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CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 5, 2023

- N.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROCEEDING WITH INSTALLATION OF ALL WAY STOP CONTROLS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF CLARK LANE & GOODMAN LANE AND CLARK LANE & STANFORD LANE**

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Ted Semaan, Director of Public Works
Ryan Liu, PE, Transportation Manager

Hello Mr. Semaan and Mr. Liu,

My husband and I are a residents of 1415 Clark Lane and we recently received your letter regarding the presentation and discussion to be addressed at the Redondo Beach City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. First of all, thank you for the notice and including our residence in your distribution.

I am contacting you for clarification as to the subject and stop sign status for the meeting. Per recent correspondence, dated June 21, 2023 from Andrew S. Winje, PE there was a four week period for residents to return their survey, but only if they were in favor of the Stop Sign. Based on speaking with our neighbors, it seemed only 3 people responded and 2 of them did it in error and wanted to retract their support. This clearly did not meet your 66% response rate threshold, on the chance that our neighbors were truthful. We had assumed the issue was dead.

Now, after receiving your letter with the announcement regarding the upcoming presentation and meeting, shall we assume that the City's safety review met the threshold to continue to the traffic study? Therefore, this issue has passed the Public Works Commission Meeting and will now be presented to the City Council?

Should this presentation be in favor of the Stop Sign implementation, I would like to know (if possible) so that I may attend virtually and/or send a representative from this block to express reasons why we oppose this Stop Sign. In addition, I would also like to provide my comments and opinion, below, for consideration of all persons that will be potentially making this decision. I initially was going to write to Mr. Winje following the first letter and survey but instead I followed directions by not responding to show that I did not support the stop sign.

RE: Potential Stop Sign - Corner of Clark Lane and Goodman Ave

My husband and I purchased our property on the south/west(?) corner of Clark Lane and Goodman in 1998. Hence, we have lived in this location for the past 25 years. During this time, we have witnessed only a handful of accidents and more than one were not the fault of the intersection. In fact, the running of the stop sign on Clark by a vehicle or bicycle seem to be the most significant. Both of these occurrences are not safety issues of the intersection but judgement errors on behalf of the drivers/riders. When driving northbound on Clark Lane, there is clear visibility before crossing the intersection. When driving southbound, it is less clear yet still manageable should the driver take their time and proceed with caution. The City installed speed humps on Goodman Avenue a few years ago and this has notably reduced traffic speeds. Having a stop sign following the speed humps seems redundant and ineffective. There is also a new stop sign at the intersection of Clark Lane and Steinhart Avenue. This has been a welcomed addition and also slowed down traffic. Do we really need a stop sign at every crossing? If anything, I would suggest painting the curb red to indicate no parking on Goodman Avenue for a few feet on the north/east (?) corner near the telephone pole and street cleaning signage. This would allow for a clearer view of the street before crossing the intersection.

I also believe that the opinions from residents that occupy the four corner homes should be considered more strongly than that of other residents that may live towards the middle of the block. Why? Because our issues differentiate from another homeowner as the stop sign would not impact direct access to their own residence driveway. For example, in our situation, our driveway is only about 8 ft from the corner at the intersection. In order to pull into our driveway, when going eastbound on Goodman (from Aviation Blvd.) we must make a wide turn right in to a sharp right turn in order to make the turn into our driveway. If another car is waiting at the stop sign to proceed through the intersection, we are unable to make that turn. As well, if we are driving westbound on Goodman Ave (going towards Aviation), we must do a very sharp left turn at the intersection followed by an immediate right turn into our driveway. Should a car be waiting at the stop sign on Goodman to cross the intersection, this would be impossible to do and therefore cause even more traffic at this intersection. Currently, cars move efficiently through the intersection and this is not a problem. Should a stop sign be installed this would be a significant problem, and it would not only be a problem to pull into our driveway but also to pull out of our driveway. It would only take one car at the stop sign to impede our access in or out. We did not build our house nor choose our driveway, but the City of Redondo Beach allowed for our home to be built and approved of our driveway placement. Understandably, the layout works because there is not a 4-way stop at this intersection. There are other homes that are on opposing corners and even some second houses from this corner that will potentially face these same circumstances. We have discussed this with these neighbors who, at the time, agreed and did not return their survey.

We are asking that you consider our comments and take them to the proper committees as we do not want a stop sign.

It is also important to note that I am referring only the proposed stop sign at Clark Lane and Goodman Ave. I understand there was another request for a stop sign at Clark Lane and Stanford Ave. I am not sure if this issue will also be discussed as the letter stated the Clark Lane and Goodman Ave stop sign twice and did not state mention Clark Lane and Stanford Ave. In regards to Clark Lane and Stanford, I do not oppose this implementation but I do hope that you will consider the opinions of the residents that live in the 4 houses at that intersection. Since I do not live there, I am unaware of the potential recourse a new stop sign would bring just as I believe they should not be able to give input regarding the intersection where we live.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to get more clarity as to what the City is considering in your reply. Thank you in advance for your response.

Sincerely,
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1415 Clark Lane Residents

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Comments to RB City Engineer Ryan Liu for Stop Sign at Clark & Stanford :

I am opposed to installing Stop Sign at Stanford & Clark intersection.

I have lived on Stanford 2 houses away from the Clark intersection for over 35 years. I am very familiar with the area. Generally there is very little traffic on Stanford at Clark because Stanford has only 2 ½ blocks east of Aviation before it ends at #1100. Traffic is local and primarily going in and out of Aviation at Stanford. Between Aviation and Clark on Stanford is a very short block of 2 houses. Traffic is generally slow going uphill from Aviation up Stanford approaching Clark for a short distance. I observe over the years that this block of Stanford near Clark is generally quiet with very little traffic. We don't need a stop sign at every block. I have not heard of any accident or near accident at this intersection over decades. I oppose to putting up 4 way stop at Stanford and Clark.

Goodman and Clark intersection is a little different because Goodman is like Ford. It is a through street in the neighborhood. There is much more traffic on Goodman and that is why speed bumps are currently installed on Goodman. I am familiar with more traffic on Goodman because I regularly walk on Goodman in my daily exercise routine circling around the blocks. I am not opposed to 4 way stop at Goodman and Clark even though it has the same short block from Aviation where cars cannot be too fast from Aviation in such a short distance.

I am unable to attend the meeting for discussion. Please let me know the final outcome if possible.
Thanks.

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