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Date: June 17, 2011  
 To: Mayor and City Council members  
 From: Dennis Thompson  
 Re: Re-striping of Cliff Drive

Mayor and Council Members:

At the request of numerous Mesa residents, our volunteer group, the Mesa Architects, is requesting an item be added to the City Council agenda at the earliest possible date to discuss Cliff Drive re-striping. We propose to present the results of an online survey, a petition drive, and portions of the testimony given by over 30 Mesa residents during a recent Mesa neighborhood meeting regarding Cliff Drive safety. The meeting was attended by over 100 citizens, and by representatives from Assembly Member Williams, Caltrans, City Transportation, and City Planning.

We were recently informed that Caltrans has let a contract for resurfacing and re-striping Cliff Drive. This means that we have a very unique opportunity to redesign the striping to provide more safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, at no cost to the City. Since this work is scheduled in July, City Council endorsement of this project is urgent.

The striping change would occur from the City Fire station east to Loma Alta, changing the road from 4 travel lanes without turn lanes or bike lanes into 2 travel lanes, a turn lane, and 2 bike lanes. The reasons to endorse these important safety improvements include:

1. It will reduce excess vehicle speed.
2. It will reduce collisions.
3. It will improve sight distance.
4. It will improve driveway access for residents.
5. It will shorten pedestrian crossings.
6. It will add bike lanes.

We strongly urge the City Council to endorse this project as soon as possible in the support of community interest and road safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis Thompson  
 For the Mesa Architects, a neighborhood volunteer group