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General Comment for Public Works, MTIC and Public Safety Commissions, as well as for Public Works staff

AB413 is CA law: "Daylighting to Save Lives" - California Vehicle Code bans cars and trucks from stopping, standing, or parking within 20 feet of the approach side of crosswalks.

Daylighting is a simple, inexpensive way to improve safety and save lives. We recently had a death in a crosswalk at a stop sign, the city made promises to help change design to make our pedestrians safer. This is one tool in the toolbox to do that.

In order for Police to be able to enforce the law, the community needs to understand that they cannot park in these locations. I ask Public Works (and the commissions on this email to recommend it to staff), as part of the repaving program already in place that requires painting of streets after repave, to add red paint to curbs to comply with the law. This would require no additional funding yet allow South Pasadena to comply with CA law.

If we wanted to take it a step further, as we should, we could increase the schedule of red curb painting, and start efforts at places where our most vulnerable road users may be: schools, library, etc. We can also add amenities that don't block sightlines in the newly available space to beautify our streets while providing safety, such as planters/vegetation, bike parking or bioswales, the latter of which would help further another item on Public Works list.

I urge you to start these improvements as quickly as possible, they are very low-hanging fruit and enforcement is stated in the CA Vehicle Code - let's give the public the visibility to know to comply with the law and allow our officers the ability to enforce it when it is not in compliance.

Thank you,
Michael Siegel

