



Community Development
Department

Memo

DATE: February 15, 2024
TO: Cultural Heritage Commission
FROM: Angelica Frausto-Lupo, Community Development Director
PREPARED BY: Matt Chang, Planning Manager
RE: Additional Document, Item No. 1, Public Comment – General

The attached written comment was received by 12:00 p.m. on February 15, 2024.

From: corey kaplan
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 7:34 PM
To: PlanningComments
Cc: Corey Kaplan; Michael Cacciotti; CCO
Subject: Car crash into Historic South Pasadena Yard
Attachments: accident 2 23 24.pdf; CHD copy.psd

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To:
South Pasadena Cultural Heritage Commission

I am asking our committee to administer and acquire proper safety along the boulevard of Columbia St & Pasadena Ave.

On the morning of February 2nd at 4:55 am, a truck at high speed driving on Pasadena Ave towards Columbia St crashed through the bollards in front of this historical home, demolishing the topiary on the boulevard (landscaped and paid for by the home owner). This boulevard is the both a physical and visual entrance to the city of South Pasadena.

The Historical property at 1127 has lost several 16 - 20' trees, yard lighting, slate pavers, plants, and compromised the porch overhang.

The truck halted 10 feet away from wall under the bedroom.

Had this truck continued, the health and well being of the residents would have been in question.

It is time for the City of South Pasadena, Pasadena & Cal Trans to employ a safety audit team to redesign and engineer

the T intersection, implement a safety factor at the boulevard, and take a responsible measure to slow the cars driving on Pasadena Avenue towards Columbia st.

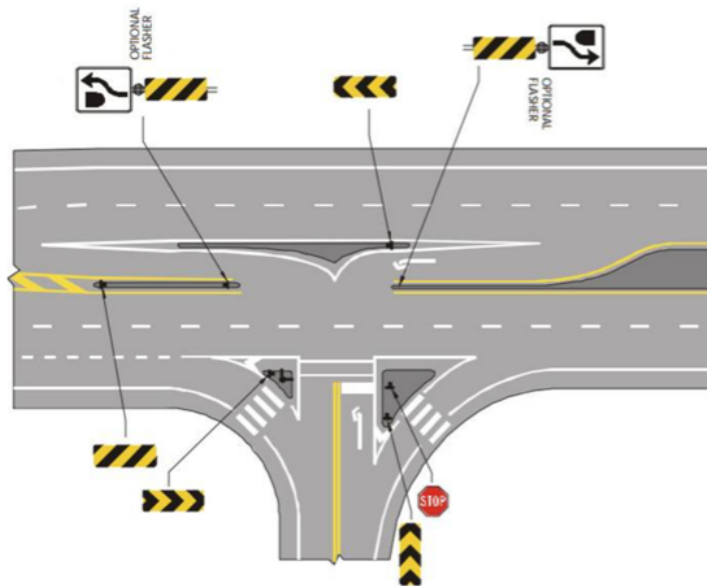
Thank-You for your time,

Crag Renwick
Corey Hope



Example of another city solving a similar problem

Why “Protected T” Intersections are Safer Than “T” Intersections



If you’ve ever driven along Highway 97A towards Vernon, you might be familiar with the [Eagle Rock Road intersection](#).

Traffic has changed here over the years. For one thing, there’s a lot more of it. That posed a particular problem here, as Eagle Rock Road accesses a heavily-used industrial area, and people had begun to ask for a safer way to get on and off the highway.

So back in April, 2012, that’s exactly what we set out to do. We came up with a conceptual design for a new intersection and consulted with the Spallumcheen Regional District, local First Nations, utility providers, area residents and business owners to ensure it would meet their needs.

Along came spring the following year, and we put the shovels in the ground. And once we started going, it didn’t take long to get the job done (project work was completed October 10th, 2013).

One of the big changes was turning the old “T” intersection into a “Protected T”. What does that mean? Well, with a protected T intersection, you only have to worry about one direction of travel at a time. When you turn left off the highway, you turn into a protected lane, where you can wait until there’s a gap in oncoming traffic, and it’s safe to turn. When you turn left onto the highway, you also turn into a protected lane where you can merge with traffic. If you’re still wondering how this kind of intersection works, you can check out the handy picture below to get a better idea.

With the new layout, through traffic doesn’t have to slow down for turning vehicles, and vehicles that are turning have dedicated lanes to slow down or speed up and merge. Add some finishing touches, like new signs and lighting, and suddenly travelling this section of road is much easier and safer for everyone.

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