that vehicles parked close to the intersection on either side of Pacific Avenue restrict the view of stopped drivers looking north and south on Pacific Avenue. This can be remedied by painting approximately 25 feet of red curb between the intersection and the first driveway on the northeast and southwest corners, eliminating a total of two parking spaces. While field observations indicate that curb parking is moderately used, there is ample curb parking available along Pacific Avenue during the day.

Multi-way Stop Signs: The State of California has established guidelines for the installation of stop signs. These criteria have been widely accepted and are used by the City of Manhattan Beach. Multi-way or all-way stop controls are generally recommended when one or more of the criteria are satisfied. It is also advised that less intrusive measures be tried before resorting to multi-way stop signs. More important, stop signs should not be used for speed control.

A stop sign warrant checklist is attached to this report that indicates that multi-way stop signs are not warranted at this intersection based on volumes, speed or collision history. Multi-way stop

signs would be more appropriate at location with higher minor street volumes and/or a traffic collision history.

CONCLUSION:

Based on restricted sight distance for motorists waiting at the existing stop sign, approximately 25 feet of red curb on Pacific Avenue between the intersection and the first driveway on the northeast and southwest corners is recommended. In addition, the relocation and replacement of school crossing warning signs are recommended on Pacific Avenue at 18th Street to make motorists more aware of the intersection and the possibility of crossing students. The installation of stop signs in all directions is not recommended at this time. Meeting notices were sent to all properties within 300 feet of the subject intersection.

EHZ:

ATTACHMENTS

- Site Photos
- Vicinity Map
- Stop Sign Warrant Worksheet
- Petition Letter
- Notice of Public Hearing

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Pacific Avenue at 18th Street Looking Northbound (West Side)



Pacific Avenue at 18th Street Looking Southbound (West Side)



Pacific Avenue at 18th Street Looking Northbound (East side)



Pacific Avenue at 18th Street Looking Southbound (East side)



18th Street

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Paint Red Curb

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City of Manhattan Beach
Department of Community Development

PACIFIC AVENUE
AT 18TH STREET
Request for Stop Signs



STOP SIGN WARRANT CHECKLIST

MAJOR STREET: Pacific Avenue MINOR STREET: 18th Street

REQUESTED BY: Citizen Petition DATE: 1/17/07

REVIEWED BY: EHZ

Warranted?

SINGLE STREET STOP SIGN WARRANTS - None

On a less important road where the normal right-of-way rules would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law.

On a street entering a legally established through highway or street.

At an unsignalized intersection in a signalized area.

At other intersections where high speeds, restricted view, or crash record indicates a need for control by a stop sign.

MULTI-WAY STOP SIGN WARRANTS – Not Applicable

Where traffic signals are warranted, and stop signs are used as an interim measure to control traffic while the signal is installed.

Where a crash problem exists, as indicated by five or more reported accidents within a 12 month period of a type correctable by a multi-way stop sign.

Where the total vehicular volume entering from the major street approaches average at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours, and

the combined vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian volume from the minor street approaches average at least 200 units per hour for the same 8 hours, with an average delay to the minor street traffic is at least 30 seconds per vehicle during the highest hour, and

if the 85th percentile approach speed of the major street traffic exceeds 40 MPH, the minimum vehicular volume warrant is 70 percent of the above requirements.

Where there four or more reported accidents within a 12 month period of a type correctable by a multi-way stop sign, and

the average major and minor street volumes are at least 80% of the minimum values.

Other locations where multi-way stop signs are justified based on an engineering study.

MULTI-WAY STOP SIGN WORKSHEET

MAJOR STREET: Pacific Avenue 85TH SPEED - < 40mph

MINOR STREET: 18th Street DATE: 1/17/07

TRAFFIC VOLUMES **WARRANTED** **YES** **NO**

If the 85th percentile speed of the major street exceeds 40 MPH, use 70% volume.

Street	Min Volume	70%	80%	Ave.	Hour / Volume							
					8a	9	11a	2p	3p	4p	5p	6p
Major	300	210	240	391	482	306	301	383	462	375	484	333
Minor	200	140	160	<65	< 65							

And, does the minor street have an average delay of at least 30 seconds in the peak hour?

Peak Average Delay	<30 sec
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COLLISION RECORD **WARRANTED** **YES** **NO**

Are there five or more reported collisions within a 12 month period of a type correctable by a multi-way stop sign?

DATE	TIME	DIRECTION	TYPE	CAUSE
2004		NONE		
2003		NONE		
2002		NONE		
2001		NONE		

80% COMBINATION **WARRANTED** **YES** **NO**

Are there four or more reported accidents within a 12 month period of a type correctable by a multi-way stop sign, and

Average major and minor street volumes are at least 80% of the minimum values?

