



October 8, 2009

Via E-Mail

Mr. Martin Pastucha
Public Works Director
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Mr. Pastucha,

As you know, the West Pasadena Residents' Association (WPRA) is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of neighborhoods. Naturally, we are particularly concerned about any circumstance in our neighborhood that reduces the quality of life for those who live here. Such a situation has existed for decades along the Pasadena Avenue/St. John corridor where there are a number of nonprofit organizations, such as Ronald McDonald House, which provide services to Pasadena. There are approximately 150 Cal Trans-owned residences in this area. And unfortunately, there are also thousands of cars barreling through the neighborhood on their way to "someplace else." This is an unhealthy and unsafe situation for the residents who inhabit these structures and the neighbors who attempt to navigate through the neighborhood. It is a situation that should not be tolerated in a city that prides itself on offering its citizens an unparalleled quality of life.

The WPRA knows there is a core group of neighbors who have been working diligently for years to remedy this situation and the WPRA wholeheartedly supports them. Returning Pasadena Avenue to its original width, restoring the concrete sidewalks and parkways with their camphor trees would ameliorate the existing unsafe and unhealthy situation.

The WPRA knows there are federal "T funds" available that could be used to rehabilitate these streets and understand that now is the time to submit a request for this funding. We understand the Public Works Department must take action prior to applying for the funds. Is there some way you could expedite the process in order to submit Pasadena's application to ensure that the city gets the next disbursement of T funds?

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The WPRA hopes that the answer to our question is "yes" and that we will not have to wait another year for funding. Your attention to our question would be appreciated and we look forward to hearing from you. We firmly believe that the time has come to reunite our west Pasadena neighborhood and restore to it a healthy and safe environment.

Sincerely,

Audrey O'Kelley
President

Cc; Councilman Steve Madison, District 6
Michael Beck, City Manager