

LA Crenshaw Community Engagement for Pedestrian Safety Workshop  
October 3, 2009 Walkability Assessment Recommendations of  
High School Youth and Neighbors

First Priorities: **Remove Graffiti** on Trees, in the streets and on the ground

**Trash CleanUp**

**Eleventh Ave./W. Slauson Ave. Intersection Safety Improvements**

- **School Zone signage**
- **Marked Crosswalks on all legs**
- **Additional Warning of Pedestrians Crossing be evaluated such as Flashing yield beacon, lighted crosswalk, pedestrian- actuated signal or a yield sign to slow traffic down for improved safety**
- **Crossing guard recommended as alternative**
- **Addition of advanced stop lines**

High Priorities:

Safety Hazards along 11<sup>th</sup> Ave (Literacy Center to W. Slauson on south side of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave)

1. A steel pipe sticking out of ground less than 2' from the sidewalk. Bad because someone playing or walking in a group not looking could seriously hurt themselves.
2. A hole in the ground at sidewalk edge on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bad because an elderly person walking along could hurt themselves.
3. Sidewalk conditions (cracks, holes, uneven surfaces) need to be fixed
4. Pot holes and cracks in street crossings need to be repaired
5. Pedestrian signage (e.g. approaching school zone signage)
6. Trashcans blocking the sidewalks can be a safety hazard.
7. Narrow Sidewalks – in many place two people cannot walk abreast. Sidewalk set back from curb is a feature which improves safety.

Traffic Control Needed on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave at 57<sup>th</sup> St. Intersection. There are only two stop signs (on 57<sup>th</sup>)

1. Traffic control, such as 4 way stop signs, needed to slow speeding along 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.
2. Marked Crosswalks on all legs of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave at 57<sup>th</sup> St.

Traffic Control needed on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave at 54<sup>th</sup> St. Intersection

1. Greater traffic control, such as flashing yellow light or 4 way stop signs be evaluated for the on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave at 54<sup>th</sup> St. intersection
2. Graffiti problem
3. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave & 54<sup>th</sup> St. is also a fast paced intersection near a school and should be signed as a school zone.

Slauson & 11<sup>th</sup> Ave – unsafe to cross. Yet students and neighbors cross it in large numbers every day. One teen fatality, one serious teen injury in less than 5 years.

1. At 11<sup>th</sup> Ave & W. Slauson a traffic guard is recommended because traffic is too busy.
2. On W. Slauson at the 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. intersection, there were uneven lane lines which can cause accidents.
3. On 11<sup>th</sup> Ave & Slauson there are accidents waiting to happen.
4. Additional crossing safety improvements: Flashing yield lights or a lighted crosswalk or a pedestrian- activated signal on that corner [11<sup>th</sup> Ave & W. Slauson] to slow traffic for the safety of pedestrians [in addition to the pedestrian signs].
5. 8<sup>th</sup> and W. Slauson should be traffic calmed, breaking up the long fast approach to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Education:

1. Parents need to be involved
2. Unsafe Practices (e.g., students running for bus vs. signal driver who in turn will wait)
3. Continuing gang suppression and smart choice activities

NO SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS ON 11<sup>TH</sup> Ave. No school signs or notice to warn that driver is approaching high school on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, and to drive slowly with caution in the school zone.

NO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH was observed. Would be helpful addition.

GANG ACTIVITY ON CRENSHAW INHIBITS SAFE WALKING. Unsafe for large group like workshop in opinion of gang suppression team. Unsafe for individuals too. How can it become safe for walking?

### **ACTION Priorities**

Community CleanUp (Trash & Graffiti) Event (combined with dance, fair, potluck or ???)

MTA/Metro assistance & sponsorship – will sponsor bus stop graffiti removal & trash clean up on same date and location as community event

Ask Crenshaw High Leadership Forum & Cougars Football to co-sponsor

Invite Councilmember Parks to sponsor (City graffiti removal participation with paint, tools and volunteers)

Get information out to schools/teachers. Recruit parents

Circulate information among people here at workshop – put together list of participants & send out to all participants (along with event notice?)

LAUL Traffic Safety Task Force: Get youth and neighborhood representatives from this workshop included on TS Task Force

Youth and Neighbor Participation in upcoming community planning opportunities: part time jobs; stipends; volunteers

Recruit homeowner and business support to become active in community

Attend Council meetings/meet with elected officials; neighborhood councils

Youth speak at Council and other meetings with elected officials on community needs, including need for increased pedestrian safety investment, importance to health of walkable neighborhoods

Use influence as youth and community leaders to get help with projects like graffiti clean-up and improvements along 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. and at W. Slauson/11<sup>th</sup> Ave. intersection

Social networking – use Facebook to post safety messages, etc.

Youth participants awarded HS community service credits; OTS/CHP CUCC to enroll in SMART Drivers program; TSC to issue certificates to all participants

Metro – U Tube video

LAUL – Video and Photos of workshop

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