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To: City of Pasadena Public Safety Committee Members
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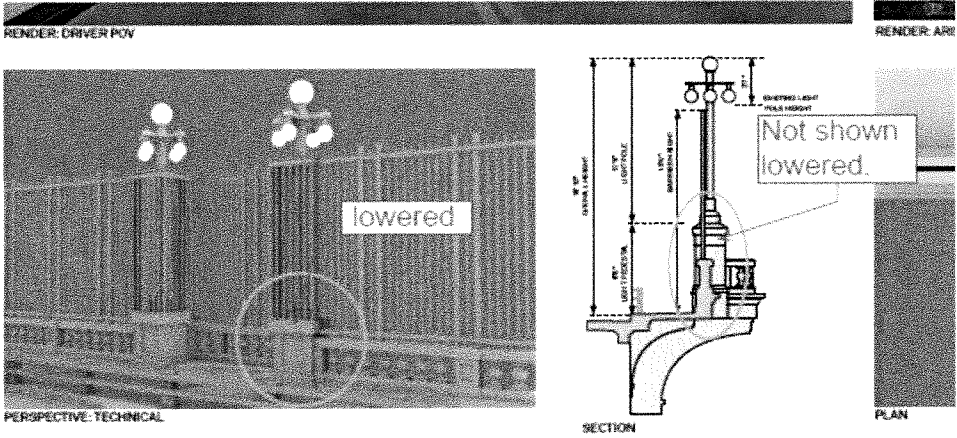
Re: Colorado Street Bridge Barrier Enhancement Project to Aid in Suicide Prevention

Dear Public Safety Committee Members,

I am writing regarding the iconic, historic Colorado St Bridge. I have been a member of the Public Works initial task force which included Pasadena’s first responders, an expert on Suicide from the Didi Hirsch Metal Health Services, Pasadena Heritage, District 6 and Public Works. It was a hard-working group. There have been community meetings, listening sessions, presentations to Historic and Design Commission, full scale mockups plus an online public survey of the mockups.

The current 10’ high mini chain link fence Public Works installed as a temporary measure due to high volume has greatly reduced the number of suicide attempts, which is proof of concept a higher barrier will better deter jumpers.

All that to say, I don’t believe the City of Pasadena has found the right barrier solution yet. Of the 3 mockups, I lean towards Option C which is the most traditional and I think appropriate for the bridge with the straight fence with pickets. Option C solution is not resolved well at the seating alcoves and the light standards height. You need to look carefully at the options because the rendered options do not highlight the cast concrete light standards are lowered in the rendering but not in the section. This is not quite correct proportionally.



I suggest Pasadena Heritage along with Public Works and other interested parties' review the findings from the consultant work to develop strategies for moving forward with improvements to the schemes.

Thank you for your time to review, this is a very important landmark in Pasadena.

Regards,
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Subject: FW: Comments from the Colorado Street Bridge Task Force members

From: Sue Mossman

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:23 PM

Subject: Comments from the Colorado Street Bridge Task Force members

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Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee,
Several of us hope to be present for the update on the Colorado Street Bridge fencing project on your agenda tomorrow. As members of the Task Force, we wanted you to have our comments about the current status of the project and the alternatives that have been studied so far.

This message comes collectively from Task Force members, some of whom may also be submitting their own individual comments:

Thank you for considering our input on this critical project!

The Task Force assembled by former Public Works Director Ara Maloyan has continued to meet with Public Works and the consultants to offer feedback, comments and questions as the suicide deterrent barrier options have been studied.

Five members of the task force have included: Andrea Rawlings, architect with extensive historic and Pasadena commission experience; Chris Peck, structural engineer and architect based locally and past Design Commissioner; Claire Bogaard, local preservation advocate with extensive history with the Colorado St. Bridge and Pasadena Heritage Advisory Council member; Sue Mossman, Executive Director of Pasadena Heritage; and Andrew Salimian, Preservation Director at Pasadena Heritage. Representatives from the PPD and PFD have also consulted with the group from time to time.

Task Force members have brought their individual expertise to bear in reviewing options, raising questions and providing input. They also helped to broadcast and actively encouraged the public to view and comment on the mock-ups installed on the Bridge.

AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO CONSENSUS AMONG TASK FORCE MEMBERS ON ANY OF THE OPTIONS PRESENTED. Members' opinions range as to whether the pickets or mesh is the superior material as well as where and how it could be installed. We all greatly appreciate the efforts made to

explore new ideas and develop drawings to illustrate how they might look and work.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ALL AGREE THAT THE “RIGHT SOLUTION” HAS NOT YET BEEN FOUND and that further exploration is needed.

We urge the Public Safety Committee to support the Public Works Department in seeking additional funding to continue this quest and to engage in additional community outreach and input on this highly important project.

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Subject: FW: Public Safety Committee

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:26 AM

To: Jomsky, Mark

Subject: Public Safety Committee

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Mark: Would you please distribute the following for today's meeting:

Pasadena's Public Safety Committee; August 18 Meeting

Dear Members of the Committee:

It is my opinion that the overall community reaction to the alternative choices for the Colorado Street Bridge suicide prevention barriers is NONE OF THE ABOVE.

We need to step back and take a breath. There are way too many pressing issues of great impact with tremendous financial challenges going on right now to rush to judgement. Let's temporarily stay with the barriers we presently have and, in the meantime, get more community involvement and perhaps engage LOCAL architects.

The issue is too important and way too much is at stake to continue down the present path. Our community deserves better.

Thank you,

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