

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Chris O'Brien <chris.obrien1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 12:13 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] E-bikes - time to take the obvious steps

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There are wonderful things about e-bikes. But like any new technology, the problems emerge only after they are adopted and begin to be abused. (Think about cell phones for a minute.)

Kids on e-bikes have become a menace in the South Bay, especially around the Strand. This is our greatest shared resource, and it can't be allowed to be turned into a zone of lawlessness and danger for anyone. Unfortunately, the various police departments have not approached this problem with the seriousness it deserves or the tactics that will actually improve the situation. I don't know who thought it was a good idea to offer five dollar Starbucks gift certificates in exchange for the restraint of middle school boys, but that was frankly ridiculous.

The solution seems self-evident. These are motorized vehicles. And they should be treated like every other motorized vehicle. They should be required to be registered and plated. There should be a prominent license plate in the front and the back that the police and citizens can easily photograph to identify perps. If a vehicle is stopped without plates or the registration, it should be impounded. Serial violations should result in the permanent impoundment of the vehicle.

The problem is that there is too much speed and anonymity in the hands of young boys. They will abuse it. And for the police department to treat these crime sprees as though they are primarily a traffic issue is not helpful. But if the perpetrators can be identified by their license plate, their parents can be confronted and fined. And then the kids will get the message. And they will stop. Deterrence is the best police tactic ever invented.

Best regards,

Christopher O'Brien
North End
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Scott Wandzilak <swandzilak@usc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 12:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop signs at 19th & Oak

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Hi,
I live very close to the intersection of 19th and Oak and I'd like to voice my support for a stop sign at the intersection of 19th and Oak. There are a TON of kids that play on our street so this would be very helpful.

Thanks!



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From: Erica <erica.wallis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:53 AM
To: List - City Council; Joe Franklin; MC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 13-vote

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Hello!

Thank you for reaching out personally and via mail for the opportunity to vote on installing the 4way stop signs at Oak and Elm in Manhattan Beach.

My vote is YES!

Since recently moving to Oak and 19th we have already witnessed 1 car accident and my husband almost being hit by cars several times while driving at this intersection. We moved from Pine Ave. and Valley where there was a new 3 way stop sign added. What a drastic improvement to the people on the street and the cars that pass through Valley everyday! It became safer and made drivers more aware. We need the same for Oak and Elm.

Thank you for continuing to make our streets safer for kids and parents alike.

Thanks,
Erica

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bob Siemak <bobsiemak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:45 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop Sign at Intersection of 19th and Elm Ave.

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Dear Councilfolks.

I wholeheartedly support Item 13 on today's city council agenda. My wife and I live on 2204 Elm Ave for the past 38 years and a stop sign on 19th would greatly improve a hazardous condition at this intersection,
Bob Siemak

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Todd Cogan <t.cogan@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:39 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Paula Pineiro Cogan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4-way Stop Sign Needed - Oak & 19th

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for reviewing the intersection of 19th St and Oak Ave.

As a resident of 2301 Oak Ave, I witness the dangers of this intersection firsthand. Installing a 4-way stop sign is a simple and effective solution to address the high speeds at which cars enter this intersection and to reduce the number of near-miss accidents caused by poor visibility due to parked cars, fences, and shrubbery.

Every day, cars coming west off Sepulveda hurtle at dangerous speeds as the transition from a major corridor into a residential neighborhood is abrupt. This issue is not just about traffic but also about the safety of the children who frequent the school at the synagogue located on this corner.

Additionally, 19th St is a main route for many Manhattan Beach students who ride bikes to and from Pacific Elementary and MBMS. The combination of children navigating this busy corner and the poor visibility near the synagogue school makes this intersection extremely hazardous.

The safety of the children in our neighborhood depends on making this intersection safer.

Please review the attached videos that demonstrate the poor visibility caused by the various obstructions (parked cars, fences, telephone poles, bushes) which can be downloaded or watched online.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Todd Cogan
2301 Oak Ave.
310.266.5189

South on Oak @ 19th



Video 1 SOUTH on Oak at 19th
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

North on Oak @ 19th



Video 2 - Oak Ave NORTH at 19th st. MB 90266
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: maggie dehler <maggiepfohl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:19 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oak ave stop sign

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Hi,

The oak ave corner is a danger to my 3 children and dog. For the safety of our community please put a stop sign in.

