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## PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING October 27, 2025

- J.2. DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES AT THE GRANT AVENUE & BLOSSOM LANE INTERSECTION
  - PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

#### Jessica Handlin

From: Ryan Liu

Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 9:12 AM

To: Jesse Reyes; Jessica Handlin

**Subject:** FW: Signage request Blossom Lane and Grant Avenue

Blue folder for Grant/Blossom.

#### Ryan Liu, PE

Redondo Beach | Traffic Engineering

From: Amy Russell <

Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 09:06 AM To: Zein Obagi <Zein.Obagi@redondo.org>

Cc: Ryan Liu <Ryan.Liu@redondo.org>; Mike Witzansky <Mike.Witzansky@redondo.org>; Andrew Winje

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Subject: Re: Signage request Blossom Lane and Grant Avenue

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Good morning gentlemen

I've reviewed all the materials for tonight's PWSC meeting pertaining to the Blossom/Grant intersection. Thank you for an excellent and thoughtful analysis.

While I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, I fully support the staff recommendation to add signage for Right Turn Only at this intersection. I agree that periodic police enforcement and monitoring will be needed; we've seen similar signs ignored in other parts of our city. Change is hard. I also support the addition of the RRBF crosswalk when this block of Grant is resurfaced...

I've discussed this with several neighbors who also agree with staff recommendations. You may not see us at the meeting tonight, but we are paying attention and very much appreciate the work you've done to respond to our concerns with these recommended improvements.

THANK YOU.

Best,

Amy Russell

On Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 11:59 AM Zein Obagi < <a href="mailto:Zein.Obagi@redondo.org">Zein.Obagi@redondo.org</a> wrote:

Thank you both. Shows how on top of pressing neighborhood issues this awesome Public Works team is.

Zein E. Obagi, Jr. Council Member, District 4

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From: Amy Russell <

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 11:53:10 AM

To: Ryan Liu < Ryan.Liu@redondo.org >

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Hello Mr Liu,

Thank you for this information! Look forward to the mail notice. You'll likely see some neighborhood residents at the PWSC meeting on the 27th.

Amy Russell

On Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 11:48 AM Ryan Liu < <a href="mailto:Ryan.Liu@redondo.org">Ryan.Liu@redondo.org</a>> wrote:

Hi Amy Russell and CM Obagi,

Thanks for reaching out to us about Grant/Blossom. We are planning to discuss this intersection at the next Public Works & Sustainability Commission (PWSC) meeting on 10/27/2025 at 7pm at City Hall Council Chambers. We will go over crash data, the number of drivers going straight/left from Blossom, and potential solutions like making it right-turn only from Blossom. We're still working on the staff report and plan to do public noticing via mail in the next week or so to residents within 300 feet.

#### Ryan Liu, PE

City Transportation Engineer

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Thank you for prompt and thoughtful response and action. Much appreciated. There has definitely been an increase in traffic volume at Blossom and Grant since the light at 190th was installed. Look forward to the results of the data review.

Amy Russell

On Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 11:06 AM Zein Obagi < <a href="mailto:Zein.Obagi@redondo.org">Zein.Obagi@redondo.org</a> wrote:

Hi Amy,

Thanks for bringing it and a solution to our attention. I'm not opposed but, I do cross Grant at Felton often traveling south to north to get home and feel like there are enough breaks in traffic do so safely.

With that said, I rarely get to southside of Felton and Grant and there is no car at the stop sign ahead of me. So, perhaps if there are a higher number of accidents at Blossom, it is in fact due to seeing a higher volume of traffic as a cut through.

By this email, I'll ask Ryan Liu, Senior Traffic Engineer, if he can pull the crash data at Blossom and Grant Ave, and whether it supports the traffic calming or redirecting you suggest. The traffic data tells our staff what likely caused the crash, and the direction of movement of the cars that crashed.

Another thing we might do is gauge the number of cars traveling through Blossom both ways, again to determine if volume is a contributing factor. Will let Ryan opine on whether right turn only restrictions are a permissible solution there if supported by the data.

