

City of San Marino  
Northwest Area Traffic Calming Survey  
COMMENTS

**EL MOLINO RESIDENTS**

<p><b>El Molino</b> - Q1 &amp; Winthrop Rd. Additional comments - Need four-way stop signs at Winthrop Rd. would prevent motorists from picking up speed from both directions - Monterey Rd and Wilson <b>Garfield Ave</b> - is in South Pasadena this should be their problem only a few San Marino residents on this street. Push the traffic onto Garfield since South Pasadena has money to work on Fair Oaks!</p>
<p><b>El Molino</b> - Block / Remove traffic at El Molino Ave and Huntington Drive (see map below)</p>
<p><b>El Molino</b> - Paint speed limit on pavement for El Molino Ave. Large reflective numbers</p>
<p><b>El Molino</b> - Install traffic barrier on the Huntington Drive island so that east bound traffic on Huntington Drive cannot make left turn onto El Molino. Serves to reduce traffic northbound on El Molino Ave. - Posting four way stop on El Molino &amp; Plymouth Road will increase vehicle noise for all homes in the corner (not a good option). - Suggest reviewing the success of speed bumps in Pasadena Old Mill Rd, Euclid Avenue, Oak Knoll Avenue, Oakland Ave) and if there has been impact to city emergency vehicles. Speed bumps between Wilson Avenue and Monterey, with signage identifying bumps and reduced speed to 15 mph are suggested in lieu of stop signs, additional lighting, and mobile speed display sign. <b>Garfield Ave</b> - Garfield Ave and Monterey Road is a dangerous location for vehicles and pedestrian traffic. <b>Oak Knoll Ave</b> #31 What would be the alternative?</p>
<p><b>Los Robles Ave</b> - Urge that bus service be put back on Los Robles Ave. We need more public transportation. <b>Oak Knoll Ave</b> - #31 We need more not less public transportation.</p>
<p>On #2-2-Hr parking (8a-4p, M-Sat except Sun, Holiday, and by resident permit. Please issue 6 permits to each household to accommodate fiends, visitors and service.</p>
<p><b>El Molino Ave</b> - Install traffic lights at Garfield, El Molino, Oak Knoll have the lights synchronized to allow 5-6 cars to go on green. That will slow traffic, traffic will continue 12-13-14 _____ stop signs red flashing light- T. Donnelly</p>
<p><b>El Molino</b> - #7 More crosswalks are more effective that stop signs, #4 Old Mill Rd. does not have sufficient ____ traffic to justify measure. <b>Garfield Ave.</b> - Mitigation mainly through police enforcement. <b>Los Robles Ave.</b> - Preventing turns onto Oak Mill increase traffic on Los Robles!</p>
<p><b>See attached. El Molino Ave</b> - Item 2: Post 2 hours parking 8am-4pm (except Sundays, National Holidays and by resident permit) sign on El Molino Ave North of Mission St. (Suggest to issue 6 permits for each household to accommodate family members and / or visitors as needed. Item 3: Same idea as Item 2. Item 5 Deploy a few mobile speed displays (solar powered) on el Molino Avenue in the neighborhood 24 hours a day to inform drivers of their speed. (Speeding during the night such as 2am causes a lot of noise, especially motor cycles and/or trucks.)</p>
<p><b>El Molino Ave</b> - regarding #4 This seems superficially like a good idea, but I think it is not-it is likely to encourage traffic to continue North on El Molino along the narrow, blind hill curves of El Molino North of Old Mill, on which my daughters and I bike to school/work, much more dangerous for traffic then the wider, straighter Los Robles. Regarding #8 Better lighting is likely to increase traffic, not decrease it. And the pole lighting is ugly and detracts from the residential ambiance (I hate the pole light next to my house at 1p691 El Molino) (see attached article) <b>Oak Knoll Ave</b> - regarding #29 Would serve hazard to bicyclist. I was nearly killed several times by cars weaving when they had these in the Pasadena prtion of El Molino South of California Blvd.</p>
<p><b>El Molino Ave</b> - I strongly oppose any prohibition of turns onto Old Mill. There is nothing wrong with the traffic flow. I have lived just off El Molino for 15 years. I also strongly oppose parking restrictions-too restrictive of business customers. #7 We used to have a flashing yellow light for south bound traffic I am in favor of restoring that. There is also a "dormant" flashing yellow light for s/b El Molino traffic, just south of Old Mill. It has not been turned on in years. Garfield Ave - Garfield is a major N/S street, as is Los Robles. Huntington and Monterey are major east/west streets. The goal of traffic devices/measure etc. Is to safely &amp; quickly move traffic through, not jam it up. Los Robles Ave - The city existing traffic mitigation measure on Los Robles have made traffic worse. The city should try to move traffic through, until the 710 freeway is completed (not hold my breath) Los Robles is essentially, the only major N/S street in the San Gabriel Valley until San Gabriel - all others terminate eg. Fair Oaks, Lake etc. Oak Knoll Ave - Homes on major, through, or arterial streets will instantly have more traffic than those that do not. Oak Knoll bridges two significant N/S streets. Doresta will always have more traffic that Carlaris or Fleur because the latter 2 streets terminate at Ramiro and because Doresta is closest to Mission/El Molino. People made choices when they bought their homes. Restricting / Prohibiting existing traffic flow are not appropriate.Speed enforcement &amp; lighting maybe.</p>
<p><b>El Molino Ave</b> - Regarding #2 Post 2-hour parking, one hour will hurt business. Let's not just move traffic from one of the north-south streets to another. If any one or two streets become too difficult, the other ones will bear the brunt of more traffic. It's important to realize the traffic has been with us for years and some of it we just have to endure. <b>Los Robles Ave</b> regarding #25 &amp; #26 2-hour parking signs, one hour would hurt business</p>
<p><b>El Molino Ave</b> - Trees in center of street. <b>Los Robles Ave</b> - The more trees the better.</p>