Thank you,
Oak ave resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kevin Downing <kedowning714@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:06 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Marsha Malozemova
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Approve Resolution No 24-0045

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Dear City Council Members,

Please approve the Parking & Public Improvements Commission recommendations and adopt Resolution No 24-0045. I have owned near the 19th St & Oak Ave intersection for the past ~3 years. We recently had a newborn baby, who will grow up on Oak Ave. We are all at risk as we approach this intersection due to poor visibility and increased traffic. There were accidents at this intersection on 5/31/23 and again on 6/30/23. There have been others in the area with a recent high-speed fatality nearby while I've lived here. A 4-way stop would force drivers to decrease their speed, stop, look, and then proceed. The installation of a 4-way stop at Oak and 19th (and the other locations) would increase safety and could ultimately prevent injury or death. My child & all children deserve to be safe and protected.

Thank you for taking into consideration. This is greatly appreciated by my young family,
Kevin Downing
2305 Oak Avenue

(714) 293-7849

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Melita Siemak <melitasiemak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:54 AM
To: List - City Council; Richard Montgomery; Joe Franklin
Cc: Erik Zandvliet; Bob Siemak
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Requesting a 4 way stop at Elm Ave. and 19th St.
Attachments: Petition for 4 way stop Elm and 19th20230814_12542992.pdf

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Dear City Council,

I kindly request that you pass and install the four-way stop signs at the intersection of 19th St. and Elm Avenue. I understand there is a city council meeting today. Below you will find my original request for this dated August 14, 2023. I also am attaching the 5 page petition that our neighbors signed requesting this 4 way stop. Please consider this request, not only from me, but also from a multitude of neighbors on Elm Ave.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,
Melita Siemak
2204 Elm Ave.
Manhattan Beach
310 200-3339

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Melita Siemak <melitasiemak@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 14, 2023 at 1:16 PM
Subject: Requesting a 4 way stop at Elm Ave. and 19th St.
To: <ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov>

Dear Erik,

Mayor Montgomery asked us to contact you after the neighbors signed a petition requesting that a 4 way stop be installed at Elm Avenue and 19th Street in Manhattan Beach. At this time we only have a 2 way stop on Elm Avenue.

As you will see by the 5 page attached petition, our neighbors are very concerned about the many vehicles and bicycles that use 19th Street from Sepulveda as an alternative to Marine Ave. The visibility from Elm Avenue to 19th is terrible. You cannot see the oncoming (and mostly speeding) cars because of the many vehicles parked on 19th blocking the view of oncoming traffic. It is dangerous and an accident waiting to

happen, not only for vehicles and bicycles, but also for the pedestrians crossing 19th Street at Elm Ave.

We kindly request your consideration of this urgent and important matter. Please let us know if you have any questions. We are able to meet with you to discuss our request and how we can move forward with it.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Melita and Bob Siemak
2204 Elm Ave.
310 200-3339

REQUESTING A 4 WAY STOP TO BE INSTALLED ON 19TH STREET AND ELM AVE.

Dear Mayor Richard Montgomery,

We, the undersigned, are requesting that a **four-way stop** be installed at the **corners of 19th Street and Elm Ave.** Right now, there is only a stop sign on Elm Ave.

Many cars use 19th street from Sepulveda as a way to enter the Tree Section as an alternative to Marine Ave. When the cars and bicyclists driving on Elm Avenue have to stop at the stop sign, they cannot see the many speeding cars driving down 19th street. This is because of the many vehicles that are parked on 19th Street blocking the view of oncoming cars. The visibility is terrible. It is dangerous and an accident waiting to happen, not only for vehicles, but also for the many pedestrians crossing 19th at Elm Ave.

There needs to be a four way stop installed as it would deter people from speeding down 19th street and to make it safe for all people, cars, and bicycles.

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who strongly urge you to consider our request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
MELITA SLEMAK	<i>Melita Sleماك</i>	2204 ELM AVE, M.B.		8/26/2023
Taylor McArthur	<i>T. McArthur</i>	2205 Elm Ave. M.B.		7/20/23
Bryan Labour	<i>B. Labour</i>	2103 Elm Ave M.B.		7/20/23
Jessica Labour	<i>Jessica Labour</i>	2103 Elm Ave M.B.		7/20/23
David D. Weldon	<i>David D. Weldon</i>	2004 Elm Ave. M.B.		7/20/23
Grace Weldon	<i>Grace Weldon</i>	2004 Elm Ave M.B.		7/20/23

REQUESTING A 4 WAY STOP TO BE INSTALLED ON 19TH STREET AND ELM AVE.