**Thanks** 

### Zein E. Obagi, Jr.

Council Member, District 4

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From: Amy Russell < > Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 10:57:47 AM

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Subject: Signage request Blossom Lane and Grant Avenue

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Hello Councilman Obagi

I have lived on Grant near the corner of Blossom Lane for years. Recently there have been a number of traffic accidents at this intersection. One incident resulted in a car crashing into another car and a power pole. Another injured a young man on a bicycle. Drivers use this intersection to avoid traffic lights at Green and Rindge, and to proceed with haste through Golden hills to the traffic light at 190th. I am very cautious walking my dog here because drivers do not see pedestrians, they're trying to zoom across Grant.

Many residents have discussed the idea of redirecting traffic at this intersection by installing signage for RIGHT TURN ONLY.

We think this is an inexpensive and reasonable fix that could improve safety and reduce risk of accidents involving property and people.

Is this something that could be considered? We weren't sure how to proceed, so I also submitted this request today on Access Redondo.

Your guidance would be appreciated. Thank you.

Amy Russell

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Amy Russell



#### Outlook

#### Potential pedestrian hit

From Britni Schroeder <

Date Sat 2/8/2025 9:02 PM

To Zein Obagi <Zein.Obagi@redondo.org>

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Hi Zein.

Video.mov;

My neighbor alerted me to an accident at Grant and Blossom this morning, and asked me to pull the footage off our doorbell cam. He said no one called the police, but the driver said no contact and the pedestrian was in shock. Not sure if you're the right person to send this to, if there is something filed. But, if it's helpful to anyone- here's what we have. Thanks for all your great work for this city!

Best, Britni Schroeder

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#### Request for Traffic Light Installation at Grant in Blossom and Redondo Beach Intersection

From John Keeler < >
Date Mon 8/11/2025 8:53 AM
To Zein Obagi < Zein.Obagi@redondo.org >

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Council Member Obagi,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention a serious safety concern at the intersection of Grant in Blossom and Redondo Beach. This location has been the site of continual traffic accidents, posing a significant danger to both drivers and pedestrians in the area.

Given the frequency of these incidents, I kindly request that the city consider installing a traffic light at this intersection. Such a measure would greatly enhance safety, reduce accidents, and protect the lives of community members who use this crossing daily.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter. I appreciate your commitment to the safety and well being of our city.

Sincerely, John Keeler



#### Urgent Safety Request: 4-Way Stop Installation at Blossom & Grant

From Monette Lopez <

Date Mon 8/11/2025 8:38 AM

To redondoengineering <redondoengineering@redondo.org>; Traffic Engineering <trafficengineering@redondo.org>; Andrew Winje <Andrew.Winje@redondo.org>; Zein Obagi <Zein.Obagi@redondo.org>

Cc Eleanor Manzano < Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>

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Dear Andrew Winnie, Zein Obagi and the City Traffic Engineering Team,

I am writing to urgently request that the City install a 4 way stop at the intersection of Blossom and Grant to address the ongoing pattern of traffic accidents and near misses.

Yesterday, there was yet another collision—two drivers were injured, and one vehicle struck a pole. If a pedestrian had been nearby, the outcome could have been life-threatening. This is not an isolated incident; over the past several years, accidents at this intersection occur approximately every two to three months, involving both motorists and bicyclists.

The risks are heightened by the intersection's proximity to [Name of Elementary School]. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) note that vehicle speed is a leading factor in pedestrian fatalities, and even small reductions in speed dramatically improve survival rates in collisions. A study published in the Journal of Safety Research found that converting a 2 way stop to a 4 way stop can reduce vehicle crashes by approximately 45% and injury crashes by up to 70%, particularly in residential areas with school zones.

Grant Avenue is a known speeding corridor. As a resident, I have personally experienced the danger—once nearly being struck while legally crossing in the Blossom & Grant crosswalk. Adding a 4-way stop would serve as a cost-effective traffic-calming measure to slow vehicles, increase driver awareness, and provide safer crossing opportunities for pedestrians, especially children walking to and from school.

Given the consistent accident history and the high pedestrian activity, I respectfully request that the City:

- 1. Review police and traffic incident reports for Blossom & Grant over the past 3–5 years.
- 2. Evaluate the feasibility of installing a 4 way stop as an immediate safety improvement.
- 3. Consider longer-term safety enhancements such as pedestrian refuge islands, curb extensions, or flashing crosswalk beacons.

Proactive action now could prevent a future tragedy. I urge the City to prioritize the safety of our community before a fatal accident occurs. As a reminder, school starts next week on August 20.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Monette Lopez