

**2024-10-15 CC AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - MISC. - DANGEROUS INTERSECTION**

**From:** "Pirsztuk, Carol (Council Member)" <cpirsztuk@elsegundo.org>  
**Date:** October 7, 2024 at 8:06:44 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sassoon, Elias" <esassoon@elsegundo.org>, Melissa McCaverty <melissamccaverty@yahoo.com>, "Boyles,Drew (Mayor)" <dboyles@elsegundo.org>, "Rodriguez, Saul (Chief of Police)" <srodriguez@elsegundo.org>, "George, Darrell" <dgeorge@elsegundo.org>  
**Cc:** "George, Darrell" <dgeorge@elsegundo.org>, ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>  
**Subject: Re: Maple Ave & Main St. - Dangerous Intersection**

Melissa, thank you for bringing their topic up. Elias. When we discussed putting a stop sign at Oak and Main I asked about the possibility of putting in a light and timing it with the light on Palm and Main so the traffic flow on main St is not impeded when there are no pedestrians.

Darrell the stop sign has now been in place for a few months, and I would like it to be put back on a Council agenda to discuss traffic findings and what the city needs to do to enhance safety on that corner. Thanks Carol

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**From:** Sassoon, Elias <esassoon@elsegundo.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:59 AM  
**To:** Melissa McCaverty <melissamccaverty@yahoo.com>; Boyles,Drew (Mayor) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Rodriguez, Saul (Chief of Police) <srodriguez@elsegundo.org>  
**Cc:** George, Darrell <dgeorge@elsegundo.org>; ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Maple Ave & Main St. - Dangerous Intersection

Hi Melissa:

Thanks for reaching out and your kind words.

As I indicated before, the driver who runs a stop sign, could potentially and regrettably run a traffic signal light as well. Also, please note that installing an un-warranted traffic signal light is a liability for the city as well. Having said that, I am requesting the city Police Chief to increase patrolling this intersection.

Chief Rodriguez: I do appreciate your efforts regarding this request.

best,

**Elias Sassoon, Director**

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**From:** Melissa McCaverty <melissamccaverty@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:02 AM  
**To:** Boyles, Drew (Mayor) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Sassoon, Elias <esassoon@elsegundo.org>  
**Cc:** George, Darrell <dgeorge@elsegundo.org>; Rodriguez, Saul (Chief of Police) <srodriguez@elsegundo.org>; ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>  
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Hi Elias,

I appreciate you letting me know. I am not surprised that was the result as I was told that was the result of a traffic study in 2018 as well.

I just watched somebody run that stop sign right next to me yesterday. I walked to the homecoming football game on Friday, September 20th and was almost hit by somebody who did not stop.

I know that the traffic analysis may not call for a light at the intersection, but I strongly urge the City Council to consider putting a light in despite the results. The intersection is dangerous. That's a fact.

I have a full-time job and am raising 3 kids. I do not have time to monitor the four-way stop at the end of my street, nor do I want to see City resources wasted by placing a police officer there to write tickets. I truly believe that many people who run the stop sign are from out of town and just don't see it as they approach Maple Avenue from Imperial.

Also, should somebody get seriously injured or worse at this intersection, a plaintiff's attorney will easily find an expert witness who disagrees with your traffic analysis and will testify that the intersection is dangerous. I also believe that this is inevitable, based on the amount of people running that stop sign. Further, the emails between us would be discoverable and the City is now on notice of the dangers of the intersection.

Regardless of a traffic study, I am alerting you all to the dangers our pedestrians, bikers and drivers face every day as we use that intersection. I appreciate you taking the time to email me back and look into it. I hope the City Council will consider doing the right thing for our residents. Thank you,

*~Melissa McCaverty*

On Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 01:29:59 PM PDT, Sassoon, Elias <esassoon@elsegundo.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. McCaverty: Hope all is well.

I just received a copy of the Traffic Signal Warrant Analysis for the Main Street and Maple Avenue intersection. The analysis shows that a traffic signal is not warranted at this intersection.

Please let me know if there any questions.

Best,

**Elias Sassoon**, Director

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**From:** Sassoon, Elias <esassoon@elsegundo.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:13 PM  
**To:** Boyles, Drew (Mayor) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Melissa McCaverty <melissamccaverty@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** George, Darrell <dgeorge@elsegundo.org>; Rodriguez, Saul (Chief of Police) <srodriguez@elsegundo.org>  
**Subject:** Maple Ave & Main St. - Dangerous Intersection

Good morning Ms. McCaverty:

The warrants for installation of a traffic signal light do not meet for this intersection. Please note that Lifan XU is no longer with the city. Having said that, I am willing to look at the warrants one more time.


Regarding your email, please note that the city cannot be held responsible for actions of individuals who run stop signs; and the drivers who run stop signs, would and could potentially run red lights as well.

At the meantime, by copying the Police Chief, I am asking him to have this intersection patrolled more closely.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

best,

**Elias Sassoon**, Director

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**From:** Boyles, Drew (Mayor) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024 11:32 PM  
**To:** Melissa McCaverty <melissamccaverty@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** Sassoon, Elias <esassoon@elsegundo.org>; George, Darrell <dgeorge@elsegundo.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Maple Ave & Main St. - Dangerous Intersection

Mr Sassoon and George, I look forward to your response to Mrs McCaverty.

Drew

**Drew Boyles | Mayor**

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On Sep 9, 2024, at 14:14, Melissa McCaverty <melissamccaverty@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Elias,

I just noticed last night that the pedestrian crossing sign attached to the yellow pole on the north side of maple and main was knocked over....AGAIN. It seems to get knocked over at least once a week, indicating vehicles are hitting it.

