

Euclid Avenue Traffic Flow Reversal Proposal

1. I am a resident on Euclid Avenue since 1987.
2. I drive on Euclid Avenue daily, sometimes more than 3x daily, more on weekends and depending on my schedule on a given day. I witness the flow of school traffic, ATT business trucks, people coming to park on the side streets due to nearby bar, food, mobile phone services, flow of parents and school children walking to and from school, daily food truck services for Washington Elem. School, firetrucks coming to aid as needed, and every Monday the ACI garbage trucks comes by for their weekly pickups of trash, recyclables and garden trash.
3. The new traffic signal at the Euclid Ave and E14th intersection will change traffic conditions for the residents "only " if Euclid Avenue is changed from its current one way street direction as it has been 31 yrs to the present. Placing a traffic light on Euclid Avenue, which is a very "short block from main street of Dutton and E14th St. is a catastrophe waiting to happen, not only for the flow of traffic on E 14th street but for pedestrians as well." A bus stop can be strategically placed more conveniently and safely past Euclid Avenue to the Right side along nearby stores of Blue Bird Pizzeria.

4. Traffic problems on Euclid Avenue at the present time is livable and normal for a small quiet neighborhood. Main traffic in the morning are cars bringing school children in the morning, ATT business trucks and employees parking and leaving during the day, customers and regular employees parking on side streets to come and work. The Euclid Avenue street is designed for one way traffic flow, its narrow and accommodates both sides of parking and a sidewalks.

There is some congestion of parents cars as they drop off children to school between 7:40-8:00a, before 3pm, on some Mondays during early trash pick ups; but overall, the one way flow of traffic is foremost an advantage to the safety of the school children, for parents who brings their children to school, school food trucks, safety for children and parents who walks to school daily, for emergency services: firetrucks, police, ambulance. Having this one way flow is efficient in time of emergency and it should be preserved for the school and our residents on Euclid Avenue. There is also a care home next to ATT parking area which have needed emergency services at times.

However, we do need to have "speed humps" placed due to speeding cars in morning and late afternoon rush. There is also a need for a school traffic sign or A flashing "check your speed sign" installed on the street.

Keeping Euclid Avenue as it is, one way street- EASTBOUND only preserves the normalcy for the traffic, lives of longtime residents, growing population of young students at Washington Elem School, flow of city wide services for the neighborhood remains undisturbed, and everyones lives are not disrupted. Changing the Euclid Avenue WESTBOUND ONLY is a total disruption to our current system and way of daily life and will lead to congestion of unnecessary traffic from Dutton Avenue because our street will be used as a "short Cut" of drivers traveling to Oakland via E14th St. This will cause a disaster for the safety of the children and parents walking to and from school, completely dismantle the safety drop off zone for parents who drops their children behind the school everyday, and we can expect increase in speeding cars, crime, accidents and total disruption of city services for our small and quiet neighborhood. Its totally unnecessary and a poor and not well designed project to pour unnecessary money away just so we can accommodate East Bay Bus Rapid Transit. We can accommodate them by intelligently installing a curbside bus stop and platform 50yards away from Euclid Avenue, on R side of the E14th, St, direction towards Oakland.

No traffic light installation, keep the pedestrian crossing buttons and lights in place, and keep Euclid Avenue EASTBOUND ONLY ONE WAY STREET as it is with addition of school zone signs, and maybe 2-3 speed humps on Euclid Avenue.

I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH CITY STAFF.

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