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**Subject:** Fw: Response: Traffic Concerns in the Almaden Winery Neighborhood  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Jan 2006 23:19:26 -0800

**Almaden Winery Residents:**

At the December 2005 Almaden Winery Neighborhood Association (AWNA) meeting, several neighborhood traffic related issues were raised with our Councilmember, Nancy Pyle. Her assistant, Daniella Polar responded back to me along with comments from City staff member Len Ramilo. I encourage you to read this email string from the beginning and my comments as well. There is an attachment too that is related to issue # 3.

These issues affect all of us and our quality life. We will review these at our next AWNA meeting meeting, which is scheduled:

Date: Thursday, Feb 2  
Time: 7:00 PM (Pizza Social at 6:45 PM)  
Where: Almaden Winery Community Center

Your input is greatly needed to these and any other neighborhood issues. District 10 staff will be present.

Those that live along **Chambertin**, south of the community center, and those that live in Tresor on **Le Fevre** and **Treviso** are most affected by these issues. Please pass this on to any of your friends and neighbors. Feel free to email me back with any thoughts/comments, but if I get a large number of responses, I may not be able to acknowledge you. **Your best course of action is to come to the next AWNA meeting!**

Thanks

Michael Kubiniec  
President, Almaden Winery Neighborhood Association

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----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 11:03 PM  
Subject: Response: Traffic Concerns in the Almaden Winery Neighborhood

Daniella

Here is a follow up response to the issues contained below. I can provide some historical perspective and correction in some areas.

1. Parking Violations: Len is correct that parking is currently allowed on both sides of Treviso except where the curbs are painted red. These curbs were painted red after the AWNA requested the city complete a field of view study in the area of Treviso and the western portion of Le Fevre. It was revealed that it was necessary to eliminate some parking (red curb) to improve one's field of view when driving from Le Fevre on to Treviso.

The issue regarding "No Stopping Anytime" on the eastern loop of Chambertin is a completely different issue. Parking used to be on both sides in this area, but this created 2 problems: 1) the street's narrow width was a hazard; 2) it made it very difficult for the trash cans to be picked up when the cans and cars are so close together (on both sides). Eliminating parking on the inner side of the eastern loop of Chambertin allows all homeowners to put their trash cans on this side.

I am not aware that parking is happening on this side (inner loop). If it is, then since it is a public street, it should be treated as any other parking violation on a public street.

Parking Adjacent to the Park: Parking on the west side of Le Franc (park eastern boundary) is not permitted. Le Franc is a private street under the CC&Rs of the Tresor HOA. Typically, you don't see parking on Chambertin (south of community center and park eastern boundary). But you do see parking on Treviso (park northern boundary). The reason you see parking here is most likely spillover parking from those that live in the Tresor development. Although you mention that Municipal code has restrictions on parking adjacent to parks - before any signage gets put up (and any enforcement), I think we need some community discussion on this. I think that most people are not in favor of additional park signage. Also, although I do not like the fact that parking occurs on Treviso, I understand the reasons for it. However, one could argue that folks should clean out their garages and park their cars in there! But this issue is more complicated than this. In summary, I think we need more community input on this.

2. Faded Markings: The stop sign and markings at Le Franc and Treviso. Len is correct that Le Franc is a private street. However, the responsibility for maintenance belongs to the Tresor Home Owners Association and not the Almaden Winery Neighborhood Association. Agree with the comments regarding the sign at Chambertin (east) and Treviso.

3. Dangerous Curve: We'll await the results from your study. We'll also need input from the homeowners that live in the affected area. I can see the point of this to help slow down traffic, but I can't see how the curve contributes to folks jumping the curb near the community center. Are you referring to the entrance ramp to the community center? Each side has a raised lip. I understand that some folks drive off this going into and out of the community center, but that seems to me that this is a separate issue than the curve of Chambertin. We'll await results of the study.

