

October 27, 2008

Los Angeles Department of Transportation
Hollywood District
6501 Fountain Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90028
Attn: Jeannie Shen

Dear Ms. Shen,

I am writing to you to request that the LADOT take a look at the intersection of Glen Oak Street and Beachwood Drive in consideration of making that intersection a 4-way stop. Currently, there is only a stop sign facing westward at Glen Oak Street.

Early in the morning of September 29th, 2008, at approximately 2:30 a.m., a vehicle traversed that intersection, going northbound on Beachwood Drive, at a very high speed. As the car tried to clear the curve at Glen Oak Street, the driver lost control of his vehicle and his vehicle crashed into a stationary vehicle.

The driver died on impact, and the passenger died an hour later. (See <http://blogs.ktla.com/marcogonzalez/2008/09/tragedy-in-the.html>).

Speeding is a chronic problem on Beachwood Drive. The intersection which I believe calls for another stop sign, Beachwood/Glen Oak, lies along a 1/3 of a mile strip of Beachwood Drive that goes from the 4-way stop at Beachwood/Cheremoya to another 4-way stop at Beachwood/Westshire. Putting a stop sign at Beachwood/Glen Oak would break up this uncontrolled strip of Beachwood Drive.

Furthermore, this part of the Drive, between Beachwood/Cheremoya and Beachwood/Westshire, is heavily used by tourists who come to Los Angeles to get a look at the Hollywood sign. Every day, dozens of tourists stop in this strip to take a picture of the sign, and many of them stand in the street to get a picture. Adding another stop sign along this route, at Beachwood/Glen Oak, would slow down the traffic between Cheremoya and Westshire in this already treacherous stretch of street.

Finally, there is a large apartment unit that has a driveway which feeds into Beachwood at 2634 Beachwood Drive, which is at the intersection of Beachwood/Glen Oak. Cars going northbound on Beachwood Drive cannot see this blind driveway and putting a stop sign would alleviate the danger that this driveway presents.

Thank you for your consideration on this very important and timely matter.

Best,

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