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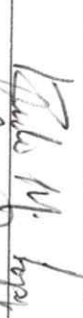


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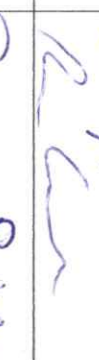





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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Serene Sulper		1825 Elm MB		8/12/23
Patricia		1800 ELM		8/12/23
Corrine Ibarra		1809 Elm Ave		8/12/23
Rick Lopez		1817 Elm Ave MB		8/15/23
Sylvia M. Theobald		1800 Elm Ave		8/15/23
Sydney Hamilton		1801 Elm Ave		8/13/23

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Tracy Hahn		2201 Elm Ave N.B.		7-20-23
Andrelexia Jones		2301 Elm Ave NB		7-20-23
Chris Tuffi		9208 Elm Ave, NB		7-20-23
Shereen Lavi		2209 Elm Avenue NB		7-20-23
Marialescia		2301 Elm Avenue NB		7/20/23
Ben Westreich		2301 Elm Ave NB		7/20/23
Marcell Westreich		2301 Elm Ave NB		7/20/23
DAVID RICKLES		2104 Elm Ave NB		7/20/23
Brian Simak		2204 Elm Ave NB		7/20/23
Bonnie Rickles		2104 Elm Ave NB		7/20/23
BRIET WERTZ		2308 Elm Ave NB		7-20/23
FYRON TAYLOR		2300 Elm Ave NB		7/20/23
Anne Isabelle Brossard		2300 Elm Ave NB		7/20/23
LOREN LAVI		2209 Elm Ave NB		7/20/23
Robert Siemal		2204 Elm Ave NB		7/25/23
JEFF HOW		2201 Elm Ave NB		4-30-23
Joy Hign		2208 Elm Ave, NB		7/30/23

Return to 2204 Elm
 Thank you

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Eve Towns	Eve Towns	2001 Elm Ave., Manhattan, RI		7/30/23
Fred Towns	Fred Towns	2001 Elm Ave, Manhattan, RI		7/30/23
Ashley Tork	Ashley Tork	2200 Elm Ave MB		7/31/23
Mike T. Judge	Mike T. Judge	2008 Pin Ave MB		7/31/23
Stacey Convalam	Stacey Convalam	2008 Elm Ave, MB		7/31/23
Billy Convalam	Billy Convalam	2008 Elm Ave, MB		7/31/23
Cori Foss	Cori Foss	1908 Elm Ave MB		7/31/23
Andrew Hope	Andrew Hope	1908 Elm Ave MB		7/31/23
Carly Secker	Carly Secker	2204 Elm Ave. MB		8/8/23
Wiberto US	Wiberto US	2312 Elm Ave. MB		8/8/23
Maribeth Cunningham	Maribeth Cunningham	2310 Elm Ave. MB		8/12/23
Benjamin Cummings	Benjamin Cummings	2316 Elm Ave. MB		8/12/23
Henry Jones	Henry Jones	2408 Elm Ave		8/12/23
Rita Kohan	Rita Kohan	2417 Elm Ave		8/12/23
Shachi Kohan	Shachi Kohan	2417 Elm Ave		8/12/23
TARIN BRASS	TARIN BRASS	2413 Elm Ave.		8/12/23
Jeff Roberts	Jeff Roberts	2401 Elm Ave		8/12/23

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Lauren Alred		2101 Elm Ave MB, CA 90246		7/29/23
Bill Alred		2101 Elm Ave MB 90246		7/29/23
Sharon Bric		2209 Pine Ave MB 90246		8/3/23
Steve Bric		2209 Pine Ave MB 90246		8/3/23
Amin Fouadgan		1820 Elm Ave		8/12/23
Annie Folokan		1800 Elm Ave		8/12/23
Juif Carol		2317 Elm Ave MB		8/12/23

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
SARAH JONES		1904 Elm Avenue MB		8/12/23
GARTER JONIN				
Garter Jonin		2200 Elm Ave MB		8/13/23
Jesson Jordan		2104 PINE AVE MB	Please	8/13/23
SHARON BRIC		2104 Pine Ave MB		
Bill Alred		2101 Elm Ave MB		8/13/23
KARSTEN SUMMERS		2009 Elm Ave, MB		8/13/23
Laura Summers		2009 Elm Ave, MB		8/13/23

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: David Rickles <drickles1@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:36 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 5/21 Meeting: Four-way Stop Sign Agenda

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council Members,

For the last 36 years, I have resided at 2104 Elm Ave., 1/2 block north of the Elm/19th intersection. I have seen the traffic safety risk situation at this intersection dramatically and progressively deteriorate over the last decade; as more and more cars try to hurry as rapidly as possible west from Sepulveda/PCH, into the heart of our formerly peaceful, child and pedestrian friendly Tree Section neighborhood.

