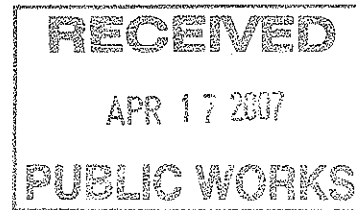


Monday, April 16, 2007



**TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

The April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Public Works Commission meeting will address issues related to traffic issues on 16<sup>th</sup> street west of Pacific Coast Highway (16<sup>th</sup> street). This meeting was supposed to address the issue of removing parking from 16<sup>th</sup> street but the announcement clearly states that re-striping is still the issue.

The 16<sup>th</sup> street residents west of Pacific Coast Highway are opposed to movement of parking to the north side of the street for the following reasons and facts:

**NEGATIVE FACT 1**

On attachment 1 (note 'A' and note 'E') one can see that the Commodore residents must exit their parking garages (see PHOTO 2) which are sub level of the street into the traffic of 16<sup>th</sup> street. This is a major safety issue. For more than a year we have been requesting that the city help reduce the speed of traffic west bound on 16<sup>th</sup> street west of Pacific Coast Highway. The condo residents will not be able to see traffic coming from their left because the city is planning on moving the parking to the north side of the street which will block drivers views of west and east bound traffic. **If a resident is killed or injured because of this foolish move then it will be the city of Hermosa Beach's fault.**

**NEGATIVE FACT 2**

At note 'B' on the attachment 1 one can see that vehicles exiting the Pavilion parking garage will be turning west into a lane without being able to see into the lane they are entering (see PHOTO 1). This again is a major safety issue. Sort of dumb isn't it. This applies if they make either a left or right turn. Children walking to the Valley View school use the north side of the sidewalk to walk to and from school. When the CUP

was approved the city did not even require the Pavilion to put up exit mirrors so the people walking must now dodge cars exiting. Some child or adult walking on the north sidewalk are going to be injured. Vehicles exiting the Pavilion parking structure must pull into the path of west bound traffic to see if a vehicle is entering at the same time.

### **NEGATIVE FACT 3**

The residents of West 16<sup>th</sup> Street have not been presented with a recent traffic count nor has the city used a traffic engineer to analyze the traffic flow and the speed of vehicles on the short one block street such as they did for 16<sup>th</sup> street east of Pacific Coast Highway. Surely the residents deserve an professional analysis by a licensed engineer.

### **NEGATIVE FACT 4**

The 24 hour fitness center generates a large amount of noise after the 10 pm city quiet time because patrons leave at all hours and stand outside by the parked vehicles and carry on loud conversations. Because this noise is across the street on the South side of 16<sup>th</sup> street as it is currently the noise is not a big disturbance for the residents. If the parking is moved to the north side of the street this noise will be moved to within 15 feet of bedroom windows. See note 'A' on attachment 1. No one has come forth to offer to pay for upgrading our windows for sound proofing. Kind of sad when the City of Hermosa Beach makes its residents pay a steep price trying to solve a problem of the City's making for a local business.

### **NEGATIVE FACT 5**

N note 'F' of attachment 1 shows that VON's 18 wheelers will no longer be able to make the turn from their unloading area into east bound 16<sup>th</sup> street lanes. They currently use the entire street and often go up against the north curb when making the swing east bound. See PHOTO 5 thru PHOTO 7. The City will force the trucks to exit westbound

going downhill on 16<sup>th</sup> street (see PHOTO 4) and make a tight turn on Ardmore (either east or west). We are sure you will be receiving a large number of calls from them once the parking is moved.

#### **NEGATIVE FACT 6**

Moving the parking does not address the issues concerning the egress and ingress to the Pavilion parking structure and the bottleneck in the street from 5 pm through 8 pm every evening at that garage. Seems like the City just wishes to bow to the wishes of the owner of the Pavilion. Legally the City should require the Pavilion owner to make changes rather than requiring the residents to give up their peace and quiet.

#### **NEGATIVE FACT 7**

Find some way to reduce the number of vehicles using 16<sup>th</sup> street as a short cut to downtown Hermosa Beach. The street has way too many vehicles on it for a one block street.

#### ***HERE ARE SOME SOLUTIONS FOR THE STREET***

The following suggestions have been submitted several times before but no one is listening:

1. Remove all parking on 16<sup>th</sup> street west of the Pavilion. This will correct many of the negative issues above.
2. Do not allow eastbound vehicles to make a left turn into the Pavilion parking structure (red arrow on attachment 2). Stopping this alone would reduce the evening congestion on the street.