OTHER MULTI-WAY STOP CONDITIONS	WARRANTED	YES	NO
A. Need to control left turn conflicts		YES	NO
B. Need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts at high ped locations		YES	NO
C. Visibility obstruction after stopping on minor street approach		YES	NO
D. Two similar neighborhood collector streets that would improve operation		YES	NO

Paul G. Beswick
1729 Pacific Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-4915
Phone: (310) 545-5229

*Rich/Rob
Please follow up*

November 14, 2006

Mr. Geoff Dolan
City Manager
City of Manhattan Beach
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Subject: 4-Way Stop at Pacific Avenue and 18th Street

Dear Mr. Dolan,

Please find enclosed with this letter a petition signed by me, my wife and sixteen of our neighbors who live on or near the corner of Pacific Avenue and 18th Street.

We are requesting that the City of Manhattan Beach take immediate action to install stop signs on Pacific Avenue at 18th Street, making that corner a 4-way stop.

We feel very strongly that the current situation at this corner (with no stop signs on Pacific Avenue) presents a significant hazard to public safety and a potential liability for the city. There is a safety hazard for pedestrians, especially school children, crossing Pacific Avenue and for both cars traveling along Pacific and those pulling out of 18th Street.

Thank you for your assistance on this important matter.

Yours very truly,



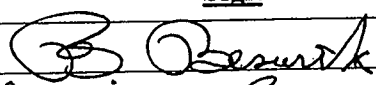
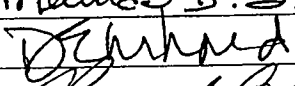
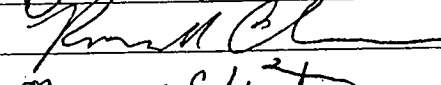

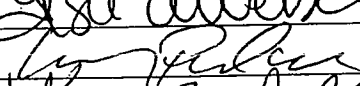
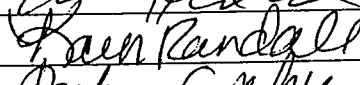
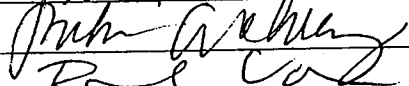


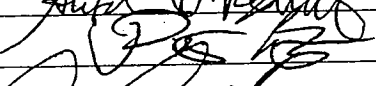
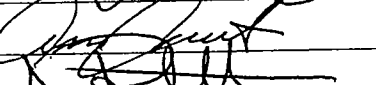

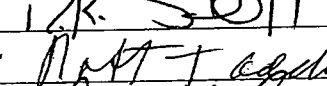
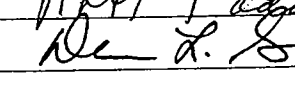
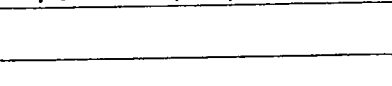
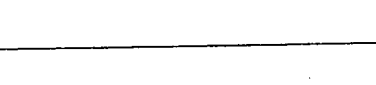
Paul G. Beswick

Petition for a 4-Way Stop at Pacific Avenue and 18th Street

We hereby ask the City of Manhattan Beach to install stop signs on Pacific Avenue at 18th Street, making that corner a 4-way stop.

- We feel that the current situation at that corner, with no stop signs on Pacific Avenue, presents a significant hazard to public safety ... for pedestrians crossing the street and for both cars traveling along Pacific and those pulling out of 18th Street.
- There have been numerous accidents and near-accidents involving cars and near-misses involving pedestrians. Some of us have experienced near-accidents in our cars and/or near-misses as pedestrians.
- Some drivers traveling along Pacific are confused by the crosswalk and brake, thinking there is a stop and are rear-ended. There are other drivers that seem to try to see how fast they can go between the stops at 17th and 19th, they tend to hit peak speed at 18th Street.
- Also, it should be noted that American Martyrs School is one block west of this corner and there are numerous of children crossing the street before and after school, as well as substantial car traffic with parents dropping off their children or picking them up.

We are Manhattan Beach residents who live on or near this corner and we request immediate action on this matter!