In addition, with the major increase in construction, maintenance, and resident owned vehicles parking on the streets adjacent to, and often extremely close to the actual Elm/19th intersection - On many occasions we are now experiencing the harrowing danger of a truly "Blind Intersection".

As a physician, it seems almost a miracle to me that a very serious, potentially fatal traffic collision involving vehicle passengers and/or bikes and pedestrians hasn't yet occurred at Elm and 19th.

Therefore my question to you is WHY NOT install Four-way Stop Signs as a safety measure at this intersection ASAP? Just what is the downside to this, other than the cost of a few thousand dollars of our tax money? Are we worried about adding a 15-30 sec. delay to the travel time from Sepulveda to Valley Ardmore? I hope not.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt action on this important Safety Issue... Sincerely, David J Rickles M.D.

2104 Elm Ave
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Peter Cutler <peteracutler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:17 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] e-Bikes

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To The MB City Council,

Simply put, ebikes are slower moving motorcycles. Teens and Tweens are riding these and never pedaling. They do not stop at stop signs. Some of these children (yes, they are children) are disrespectful to others. It makes no sense to have a 13 year old girl or boy riding around the streets at 30 - 40 miles per hour. We have motorcycle laws for a reason - and these ebikes are motorcycles.

I have begun riding my bike to work (I live in Manhattan Beach and work in Redondo Beach). When I came home last night there were too many ebikers to count, and they were exceeding 40 MPH on the Strand. This behavior imperils the traditional bikers and walkers on the strand.

I would hope the city would ban these bikes from those who do not have a driver's license. The City Council has an opportunity to prevent a serious injury from happening. On the flip side, the City Council will be responsible for any ebike injuries or fatalities if they do nothing.

Thank you for reading this.

Peter Cutler

310.418.8391

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: stal49@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:00 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Joe Franklin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Calming Measures for the Oak Avenue / Manhattan Village Neighborhood Traffic Management Study

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Dean City Council Members,

Thank you for taking up the above-referenced issue and reviewing the recommendations of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission for potential traffic calming measures pertaining to the above-referenced matter. Please approve these recommendations and specifically the installation of four-way stop signs at the intersections of 19th Street and Oak Avenue; 19th Street and Elm Avenue; and 17th Street and Oak Avenue.

My address is 2101 Oak Avenue and I have lived very near the 19th Street and Oak Avenue intersection since 1984. Although my own children are adults and have moved from Manhattan Beach, we now have on our block, as well as the blocks to the north and south, more young children than I have seen during my forty-year residency. Young children and teens are riding bikes (ever increasingly e-bikes), motorized scooters and skateboards up and down Oak. I observe them in the morning going to school and then in the afternoon as they return home. They do the same on weekends.

As you may know, Oak Avenue between Marine Avenue and 19th Street slopes significantly to the south. Even those riding conventional bikes pick up considerable speed as they approach 19th Street from the north. I nearly always cringe when a bicyclist goes by, hoping that a vehicle turning right /north onto Oak does not collide with the rider. Should a bicyclist ride south along the east side of Oak (against traffic), a vehicle turning right /north from 19th would never see the rider. A head-on-collision would be catastrophic.

The visibility and line of sight from Oak Avenue just north of 19th is very poor – looking both east and west. There were vehicle accidents at this intersection on May 31, 2023, and again on June 30, 2023. There have been others. A 4-way stop would force drivers to decrease their speed, stop, look, and then proceed. Such a 4-way stop now exists on Oak Avenue at 14th Street. The installation of such a 4-way stop at Oak and 19th would increase safety and could ultimately prevent injury or death.

