

GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Councilmember Cedillo:

This is a formal request for the study and installation of a diagonal crosswalk at San Fernando Road and Division and/or San Fernando Road and Cazador to provide a safer and more practical way to manage traffic and pedestrian crossing.

The transit pavilion located at San Fernando Road and Verdugo is a hub for students and staff and delivers hundreds of people via public transportation within a walking distance of the five schools on the Sotomayor Campus and to Glassell Park and Cypress Park. While we support and appreciate the use of public transportation and our (soon to be upgraded) transit pavilion, we do need to address the safety and road conditions on San Fernando Road, Cazador Street, Division Street and Cypress Ave. In the mornings and afternoons, when commuter traffic is at its peak there are also hundreds of students who cross San Fernando Road. This presents issues around safety and also traffic flow as people start their cross early and late on the signal.

San Fernando Road is quickly becoming an alternative to the freeway for commuters just passing through, there is an increased residential density in the area and on San Fernando Road, and there is a large student population. We need to take a complete approach to improving the quality of life, quality of transportation and we feel this is one improvement that will address both.

Finally, and if this is a viable idea from the study we'd like to request that we have a little fun with the crosswalk. There is the potential to use our crosswalk as a canvas of creativity for our community and our students. We feel that it will not only add uniqueness to our main street but will slow traffic as well due to the visual impact and reminder of the crosswalk.

We'd like to explore all options to improve walkability, safety and drivability in this area.

Thank you,



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