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Hello,

Please include the attached comment in the agenda packet for Monday's Finance Commission meeting regarding our request for funding allocation to install a second crossing guard at Huntington and Marengo.

Thank you.

Ella Hushagen

May 23, 2022

Public Comment Re: Contract with All City Management (Crossing Guard) for Second Crossing Guard at Huntington Dr. and Marengo Ave.

Dear Finance Commissioners,

We submit this comment to request a second crossing guard at the intersection of Huntington Drive and Marengo Avenue.

In the past school year, there have been a number of near misses, wherein drivers turning onto Huntington from Marengo have almost hit children and adults. A mom had to aggressively flag down a driver to prevent him from colliding with her 9-year-old kids, on their way to school. A dad had to essentially push his child out of the way of a turning vehicle. On Friday, May 13, 2022, a father heading home from dropping off his kids was nearly struck by a speeding car turning left onto Huntington. The car swerved wildly to avoid striking him.

The intersection serves many Marengo Elementary and South Pasadena Middle and High School students who live south of Huntington. The crossing guard stationed at the southeast corner of the intersection is attentive and reliable. But this is a large, busy intersection, with six lanes of traffic to cross. Commuters treat Huntington like a highway, driving at very high speeds. There are serious risks to student pedestrians and their parents that one crossing guard cannot mitigate alone.

The City's current contract for crossing guard services is \$177,716 per year—less than two percent of the \$10 million South Pasadena Police Department annual budget. The addition of one crossing guard at Marengo and Huntington to promote the safety of our students and pedestrians is reasonable and doable.

At a similar intersection with Huntington near Valentine Elementary in San Marino, the city has stationed two crossing guards.

South Pasadena is a wonderful city for walking, with its tree-lined streets and friendly neighbors. We want to encourage our students to walk by creating a safe environment for it. **We request that you allocate funding in the FY 2022-2023 budget to station a second crossing guard at Marengo and Huntington.**

Signed,

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