A contributing problem at the Oak and 19th intersection may also be the low hanging landscaping and utility pole at the northeast corner property and the newer fence (2023) at the northwest corner property. Both interfere with the line of sight and obscure approaching vehicles. It might prudent for the City of Manhattan Beach to adopt a requirement that corner lot fences have a diagonal rather than a 90 degree outside corner. This would inherently improve visibility and line of sight.

In closing, the addition of a 4-way stop on 19th Street at Oak Avenue and the other referenced locations is a commonsense solution to the dangers existing at these intersection -- a solution that residents of Oak Avenue and Elm Avenue wholeheartedly endorse. Our children deserve to be safe and protected.

Thank you for considering the safety of our children and these much needed improvements to our neighborhood.

Regards,

Steve Alexander
2101 Oak Avenue
Email: stal49@aol.com
Cell: (310) 963-2735

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Paula Cogan <paula.cogan@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:58 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Approve Agenda Item #13 STOP SIGNS - Oak/Elm Ave Neighbors

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Dear City of Manhattan Beach City Council Members,

Thank you to the City for reviewing these traffic areas. My family and I live just up the street from a proposed stop sign at 19th & Oak. I fully support these traffic calming measures, especially the stop signs.

One of my main concerns, as a parent, is that my children bike to school down Oak and make a right on the corner of 19th & Oak every morning! As Mr. Brunick stated, cars come off Sepulveda and speed through three blocks before they have to stop at Pine. I sincerely worry that a car would pick up speed and hit a child or any biker or pedestrian who is turning on that corner.

Also concerning, is that the intersection is a particularly high foot traffic area during Hebrew school drop-off or during an event at the CTJ synagogue. Your vote to add a stop sign could save a life and also avoid a tragedy in our community. I can't think of a better reason to pass the resolution to add stop signs on Oak and Elm. Thank you for considering it.

Thank you,

Paula Cogan
2301 Oak

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kate Joyce <katherine.e.a.joyce@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:53 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Britt Joyce
Subject: [EXTERNAL] May 21 City Council Meeting - Four Way Stops

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council Members, Our family resides at 1905 Elm Avenue and we are writing with regard to this evening's City Council Meeting Agenda Item 13.

We would like to express our full support of installing four way stop signs at the intersections of both 17th and 19th and Oak Avenue, as well as at the intersection of 19th Street and Elm Avenue.

We have lived at 19th and Elm for the last five years, with our two daughters, who are 7 and 9 years old. We were attracted to this area of the Tree Section due to its family friendly nature and proximity to our local elementary school, Pacific. On the stretch of Elm Avenue between Marine Avenue and 19th Street, there are over a dozen elementary aged children, many of whom are classmates of our girls. The reality is that without a four way stop at these intersections, it is simply unsafe for our kids to be playing outside in our yards without proper traffic controls.

Further, crossing the intersection can feel unsafe while walking, riding a bike, or even driving a car. At 19th and Elm, there is a blind spot for east/west traffic as many cars park on that block and it is difficult to see oncoming traffic headed west.

Please demonstrate your commitment to the safety of our children and community by voting in favor of installing four way stops at these intersections.

Thank you,
Kate and Britt Joyce

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bonnie Rickles <blrickles@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:14 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 5/21 Four-way stop sign agenda

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Dear Manhattan Beach Council Members,

It's a no brainer- For SAFTEY reasons, the Elm Ave and 19th Street intersection needs 4-way stop signs installed as soon as possible! 19th Street is too narrow to allow for safe walking, biking, and parking especially as cars wiz by during the hours our school age children are enroute to school and to home. Whichever way one wants to cross the intersection, it is dangerous to do so because it is hard to see cars coming until one is almost in the middle of the intersection. Thank goodness there have been many near misses, but let's not take anymore chances that even one more accident will occur. Thank you in advance for your swift action on this safety matter.

Bonnie Rickles - Elm Ave and 19th Street resident Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Joe Melville <melvillejoe@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:46 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop signs

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Dear Council members,

As a resident that lives on 19th and Elm, I can tell you first hand there are honks and near accidents daily.

I support adding stops signs to 19th street.

Regards,

Joe Melville
818.207.8095
JANM Holdings, LLC

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Amy Thompson <amyshepherdthompson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:15 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 13: Traffic Calming Measures on Oak Ave

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Thank you to the City for reviewing these traffic areas. I live close to these areas being considered. I fully support these traffic calming measures, especially the stop signs. These measures will help keep our community safe, and our streets safer for children riding bikes to/from school. Thank you for considering this. I am very much supportive of these measures.

