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August 13, 2002

November 16, 2023

Transmitted via email

**REQUEST FOR ACTION
PASSED X-X-X-X ON XXXX, 2023**

TO:

LADOT
Department of Public Works
Gabriela Medina, District Director Councilwoman Traci Park
Ashley Lozada, Mar Vista Field Director Councilwoman Traci Park

RE: Crosswalk Request on Sawtelle Blvd.

There are currently plans underway by LADOT to implement a bikeway along McLaughlin/Barrington or other parallel north-south streets, which will include traffic-calming measures. However, there are no known plans to address pedestrian safety and traffic-calming on a high-traffic parallel street, Sawtelle Blvd.

Between Palms Blvd. to the north and Venice Blvd. to the south, vehicles tend to speed on Sawtelle. They often travel at speeds that have a high likelihood of death for pedestrians involved in a car crash. Yet, due to a dearth of signaled intersections and crosswalks between Palms and Venice, pedestrians still resort to dangerous, legal jay-walking. In general, if it takes a person more than 3 minutes to walk to a crosswalk, wait, and then resume his or her journey on the other side, he or she is likely to pursue a more direct but unsafe (jay-walking) route (NACTO). Sawtelle serves as a route or cross street stop for several buses, including the Big Blue Bus route 17 and Metro 33, and thus is an important thoroughfare not only for cars trying to access 405, but also pedestrians and multi-modal users trying to access public transportation stops, the park, schools, and other apartment buildings.

Mar Vista community member, Jackeline Lopez, has reached out to LADOT and DPW to request a crosswalk along this stretch of Sawtelle (Request Number #####) and the MVCC supports the study of placing a crosswalk in this area.

We request the research and exploration of placing a crosswalk and appropriate traffic signals for pedestrian crossing on Sawtelle Blvd., between Palms Blvd. and Venice Blvd.

Very Truly Yours,

Kelsey Figone,
MVCC Transportation and Infrastructure Chair

Very Truly Yours,

Drew Ruesch,
MVCC Board Chair

Action/Vote Count:

MVCC T&I Committee Meeting, November 1st, 2023
Motion of support moved by Jakob Meuser, seconded by Derl Clausen
Motion of support approved by MVCC T&I Committee 8-0-2

MVCC Board Meeting, November 16th, 2023
Motion of support moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX
Motion of support moved by MVCC Board XX-XX-XX

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