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Subject: Pedestrian Access along North Gaffey Street

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Certainly you are aware of the difficulty that pedestrians face walking along North Gaffey Street between Elberon and Miraflores Avenues in the absence of a paved sidewalk. Many of us have observed pedestrians and women with strollers walking *in* the roadbed. This neighborhood council asks that you prioritize correcting this hazardous situation.

We do understand that constructing a new sidewalk along this stretch of Gaffey Street may not be financially feasible for the City at this time. However, until funds are available for such a project, we suggest a low-cost option in order to provide a solution sooner rather than later: a decomposed granite path with a minimum width of three feet along the west side of the street.

Although low retaining walls may be needed in some locations in order to keep loose dirt from falling down the hillside and obstructing the path, and some palm trees along the curb may need to be removed, the cost of providing a walkable trail of this nature would obviously be minimal compared to the cost of constructing a sidewalk. In order to provide funding for this low-cost option, the City might consider the use of Proposition K Parks Funds (as this street abuts and passes through Leland Park) or special transportation funding created to address Complete Streets policies and legislation.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Alexander, President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council