Resident at 2105 Oak Ave

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: jones2mpsl@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 5:45 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote on 4-way signs at three intensections in Area 3

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I am supportive of the additional signs. These intersection have poor visibility around parked cars and are the sites of near accidents nearly every time I leave home. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the issue.

Sarah Jones
Near 19th and Elm

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Frank Sillman <frank.sillman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 5:18 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] e-bike regulations

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I regularly observe on my walks young kids riding e-bikes that are speeding through the streets at high speeds, running stop signs and cutting off vehicles without regard for their safety or the safety of others.

Class 3 e-bikes can reach 28 mph and if the bike allows for race mode they can reach 30+ mph.

These bikes are truly motor cycles and these elementary, middle and high school kids are operating these bikes without a license or government mandated training.

MB should protect their kids and their other citizens and regulate the use of e-bikes for children without their drivers license.

Thanks

Frank

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: NANCY HARADA <nharada@ucla.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 4:19 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for city council meeting 5/21/24 regarding approval of stop signs

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I urge the city council to approve the installation on 4 way stop signs on the following intersections: 19th and Oak, 19th and Elm, and 17th and Oak. There is alot of traffic going through these intersections and it is like playing dodgeball when trying to cross these intersections because cars do not stop. It is difficult to see in both directions when traveling on Oak because of the trees and homes along 19th street causing blind spots. A driver has to creep out into the intersection to be able to get a clear view of the traffic in the intersection, and cars often speed when driving on 19th from Sepulveda.

I have personally witnessed 1 auto accident and 1 near miss at the intersection of 19th and Oak. I have also seen a small child wander into the 19th and Oak intersection when the parent was not looking. With the day care center located on that corner it is only a matter of time before we see a serious accident occurring.

I also now see alot of ebikes speeding up and down all of the tree section streets. Many of these riders don't pay attention to autos and therefore the auto drivers need to be more cautious at these intersections.

Bottom line - please approve installation of stop signs at these intersections.

Sincerely,
Nancy Harada
Manhattan Beach resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bryce Ross <brycecross@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 11:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Stop Signs at 19th & Elm and 19th & Oak

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Dear City Council Members,

We are truly grateful for all that you do to protect our community and ensure that Manhattan Beach continues to be a great and safe place for families to grow and thrive.

We have lived in Manhattan Beach for over 20 years, and most recently built our current home on the corner of 19th and Elm. After moving in we immediately noticed that cars were increasingly speeding down 19th from Sepulveda in an effort to avoid traffic on Marine. There have been many close calls, frequent accidents, and countless close calls, as a result we no longer allow our children to play in our front yard due to the speeding vehicles.

We are in full support of adding stop signs at Oak and Elm on 19th. For the safety of our children and our community we ask that you please approve adding these greatly needed stop signs.

Sincerely,

Bryce Ross
1901 Elm Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
310-422-9787

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kathryn Master <kathrynmaster@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 10:42 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop signs on 19th Street

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To whom it may concern,

I am more than ecstatic that there is finally movement on this. As a home owner on the corner of 19th and Elm, I have witnessed so many accidents, have seen vehicles come off of Sepulveda at speeds grossly exceeding the speed limit, I've personally had several close encounters with speeding vehicles both in my car and as a pedestrian. When I first moved into my home in 2016, I promptly went to the city to voice my concern, I clearly told them it's not an "if" but "when" someone will be badly hurt. With the number of kids on e-bikes and vehicles driving recklessly, something needs to be done now. I am 100% in support of these stop signs.

Kathryn Master
1829 Elm Ave.
resident
Local business owner, katwalk

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mike Brunick <brunick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 10:30 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 19th Street Stop Signs

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Hi-

Thank you for reviewing and considering additional traffic and safety measures in Manhattan Beach!

We live on the corner of 19th and Elm and we fully support these traffic calming measures, particularly the additional stop signs. Cars come off Sepulveda and speed through three blocks before they have to stop at Pine. It is very unsafe for pedestrians, pets, bicycles and kids.

We have three kids and two dogs and these additional measures will help keep our community safer.

Thank you again!

Mike Brunick
1900 Elm Ave

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jonny Nichols <jrnichols8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 9:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Joe Franklin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Four Way Stops @ 19th & Oak

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

A four way stop is desperately needed at the corner of 19th & Oak. I've emailed and been to numerous city hall meetings on this, not sure another email is needed in detail, but...

