



**City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department**

**DATE:** April 11, 2012  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Neighborhood Advisory Council  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendation Regarding Milpas Pedestrian Safety

**DISCUSSION:**

After pedestrian Sergio Romero was killed on the night of October 7, 2011, the Neighborhood Advisory Council members and the public expressed concerns regarding pedestrian safety and the need for traffic signals on Milpas Street at the NAC's regular meeting of October 12, 2011. After some discussion it was requested that a special meeting be held with Public Works Traffic Engineering staff which took place on November 2, 2011. During the months following, several regular and sub-committee meetings were held by the NAC including a joint meeting with Transportation Circulation Committee on March 22, 2012. Presentations were provided by Transportation Engineering and Police on their analysis and possible alternatives to Milpas pedestrian crossings, and intersections. The meetings were well attended by the public and concerns were expressed during public comment.

At their regular meeting on April 11, 2012, the Neighborhood Advisory Council by majority vote made the following recommendations to City Council:

1. Recommend option #3C - neighborhood striping transition (Canon Perdido to Cota), with median refuge island, curb extensions, and 3 sets of pedestrian activated flashing lights at Milpas and Ortega intersection.
2. Recommend a traffic signal at Milpas and Yanonali intersection.
3. Recommend the road diet from Cota to Canon Perdido.
4. Recommend to direct staff and the Planning Commission to develop and implement a comprehensive long term plan and strategy for improving traffic, pedestrian safety, and beautification for the entire Milpas corridor from Anapamu Street to Cabrillo Boulevard in an expeditious manner.