#	Name		Address
	Print	Sign	
1	PAUL G. BESWICK		1729 Pacific
2	Melinda D. Beswick	Melinda D. Beswick	1729 Pacific Ave.
3	Danne G. Ehrhard		1728 Pacific Ave
4	Ronald Clinton		801 18th St.
5	Malissa Clinton		801 18th St.
6	USA Welser		1724 Pacific Ave
7	LARRY RANDALL		1805 Pacific Ave
8	Karen Randall	Karen Randall	1805 Pacific Ave
9	Bibian Vabrey		1705 Pacific Ave
10	ROBERT VABREY		1705 Pacific Ave
11	Mike Anuszewski		1709 Pacific Ave
12	STEPHEN PETROFF		1721 Pacific Ave
13	PATRICK BARTZ		1728 LAUREL AVE
14	Ann Cimmarusti		1800 Laurel AVE
15	GARY RUBOTZOM		1809 Pacific Ave
16	ROBERT K. SCHOLL		1821 Pacific Ave
17	Robert Taddeus		1808 Pacific Ave
18	DENNIS L. GREEN		747 18TH ST., MB

Rob Osborne

From: Rob Osborne
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2006 2:18 PM
To: Rod Uyeda; Bryan Klatt; Derrick Abell; Erik Zandvliet; Juan Price; Neil Miller; Richard Thompson
Subject: FW: Stop sign

Please review & comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: ronald clinton [mailto:apothecary101@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2006 1:37 PM
To: Rob Osborne; malissia.clinton@ngc.com
Subject: Stop sign

Ronald Clinton
801 18th St.
Manhattan Beach, Ca. 90266
310-738-3199

10/27/06

Hello Mr. Osborne,

My name is Ronald Clinton and I am a three year resident of Manhattan Beach. I am married with three small children ages 7, 4, and 1. We feel very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community and hope to remain so for many years to come.

Mr. Osborne, I am writing you on behalf of my three small children. We live on the corner of 18th and Pacific Ave. in the tree section of town. As you may know Pacific Ave. is a main thoroughfare from Rosecrans to Manhattan Beach Blvd. We constantly see cars speeding down the street during all hours of the day. Just recently, one of my kids was almost injured chasing a ball.

This stretch of Pacific Ave. has stop signs on just about on every block, except my corner. This causes cars to speed past 18th. Once in a while I will see a car stop. I think this is because a stop sign seems like it belongs on this corner.

Mr. Osborne, what I am requesting is for a stop sign to be placed on the corner of 18th and Pacific. It will not only PROTECT my kids but the many other pedestrians that cross the street.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Clinton

10/30/2006



City Hall 1400 Highland Avenue Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-4795

Telephone (310) 802-5000 FAX (310) 802-5001

January 12, 2007

***** PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE *****

Re: Request for Stop Signs – Pacific Avenue at 18th Street

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

The City recently received a petition requesting installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and 18th Street. It was suggested that additional stop signs would increase the level of safety at the intersection. The request has been referred to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission for consideration.

The Commission will review this matter at a public meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2007. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, 1400 Highland Avenue, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Any comments you might like to make at the meeting would be welcomed.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please call me at 802-5540.

Sincerely,

Rob Osborne
Management Analyst
Community Development Department

**James J. Sheekey
1725 Pacific Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Phone 310-545-1113**

January 21, 2007

Mr. Rob Osborne
Community Development Department
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Subject: Additional Stop Signs on Pacific Avenue

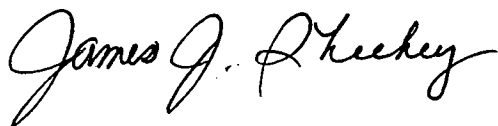
Dear Mr. Osborne,

I have lived at 1725 Pacific Avenue for over 28 years and I am concerned about the request before you for additional stop signs to be installed on Pacific Ave. I have attached with this letter a petition signed by myself and neighbors **who live on Pacific**, who feel that it is not in the public interest to stop traffic again on Pacific, for the following reasons:

- Currently there are stop signs at 17th and 19th on Pacific. (and 14th, the next intersection after 17th).
- In all the time we have lived at this location, we have not heard a single complaint from pedestrians. To the contrary, this intersection is a very peaceful corner.
- Residents on Pacific whose driveways enter Pacific would have to deal with cars stopped in front of their driveways, presenting additional safety issues and congestion.
- The air pollution created by over 4,890 cars/trucks a day coming to a stop, and starting again in a lower gear where pollution is the greatest, would be unhealthy for the students that walk to Pacific School as well as all of us who live in the immediate area.
- The needless stopping and starting of engines through the night and early morning hours.

We feel very strongly that placing stop signs on Pacific at 18th would be an erroneous move on the City's part. The general protocol in the City of Manhattan Beach has been the installation of two stop signs east and west or north and south every two blocks. At present we have three four way stops in a four block area. **We don't need one more stop sign.** We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Petition Against Installing Stop Signs at Pacific Avenue and 18th Street

We hereby ask the City of Manhattan Beach not to install stop signs at the intersection of 18th and Pacific Avenue.