**El Molino Ave** - Because I live on El Molino Ave, South of Mission, I can not make recommendations for North of Mission. I do recommend that the stop sign on Pasqalito at East side of El Molino Ave be moved closer to the corner. Drivers can not see cars going North on El Molino because the bushes block their view on the right.

**El Molino Ave** - We are in favor of enforcement of all traffic and safety laws. We are very much against any so called traffic calming schemes because they do not work at solving the root cause of traffic (too many cars) and add to the congestion. Pasadena's effort at traffic calming is a good example of how ineffective this program is. There is congestion, long lines of back up traffic and it has become almost impossible to cross town due to the ineffectiveness caused by the traffic calming efforts. Examples East of West or West to East on California, Del Mar or any other street during the day has become almost impossible especially during commuting times also, slowing one street causes more congestion on another street! **Los Robles Ave** - Street lighting additions will not help solve traffic. This is a different issue and we feel it will hurt the residential environment and make the quiet streets of San Marino into a much less attractive place to live. We already have lights and we are very concerned with preserving the existing charm of San Marino which is why so many of us have bought houses here.

### **GARFIELD RESIDENTS**

**Garfield Ave** - We are particularly concerned about the Garfield & Oak intersection where there is heavy pedestrian use to get to the YMCA. A manual pedestrian walk sign is in place. However, many if not most motorists do not comply with the "Stop" signal. This is a pedestrian fatality/injury waiting to happen. In fact, I believe the mother of one of our neighbors was killed (as a pedestrian) in a motor vehicle accident at this intersection. Ideally a true stop light or 4-way stop sign should be placed. I am appalled by the motorist behavior at this intersection. The only way many motorist will stop is if you as a pedestrian are in front of them (in that way), already in the intersection, even with the flashing pedestrian signal. During the day, the light may not be optimately visible.

**Oak Knoll Ave** - On #31, we already have more traffic / buses on Garfield since they took them off Los Robles

**Garfield Ave** - I would love the installation of speed bumps between Oak and Monterey Rd. I do not see the above measures, by themselves, changing driving habits on Garfield in a significant way. Please consider I live on Garfield and have two children under 3yrs of age. Even with the blinking crosswalk, it remains difficult to cross Garfield at Oak St. with a sense of safety. Kael Kooper 1540 Garfield Ave., San Marino, Ca 91108

**Garfield Ave** -YMCA membership continues to grow over the years. There are more and more cars parked on Garfield and Oak by members visiting the Y. The Y has been under providing off street parkings for years. Are there any solutions or proposals to address the issue?

### **LOS ROBLES RESIDENTS**

**Los Robles Ave** - Speed bumps should be placed on Los Robles between Huntington Dr. & Wilson Ave. to slow down traffic.

**Garfield Ave** - All streets more speed & stop enforcement. Stop means wheels are not turning. Not current anything below 15 mph is a stop. Properly enforce Yellow lights to CA vehicle code.

**Los Robles Ave** - Control parking on Oak St @ Garfield due to YMCA activity. Perhaps limit to 2 hours. That is a dangerous intersection cross stripe street parking area along Los Robles. Drivers confuse it with a traffic lane and makes it dangerous to make left turns onto Oak St.

1. This survey only reflects the neighborhood opinions and perceptions which are not based on data. If we were provided with data to support the effectiveness of each of these possible measures, the results will be more meaningful and useful. 2. One of the stated objective is to reduce traffic. However, it is not clear that any of the above measures (#15-#27) really does that. In order to reduce traffic on LR the two lanes on Atlantic going north past Huntington MUST be reduce to ONE LANE ONLY. 3. Install larger "No Trucks" signs at Atlantic and Huntington. 4. Install new "No trucks" signs for traffic turning north onto LR from Huntington. 5. One of the objectives is to ensure that traffic is not moved from one residential street to another. This proposed measures may in fact do that since there is no clear evidence that the number of vehicles will be reduced on ALL streets in this plan. 6. Number 32 above should be applied to ALL streets, including LR! 7. Number 35 if implemented may adversely impact residents driving south on El Molino and going east on Huntington in order to drive their children to school.

