

20 November 2003

City of San José
Attn: Jim Helmer, Director of Transportation Planning
4 North Second Street, 10th Floor
San José, California 95113

Dear Director Helmer,

The Campus Community Association requests the assistance of the Office of Transportation Planning in addressing current and projected changes in traffic patterns that are imposing a negative impact on our neighborhood. We have observed that these traffic situations have already resulted in numerous accidents and near misses, and we have increasing fears for the safety of our children, other pedestrians, and our property. As recently as this week, another significant traffic accident has occurred in the neighborhood.

The Campus Community Association has worked closely with the Office of Transportation Planning in the past and our efforts have made Naglee Park one of the most desirable and livable urban neighborhoods in any major city. Several major land use changes that affect our local traffic have taken place over the last decade. Due to the resulting changes in traffic patterns, we have identified the following areas of special concern:

- **Fast-Moving cut-through traffic from Santa Clara Street/ Divert back to Major Arterials**

In the past, both the San Jose Medical Clinic and San Jose Hospital, along with the many related doctors' offices, clinics and pharmacies were a major source of nonresidential traffic on the north side of Naglee Park, between 12th and 17th streets. Those land uses have changed dramatically. The San Jose Medical Clinic, which at one time occupied more than one complete block is now gone and the parking lots have been replaced by single-family detached homes. Many of the medical offices have been restored to homes. As these land uses have changed back to residential, we would like to see thru-traffic diverted onto the major collectors such as Santa Clara, and directed away from our neighborhood.

- **Mitigate residential traffic impacts due to construction and growth with the University and City Hall building sites**

San Jose State University has historically been related to a number of traffic circulation issues. These issues have modified over the years, most dramatically by the closure of San Carlos Street through the campus. However, the neighborhood still experiences University-related traffic issues and there is currently construction in progress for some 5300 residences at San Jose State. There is also the scheduled transfer of municipal functions to the new City Hall at Santa Clara Street and Fourth Street that is expected to significantly affect the traffic patterns in the downtown area.

For these reasons, we anticipate an increase in pressure and our neighborhood needs to be prepared prior to that time.

Current observations indicate the growing presence of fast-moving cut-through traffic in three residential areas:

- Northwest corner of Naglee Park, concentrating near South Twelfth and San Fernando Streets
- Western edge of Naglee Park, primarily along South Twelfth Street
- Non-arterial streets connected to Coyote Creek bridges, especially William Street and San Fernando Street.

Traffic speed and not necessarily quantity of traffic is the issue in these instances. Our neighborhood continues to be negatively impacted by fast moving cut-through traffic created by motorists who are seeking to avoid streetlights or other traffic controls on the major streets

These are very general examples of the traffic challenges faced by Naglee Park. Again, we request for a group of neighbors to meet with you to explain these concerns in more detail, and to discuss how we as a community can work together with the City to remediate both current and anticipated traffic concerns.

We look forward to your response, and to meeting with you and your staff in the near future. We thank you in advance for sharing the safety concerns of our neighborhood, and in working together to make it safer for children and other pedestrians.

Sincerely,

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