3. Do NOT allow vehicles westbound at (attachment 2 point K) to make a U turn into the Von's unloading area. These vehicles then go back to the Pavilion and make a left turn into the parking garage.
4. Require the Pavilion owner to change the entrance and exits of the parking structure to move entering cars from the street more inward of the garage. The design is a mess and the residents can not believe that the city allowed the design to be approved.
5. Restrict vehicles exiting the Pavilion parking structure (attachment 2 point G) to only make a left turn. They will be able to see vehicles east bound on 16<sup>th</sup> street. This will help reduce noise and speed on the street.
6. Place some type of speed controls on the street. Maybe the city can afford to have the Police monitor the downhill speed. Where is our speed study like the one that was done for East 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
7. Require mirrors on the Pavilion exits before some school child or senior is injured, killed or disabled.
8. Make public the traffic count study and a speed study for 16<sup>th</sup> street West of PCH and allow the residents to study it before having another public meeting. It appears that the West 16<sup>th</sup> traffic counts are secret.

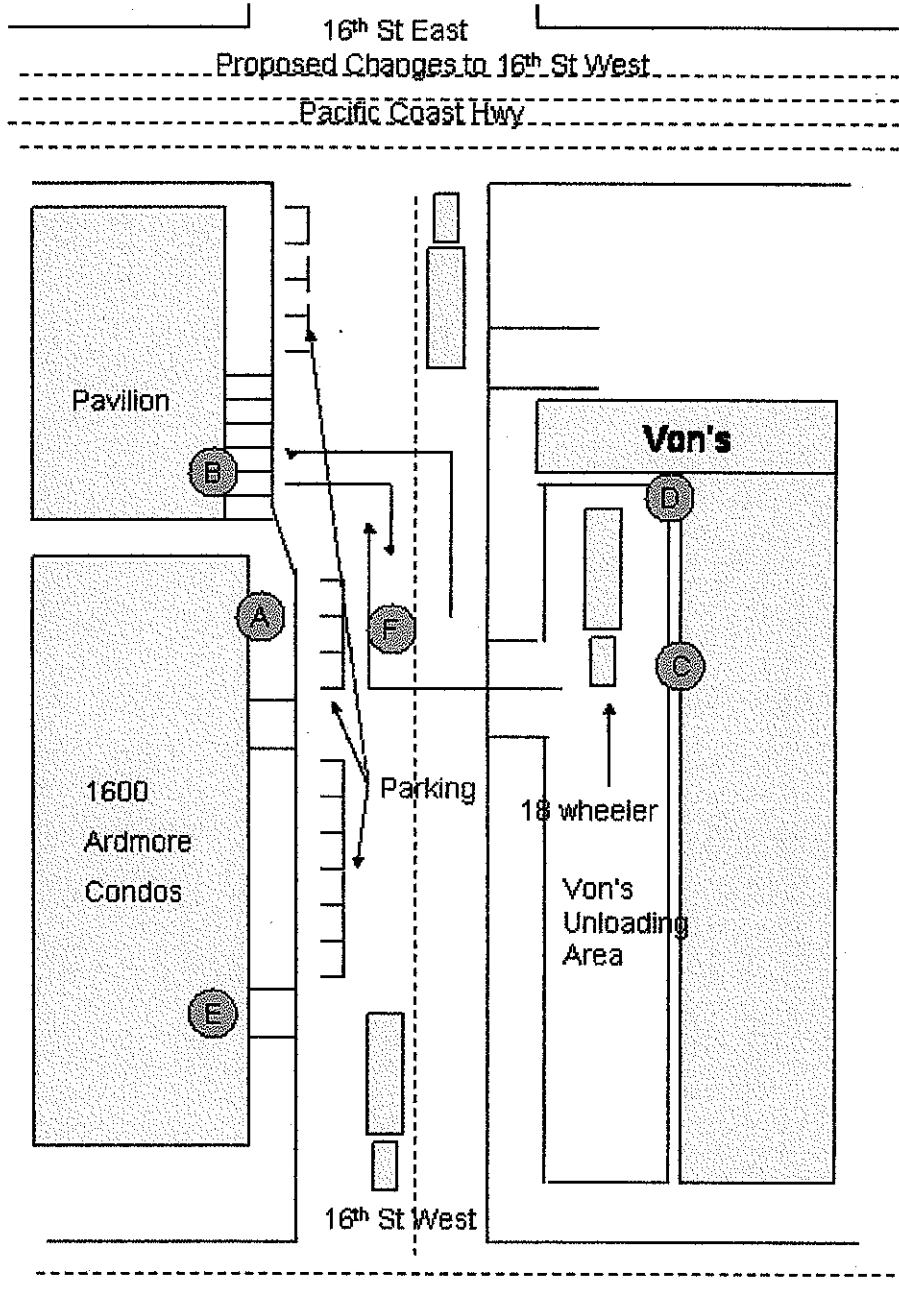
Respectively,

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ATTACHMENT 1:



ATTACHMENT 2:

