

College/Glen Neighborhood Association

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Regarding: **Bike Safety on Occidental Overpass**

The Association has been asking the City to take some action regarding bike safety and enforcement at the intersections of Occidental Drive & Lake Forest (Photo IMG 3976), Occidental Drive and Bennington (Photo IMG 3977), Occidental Drive and Mediterranean Way (Photo IMG 3980) and Occidental Drive and La Riviera (Photo IMG 3984) on a regular basis. With equal consistency, we have been advised by Ed Cox, Program Analyst and Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator that bike riders know the traffic regulations and there is no need to take any additional actions. The result is that bike riders on Occidental Drive continue to ignore the stop signs along Occidental Drive. Specifically, bike riders blow through the stop signs at the base of the Occidental Drive/Highway 50 overpass (Photos IMG 3977 & IMG 3980) at high speeds and in most cases without even a glance in either direction.

There are a growing number of white ghost bikes about town, many of which are the result of bike riders that knew the traffic regulations but ignored them. If the City is going to encourage the use of bikes on our City streets then the City should do everything they can to encourage bike users to ride in compliance with the state vehicle codes. That translates into enforcement and education for bike riders as well as drivers of vehicles. It is time for the first responsibility for the safety of bike riders be placed on the bike rider and not the vehicle drivers.

We do not want a ghost bike in our community and we are requesting that the City develop a bike enforcement program that includes posting of signs and street legends at dangerous intersections much the same as the City has done with red light programs for drivers of vehicles and implement a rigorous enforcement program to reduce the number of fatal accidents citywide involving both vehicles and bicycles that continue to ignore road signs.