I understand that you are voting tomorrow, Tuesday, May 21st Agenda Item #13 the safety of my three young children attending Pacific School and the neighborhood in total I plead that you approve to install the four-way stop at 19th and Oak. Additional stops at 19th and Elm will also ease speeding to & from Sepulveda.

Please approve!

Jonathan Nichols
310-606-9897

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Stephane Wandel <swandel@ordencompany.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 9:50 PM
To: David Lesser; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Joe Franklin; Amy Thomas Howorth
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] May 21st Council Meeting - New Stop Signs/Traffic Calming
Importance: High

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Dear Mayor Franklin, Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, Councilmen Lesser, Napolitano and Montgomery,

Tomorrow in Agenda Item 13 at the Council meeting you will be asked to review the traffic calming measures as recommended by the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) and vote on Resolution 24-0045.

As a 20+ year resident of Manhattan Beach my wife and I (and others) had the opportunity to be involved with the effort to bring much needed 4-way stop signs at the intersections of 17th & Oak, 19th & Oak, 19th & Elm.

Over the course of the past year discussions with dozens of neighbors on the various impacted blocks, there is a unanimous agreement from all neighbors that these 4-way stop signs are required.

In my walking up and down our streets I was surprised to hear the strong level of support for these additional stop signs, at the first mention of the city's study.

While we appreciate the city's research on this matter, ***the information provided to you that no accidents have occurred at these intersections over the past 5 years is highly inaccurate.***

As neighbors we have seen a great many accidents over this period, and can attest that near misses are a near daily occurrence.

As a case in point the last near miss was this evening at 6:22PM. (My wife and I live 100 feet from one of the intersection, and the sound of screeching tires is unmistakable).

The city has received testimony in support of the additional stop signs from dozens of residents in letters and emails over the past year, only a portion of which are addressed in the report before you today.

That said, we are very appreciative of the efforts of the City Engineer and City staff this past year.

His willingness to listen to the residents, hear the often passionate testimony from many, and his ultimate support for the 4-way stop signs are sincerely appreciated.

His conclusions, are entirely correct, that high car speeds coming off Sepulveda and restrained visibility at these intersections are a major problem needing addressing.

The PPIC likewise concluded in its March 18th vote in support of these stop signs, that they should be a high priority of the City and should be implemented promptly.

I would urge the City Council to hear the matter tomorrow and approve the City Engineer's recommendation in Resolution 24-0045.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this matter.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Stephane Wandel

Executive Director, Acquisitions & Development



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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Vicki Marcellino <vlmarcellino@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 9:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Vote Yes on Four-Way Stop Signs at Oak Ave & 19th St

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To the Manhattan Beach City Council:

Thank you for taking the time to review the intersection of 19th St and Oak Ave. I reside at 1904 Oak Ave, two doors down from this intersection. Pulling out of my driveway is always a bit terrifying, as many vehicles turning onto Oak from 19th Street barely slow down and often accelerate as they prepare to drive uphill towards Marine. Two accidents occurred last year within a month of one another at that intersection. Installing a 4-way stop sign is the proper solution to address the high speed at which cars enter this intersection and to reduce the number of near-miss accidents that occur because of the poor visibility.

19th St is the main artery used by many of the Manhattan Beach Middle School students who ride their bike to school. There is also a school for very young children held at the synagogue located on this corner. The kids in our neighborhood need this intersection to be safer.

Thank you for considering this safety improvement and voting Yes to install the needed 4-way stop signs at Oak and 19th, along with any others needed to reduce traffic accidents in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Vicki Marcellino

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Karsten Summers <karsten.a.summers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 7:24 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4 Way Stop at Elm/19th

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Good evening Council Members,

As the residents of 2009 Elm, we use the intersection of Elm & 19th countless times a day. We are a family of 4, all of which drive to school, work, etc. Due to the lack of street parking here in the "Tree Section" it makes visibility very challenging as we cross the street when driving. It is only a matter of time before there are tragic consequences for this poor visibility intersection. We ask that the city council make the obvious and correct decision to install a 4 way stop at Elm and 19th before something scary and terrible happens. Thank you.