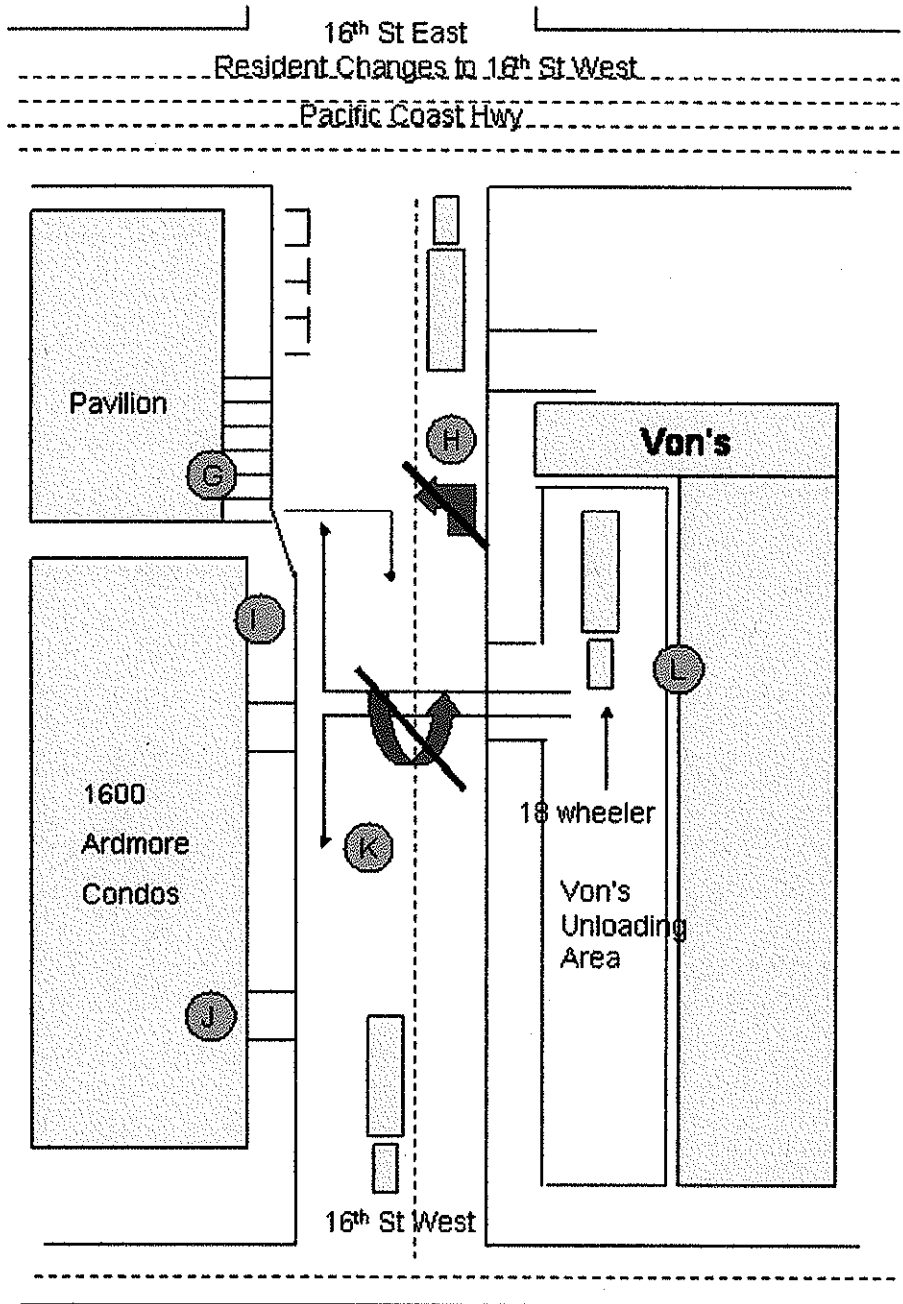


PHOTO 1

Pavilion Exit onto 16<sup>th</sup> Street Looking West



Note that cars exiting the Pavilion turning West or East would be actually turning into traffic blind if parking is allowed on the north side of 16<sup>th</sup> street. Also the area between the building and the street is too short of properly see either approaching vehicles or people walking on the sidewalk.

PHOTO 2

Commodore Lower Garage Entrance/Exit



This view was taken from the exit of the lower Commodore garage. Note that people exiting the garage can not see around the cars that are proposed to be parked on north side of the street ( behind the pickup truck and farther backward.



PHOTO 3

Picture of Coors delivery 18 wheeler making the turn on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Ardmore



Large trucks have a very difficult time making the turn onto Ardmore from 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Because of the tight turn most go East on 16<sup>th</sup> street to Pacific Coast Highway.

PHOTO 4

18 Wheeler Making a turn to go East on 16<sup>th</sup> Street



Note that this truck actually is right next to the curb on the North side of 16<sup>th</sup> Street. It is impossible for these trucks to make the turn in any less of the street. If vehicle parking is allowed on the north side these trucks can not exit Eastbound.

**PHOTO 5**

**Another example of an 18 Wheeler going east from the Von's unloading Area.**



**There is not enough room on the street for both turning Eastbound and parking on the north side of the street.**

PHOTO 6

Another 18 Wheeler turning East on 16<sup>th</sup> Street after Unloading at VON's



This truck actually was on the curb swinging out of the unloading area

PHOTO 7

18 Wheeler turning east on 16<sup>th</sup> Street



These large trucks can not turn any shorter than the picture above.