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Please include this in public comment Item 2 if it is deemed appropriate for the agenda. Please confirm. Thank you!

Mayor Gordo, Councilrepresentative Tyron Hampton, President Kenne, Ms Richardson Bailey and esteemed members of the Pasadena City Council and Pasadena Unified Board of Directors,

I am writing to call to your attention a recent traffic accident that occurred at Raymond and Howard and ask for your assistance in improving traffic conditions for the safety of the students, parents and faculty of Washington School.

Last Monday, April 22, a car was driving on Raymond Avenue at a high rate of speed, attempting to illegally pass another vehicle resulting in that vehicle being overturned. This happened near the entrance to Washington School. Fortunately, school was not in session. Such driving and speeding is totally unacceptable especially in front of a school.

The incident is one of three that have occurred within the last four months. A fatality claimed two lives last November and another car was overturned this past weekend on Fair Oaks. All are in proximity to Washington School.

Three years ago Raymond Avenue, Washington Boulevard north to the City limits was designated by the City Council to be included in the Neighborhood Transportation Management Program (NTMP) for traffic improvements. Speed tables along Raymond and vertical median treatments in front of the school, as requested by Principal Meeks, would discourage u turns and lane changes. They were scheduled for installation this month. Installation was delayed due to the unannounced PWP construction and is now scheduled to take place this fall, five months away.

The timing is totally unacceptable. Furthermore, the three blocks Penn to Washington are not scheduled for construction and there is no reason why installation cannot continue.

I am asking for your support in bringing about traffic improvements with the installation of the speed tables and medians as planned, or for bollard and quick builds we are seeing in other parts of Pasadena. The safety of the community primarily from Washington School through La Pintoresca Library and Park is of utmost importance. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Lipira