The Summers Family

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: emily creed <ekcreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 7:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Michael Brunick
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop sign 19th and Elm

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Hello

We live on 19th and Elm and are writing to endorse this stop sign. It is a very busy intersection and is dangerous without one. I have seen people blow down 19th street from Sepulveda driving very fast. There are a lot of kids playing in the street and it can have a very dangerous outcome. We hope you vote on this stop sign so you vote for the safety of our children at play outside. Thank you Emily and Mike Brunick
1900 Elm Ave

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Janell Perez <janellperez@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 6:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Meeting 5/21/2024 - Request for four way stop signs on 19th St

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Hello

I am a resident of Manhattan Beach on Elm Avenue between Marine and 19th St. I am writing to the City Council to share my family's experience with traffic patterns on 19th Street between Elm and Sepulveda Blvd.

We have lived on Elm Avenue for over 25 years and are experiencing increasingly unsafe traffic on 19th Street. Specifically, cars either run the stop sign entirely at Oak and 19th St or fail to understand that this intersection not a four-way stop, proceeding into the intersection into oncoming traffic. In the last six months, we have been involved in a multitude of near misses as drivers either run the stop sign in an effort to reach Sepulveda Boulevard quickly or proceed through the intersection without an understanding of the traffic signs. This risk is further complicated by the fact that these two blocks have multiple homes with young children present, and a day care facility on Oak and 19th.

It us our understanding that our neighbors on Elm Ave have submitted multiple comments to the City Council about the unsafe driving patterns on 19th St. **We respectfully request that Oak and 19th become a four way stop to avoid further near miss situations and work to keep pedestrians and other drivers safe. This would be a low cost action by the City Council that would help to add safety measures to an intersection with consistent traffic violations.**

Respectfully,

The Perez Family - 2309 Elm Ave

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Liz Jaeger <lizjaeger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 4:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Meeting: Agenda item 13

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Good afternoon, Honorary City Council,

I am writing to express my support and advocacy for agenda item number 13 during tomorrow's meeting. This is regarding the four-way stop signs in the tree section. These stop signs are absolutely critical for the safety of our children, family, community and pets. Please approve.

Thank you!

Best,

Liz Jaeger | C [310.500.9768](tel:310.500.9768)

1901 elm avenue

Manhattan Beach 

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tom Kaminski <tskaminski@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2024 8:51 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Calming
Attachments: City Council Traffic Calming 5_19_24.pdf

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Please see the attached letter of support for Traffic Calming.

Thank you.

Tom Kaminski

May 19, 2024

Good afternoon, Manhattan Beach City Council Members,

My name is Tom Kaminski. I am a resident of Manhattan Beach. I live at 1701 Oak Ave. on the corner of Oak Ave. and 17th Street.

As a former school principal for 34 years and currently a leadership coach for 10 years with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, providing a safe and secure learning environment for students, teachers and parents is paramount to me.

Since 2017, I have observed vehicle accidents and near-accidents from my living room window and front yard. I have also observed young parents, and devoted grandparents, walk cautiously with their children and/or grandchildren in hand at the intersection of Oak Ave. and 17th Street.

Therefore, I am here to advocate for the proposed 4-way stop sign at the corner of Oak and 17th. Moreover, I am also here to recommend a 4-way stop sign at the corner of Elm Ave. and 17th St. to slow down vehicles accelerating excessively uphill toward Sepulveda Boulevard and/or to slowdown vehicles racing downhill through the intersection of Elm Ave. and 17th Street.

In conclusion, I trust the Manhattan Beach City Council will support our neighborhood concerns about safety over inconvenience.

Thank you, City Council Members, for helping our neighborhood feel valued, cared for, and understood.



Tom Kaminski

626-826-8303 (c)

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Wysh Weinstein <kristenwysh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 10:40 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Calming Measures
Attachments: image0.jpeg; ATT00001.txt; image1.jpeg; ATT00002.txt

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Hello,

Thank you for all you do for the City every day. I will make this brief as I know you are busy.

First, thank you to Erik Zandvliet for all he has done to research, communicate, and respond to the residents near these areas. He has done his due diligence and then some!! I live at 1817 Oak Ave and FULLY SUPPORT THE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES being reviewed on Tuesday. These measures will only help to keep the community safer.

Here is one example....

When traveling north on Oak, it is impossible to see the cars heading west until you are about 1/3 of the way into the intersection. (See photos)

Thank you for your consideration. I wish I could be there in person to give a public comment, but I am hosting an event at the same time. If I weren't the only host, I would have found a way to be there!

Thanks,
Wysh Weinstein



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