I also was almost t-boned yet again at this intersection just last week. And the strange part of that person running the stop sign was they were heading northbound. Usually, the people I see run the stop sign are heading southbound on Main Street towards downtown. This man was coming from downtown towards Imperial.

I know have a 15-year-old daughter with a permit. She saw firsthand how dangerous this intersection is.

I am just following up to see if you've ever had the meeting you sent me in the email you sent me back in May 2022. I distinctly remember what prompted that email as I was trembling after narrowly escaping being t-boned by somebody who completely ran the stop sign that day.

As you are aware, Government Code Section 835 states:

Except as provided by statute, a public entity is liable for injury caused by a dangerous condition of its property if the plaintiff establishes that the property was in a dangerous condition at the time of the injury, that the injury was proximately caused by the dangerous condition, that the dangerous condition created a reasonably foreseeable risk of the kind of injury which was incurred, and that either:

(a) A negligent or wrongful act or omission of an employee of the public entity within the scope of his employment created the dangerous condition; or (b) The public entity had actual or constructive notice of the dangerous condition under Section 835.2 a sufficient time prior to the injury to have taken measures to protect against the dangerous condition.

I am writing this email with the intension to put the City of El Segundo on notice that this intersection is a dangerous condition.

I want my email to document so that should something ever occur at this intersection, which sadly, I believe is inevitable, the City will be liable for any injuries and cannot claim it did not have actual or constructive notice, as I am informing you, for not the first time, that this intersection is dangerous.

Please advise.

Thank you,

*~Melissa McCaverty*

On Monday, May 16, 2022 at 01:18:07 PM PDT, Xu, Lifan <lxu@elsegundo.org> wrote:

Hi Melissa,

I don't have a date for the traffic committee meeting yet, but it will be in late June. If I understand your request correctly, you are requesting to turn the current 4-way stop sign intersection at Main St. and Maple Ave. to a traffic light controlled intersection. A traffic signal warrant analysis must be conducted first to validate the request before any action can be taken. Similar requests have been looked at in the past by the traffic committee, and related traffic study had been conducted previously and the study showed that additional traffic control at the intersection is unwarranted. See attached Dec-18, 2018 staff report for the Traffic Analysis on Main St. From El Segundo Blvd. to Imperial Ave.

The Traffic Committee is technical in nature and not open to the public. For the traffic committee agenda item related to you request, the recommendation is to do an update on the traffic study since the last one has been a few years old and the recommendation is expected to be approved. Then the traffic study will be updated over the summer and we can provide you with the findings.

Thanks,

**Lifan Xu, P.E.**

City Engineer

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**From:** Melissa McCaverty <[melissamccaverty@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamccaverty@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 6:02 PM  
**To:** Sassoon, Elias <[esassoon@elsegundo.org](mailto:esassoon@elsegundo.org)>  
**Cc:** George, Darrell <[dgeorge@elsegundo.org](mailto:dgeorge@elsegundo.org)>; Xu, Lifan <[lxu@elsegundo.org](mailto:lxu@elsegundo.org)>; Boyles, Drew (Mayor) <[dboyles@elsegundo.org](mailto:dboyles@elsegundo.org)>  
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Any update on this meeting!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2022, at 11:26 AM, Melissa McCaverty <[melissamccaverty@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamccaverty@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
M. Sassoon,

Thank you for your quick response, I do appreciate it.

M. Xu please advise when and where the meeting will be as I most likely would like to attend.

Melissa

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2022, at 11:15 AM, Sassoon, Elias <[esassoon@elsegundo.org](mailto:esassoon@elsegundo.org)> wrote:

Good Morning M. McCaverty:

Thanks for reaching out to us.

This request will be on the Traffic Committee agenda for the upcoming meeting which is going to be scheduled shortly. The City Engineer (Lifan Xu, copied on this email) will be scheduling this meeting. Please stay in touch with him.

Lifan: Pls let Ms. McCaverty know when and where the meeting will be held.

Regards;

**Elias Sassoon**, Director  
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On May 4, 2022, at 17:31, Melissa McCaverty <[melissamccaverty@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamccaverty@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Dear Mayor Boyles,

I am writing to you to formally request a stoplight be put in at the intersection of Main Street & Maple Avenue.

This afternoon, I was heading eastbound on Maple Ave & completely stopped at the intersection. Looked both ways & began to enter. Thank God, I was traveling slowly because a woman in a green Toyota Corolla blew through the intersection going at least 30 mph heading southbound on Main.

I was able to avoid getting hit by her because I slammed my brakes and honked in time. I truly believe she had no idea there was a stop sign there despite the warning signs and lights coming off of imperial. She was looking down, what appeared to be on her phone to me.

For the past several months, I have noticed that the sign on the orange warning pillar in the center of the intersection on Main Street keeps getting knocked down. Obviously people are running into it. There was most recently a bad accident there within the last month.

Had this woman hit me at that speed, I have no doubt I would have been seriously injured as she would have hit my driver side. I am so grateful to have avoided the collision, just barely. Please let me know what I can do to help advocate for a stoplight at this intersection.

I have seen police officers on motorcycles sitting there, but I have to believe there is a better use of our resources for them. What are the odds are actually going to catch somebody blowing through the intersection? And what does it matter if there is a police officer there if the person doesn't stop and kills somebody, which could very easily happen. Seems to me that a police officer here is not really a deterrent, as I think that most residents understand there is a stop sign there. The real danger is the people who don't even put their brakes on and just run the stop sign.

Additionally there is a huge back up at the stop sign at various times of the morning. A stoplight seems to be the logical solution to go save money, resources and lives.

Thank you,

Melissa McCaverty  
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El Segundo, CA

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