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Current Resident/Home Owner
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Altadena, CA 91001

Dear Current Resident/Home Owner:

LAKE AVENUE FROM LOMA ALTA DRIVE TO ALTADENA DRIVE PROPOSED REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF TRAVEL LANES

In response to on-going traffic related requests, we have evaluated the feasibility of converting Lake Avenue between Loma Alta Drive and Altadena Drive from two travel lanes in each direction to one travel lane in each direction with a two-way left-turn center lane.

The primary purpose of our study is to address speeding concerns along Lake Avenue. The project includes creating a two-way left-turn center lane along Lake Avenue from Loma Alta Drive to Altadena Drive, which will help create a refuge for vehicles turning onto Lake Avenue from intersecting streets. In addition, to accommodate the creation of the two-way left-turn center lane, Lake Avenue between the subject limits will be restriped from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction. The intersection of Lake Avenue and Altadena Drive will remain unchanged, with a transition zone between Palm Street and Altadena Drive at which point the two-way left-turn center lane and one travel lane in each direction will begin and extend northerly to Loma Alta Drive. We do not recommend any reduction of travel lanes on Lake Avenue south of Altadena Drive since the traffic volume on that portion of the highway necessitates two lanes in each direction.

The cumulative effect of this project will create less opportunity for cars to speed, since traffic would all be queued in one lane each way allowing for easier turning movements onto Lake Avenue from intersecting streets, as well as traffic turning onto side streets and into driveways from Lake Avenue.

Since the project area is bounded by the Angeles National Forest to the north and the east, we do not expect traffic volumes or patterns along Lake Avenue from

Loma Alta Drive to Altadena Drive to change significantly in the future. Therefore, we expect the proposed lane configuration of one travel lane in each direction with a two-way left-turn center lane will accommodate both existing and future traffic volumes on Lake Avenue. This proposal does not involve the removal of any existing on-street parking.

Representatives from my staff will attend the April 20, 2010, Altadena Town Council meeting to clarify project details and answer any neighborhood concerns regarding this proposed project. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Altadena Community Center located at 730 East Altadena Drive (directly west of Altadena Sheriff's Station).

If you have any questions or concerns prior to the informational meeting, please contact Mr. Sarkis Oganeyan of our Traffic Investigations Section at (626) 300-4745.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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Altadena Traffic Committee (Ken Johnson)
City of Pasadena Department of Transportation (Richard Yee)

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