- We feel that the installation would create additional traffic flow problems, stopping traffic that has previously stopped at 17th street or 19th street, causing a backup at 18th street, as traffic goes north or south.
- Due to the proximity of American Martyrs School and Church, the backup would be enormous in the mornings when many of us on Pacific are trying to exit our driveways causing a potential for accidents as we try to backup into traffic stalling at the stop sign.
- The two way stop signs on 18th and the stop signs at 17th and 19th have been sufficient for the past 28 years as few accidents have occurred.
- Environmentally an addition of two more stop signs would pollute the air at 18th street as every car would now stop and start again putting each car and truck into first gear where pollutants are at their highest level. (Not a plus for American Martyrs school children.)

Print	Name	Sign	#	Address
CARLA PETROFF	Carla Petroff		1	1721 PACIFIC AVE
JIM SHEEKY	James Sheeky		2	1725 PACIFIC AVE.
Dave Weber	Dave Weber		3	1724 Pacific Ave
Lisa Welby	Lisa Welby		4	1724 Pacific Ave
Vicki Garfield	Vicki Garfield		5	1713 PACIFIC AVE.
Ron Garfield	Ron Garfield		6	1713 PACIFIC AVE.
MELINDA WATSON	Melinda Watson		7	1718 Pacific Ave 3869333
JOHN WATSON	John Watson		8	1718 PACIFIC AVE
SEAN WATSON	Sean Watson		9	1718 PACIFIC AVE
Bonham Sheeky	Bonham Sheeky		10	1725 Pacific Ave.
Karen Randall	Karen Randall		11	1725 Pacific Ave
Larry Randall	Larry Randall		12	1805 Pacific Ave
Kimble Cannon	Kimble Cannon		13	1805 Pacific Ave
Elizabeth Cannon	Elizabeth Cannon		14	1813 Pacific Ave
GERMANIA JANNIN	Germania Jannin		15	1813 Pacific Ave
CAROL SHAFER	Carol Shafer		16	1015 5th St.
JOHN SHAFER	John Shafer		17	1712 Pacific
			18	1712 Pacific

Paul

I will not be able to attend
The meeting 1/25/07

Below are some thoughts I have to
support the stop sign (most of them you
probably already have)

RE: The memo from Travis Zander LIO T

- ① 18th street is NOT a low volume street
In the morning & after noon when
parents are picking up their children
from school 18th is packed & we
neighbors avoid it!!
- ② Many children stand on the corner of
18th & Pacific waiting to be picked
A 4way stop makes it much safer.
- ③ no traffic collisions have been reported
in 4 yrs. That maybe true but simply
because the ones that happen are not
reported to the police or insurance company
we all have seen accidents at this intersection
- ④ The report says a traffic survey was completed
in April 2003. We see what is happening every day
at this intersection

Average speed thru 18th Pacific is
more than 25 mph

⑤ Pacific School & American Engineers should
be involved in this decision ~~and~~ & should have
some input as to ~~the~~ safety for the
children

6 19th Street has a 4 way stop & I doubt
if it has any more traffic than 18th.
I know it took a petition like ours to
get that as a 4 way stop

Excuse my poor writing
I'm not into computers

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Why should Pacific Ave be designated
as a "Major Local Street" It is RESIDENTIAL
like any other street in the city



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February 6, 2007

***** PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE *****

Re: Request for Stop Signs – Pacific Avenue at 18th Street

Dear Owner/Resident:

On January 25, 2007, the Parking and Public Improvements Commission reviewed a request for installation of stop signs on Pacific Avenue at 18th Street. The Commission voted to recommend the following:

- That stop signs not be installed at this time
- Installation of 25-foot red zones on the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection to improve driver visibility
- Replacement and relocation of school crosswalk warning signs on Pacific Avenue in both directions

The City Council will review these recommendations at a public meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, 1400 Highland Avenue, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Any comments you might like to make at the meeting would be welcomed.

The issue will be on the portion of the agenda known as the “Consent Calendar”, meaning that it will not automatically be discussed. If it is not requested to be discussed by either a member of the audience, a City staff person or a Councilmember, the recommended action will be approved without discussion. At a point at the beginning of the meeting the Mayor will ask the audience if they would like any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar. If you do not agree with the recommended action for this item, be sure to request that it be removed at that time. It will then be discussed during the portion of the agenda entitled “Items Removed from the Consent Calendar”, toward the end of the meeting.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please call me at 802-5540.

Sincerely,

Rob Osborne
Management Analyst