**Los Robles Ave** - There are many out of city commuters who has no regard to residents holligans who shouts at night as they travel down Los Robles Ave. Please execute Advance Measure #6. Remove northbound lane at Huntington Drive. Very accident prone. Low cost to implement.

**Los Robles** - Fine to plant trees behind the entry treatment, plus I suggest that the San Marino lettering on the stone marker be enlarged. In addition to measure #24, police must enforce the no vehicles above 3 tons ordinance.

**Garfield Ave** - Remove eastbound to northbound left turn sign on Huntington/Garfield. **Los Robles Ave** - City should be more lenient to allow homeowners on Los Robles Ave to have circular driveways due to high traffic and safety issues.

1. We fail to see how these proposed measures address the safety issues raised in the general meeting and reported in the city recap. 2. The proposed options are not a plan and there is no way to assess their individual merit. Please study the issues and develop a traffic calming plan NS

**Los Robles Ave** - Street parking on Los Robles makes it very difficult to back out onto the street from my driveway on morning rush hour, and at other times as well. 1745 S. Los Robles just north of Mission

**Los Robles Ave** - #23 When they spread over the top of the street it feels very residential and like a place to go slow and enjoy (see attached paper for more comments)

**Los Robles Ave** - Consider a left turn lane on Los Robles northbound onto Marengo Ave. and, get the 710 extension going! #1 Flashing reds at both Monterey and Mission make it almost impossible to get out of my driveway @ 1830 Los Robles, as there is always a car coming.

**Los Robles Ave** - The above proposals are nice but I fail to see how any of these will decrease the volume of commuter traffic through our city. People will drive reckless regardless of trees on the side of the road. Please reconsider lifting the ban on speed bumps as this will limit volume. **Oak Knoll Ave** - Do less to interfere resident life and more to make it inconvenient to drive on the street (turn signal, time, etc)

**El Molino Ave** - Fix the bigger problem Los Robles Ave. **Garfield Ave** - Fix the big problem Los Robles Ave then proceed. Extreme problems on Los Robles need to be taken care of first! **Los Robles** - 14,600 cars a day is way too much something needs to be done. I feel that the measures above are baby steps to a much larger problem. How you reduce cars is by preventing cars from going from Atlantic straight into Los Robles. Fix that! Allow cars to turn L from Atlantic onto Huntington toward Pasadena. **Oak Knoll Ave** - Fix the big problem Los Robles Ave.

**Los Robles Ave** - The problem faced by residents who live on Old Mill between Los Robles and El Molino is not just that commuters use that stretch of Old Mill to cut back and forth between Los Robles and Old mill; it is also that many of the drivers cutting through drive way too fast. Accordingly, I would be in favor of the installation of speed bumps on that stretch of Old Mill (similar to those on Old Mill, East of El Molio), if that step were proposed.

**Los Robles Ave** - I understand that Los Robles is a commuter heavy street. SMPD does a good job in policing the street. Unfortunately a police presence seems to be the only thing that slows drivers down. When cars actually stop at the stop signs and drive the speed limit it's no problem to pull out of my driveway and join the flow of traffic. When they speed and barely stop at the stop sign it's a nightmare. Any help will be appreciated.

At Huntington/Los Robles/Atlantic, the green street signs need to be replaced. They are faded! Los Robles-In Favor-remove parking on LR in front of "Fancy That". 1. Have signage at Marengo/LR center of street. 2. Lower speed limit to 25. 3. Paint speed limit on asphalt vs. large signs, currently 30mph. 4. Install solar flashing light at stop sign LR/Marengo. 5. And larger stop sign LR/Marengo. 6. Install light up crosswalk for pedestrians LR/Old Mill. 7. Paint unsightly white line along LR looks like there is 2 lines. 8. Sand off peeling yellow paint on light poles along LR. 9. Have residents cut back trees covering street signal lights LR/Wilson. Also, remove spruce they planted stat will eventually obstruct. #17 What plan? #23 Where? Keep similar not different trees. #27 and Marengo/LR enter/exit.

## OAK KNOLL RESIDENTS

**Oak Knoll Ave** - Add speed bumps all along Oak Knoll from Huntington to Monterey Road Add Stop sign at Courland and Oak Knoll

**Oak Knoll Ave** - Reduce speed limit to under 25

**Oak Knoll Ave** - We would favor speed bumps as a 1st deterrent to speeders before any of the above proposals. We are adamantly opposed to #28, 29, 33, and 34!

**Oak Knoll Ave** - Reduce the speed limit to 25 from 30. Deploy a speed display sign on a pole on a permanent basis.

**Oak Knoll Ave** - Please see attached