4. District 9/10 Dartmouth Issue: In the summer of 1996, the AWNA questioned the City regarding the prohibition of driving north through the Chambertin/Blossom Hill intersection to Dartmouth. I have a letter from Douglas Wachter dated August 13, 1996 with Planned Development Permit

91-03-15 documentation that shows this restriction. When our developments were being planned, the District 9 residents on Dartmouth were concerned about "cut-through" traffic occurring on their street. Thus, the restriction was put into place with agreement from the District 9 and 10 Councilmembers (1991 timeframe). The letter also goes on to say that parents dropping off children at Dartmouth Middle School would have access from Blossom Hill. Thus, someone leaving our development would turn left onto Blossom Hill and then turn right into Dartmouth. However, this condition no longer exists, With the recent construction at Dartmouth and the repaving of the parking lot, access via Blossom Hill no longer exists. Access is only via Dartmouth and exit is only via Blossom Hill.

So, in my view, one justification of this restriction is no longer valid. Parents leaving our development to go to Dartmouth have 4 options: 1) exiting via Chambertin and illegally going straight through the intersection; 2) exiting via Chambertin, turning right and doing a U turn down by the Vineland library and the coming back to turn right on Dartmouth; 3) exiting via Bellagio (which increases traffic in our neighborhood along Treviso) turning left onto Blossom Hill (a sometimes risky adventure), then turning right on Dartmouth; and 4) having their children walk to school. Personally, my overwhelming preference is #4!

Therefore, I think this intersection needs to be revisited. I can't imagine the cut-through traffic being any worse heading north on Dartmouth as it is heading south. Folks can go south through the intersection and into our development. Folks in District 9 certainly had a valid concern when our developments were being planned, but I suspect that the cut-through traffic along Dartmouth is not a degraded quality of life issue for those homeowners.

Recommendation - the City should conduct a study to measure the cut-through traffic on Dartmouth both north and south (into and out of our neighborhood). With this data, we could see the real impact if any. District 9 and 10 should involve both sets of constituencies to resolve this matter.

No additional comment to the last 2 paragraphs of #4. Thank you.

Summary - I think we should distribute this information of all the issues contained in the email chain to our community via the newsletter and email to generate community interest for our Feb 2nd Awna meeting. We need to get more input from community as well as from the City regarding my comments above as well as the Chambertin Curve study that should be completed in January.

Thanks.

Mike

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 9:47 AM

Subject: FW: Traffic Concerns in the Almaden Winery Neighborhood

Hello all.

Please read the e-mail below and let me know what you think. Len wants to know "if the neighborhood approves the proposed signs and DYCL." If this needs to be discussed at your next AWNA meeting, we will wait for the community input you receive at that meeting. Also, would this be appropriate for your newsletter? Thank you for all your help.

Best,  
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ramilo, Len  
> Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 6:29 PM  
> To: Polar, Daniella  
> Subject: FW: Traffic Concerns in the Almaden Winery Neighborhood

> Hi Daniella,

> This is a follow up for Item # 3 (below) - Dangerous Curve

> We performed a ball bank analysis on the curve and determined that 15 mph  
> is the appropriate speed. We are proposing to install 15 mph curve  
> advisory signs in advance of the curve and double yellow centerlines  
> (DYCL) through the curve area for motorists' guidance (see attached  
> sketch).

> <<curve\_map\_distill.pdf>>

> If the neighborhood approves the proposed signs and DYCL, we will proceed  
> with the installation. Please let me know.

> Thanks,  
> Len

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> From: Ramilo, Len  
> Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2005 5:21 PM  
> To: Polar, Daniella  
> Subject: RE: Traffic Concerns in the Almaden Winery Neighborhood

> Hi Daniella,

> I did a surveillance of the neighborhood yesterday (12/14/05). Below are  
> my comments:

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Polar, Daniella

> Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 3:54 PM  
> To: Ramilo, Len  
> Subject: Traffic Concerns in the Almaden Winery Neighborhood

> Hi Len.

> Nancy and I attended an Almaden Winery meeting last week, and they brought  
> up the following concerns:

> 1. Parking Violations

> At the entrance right near the park (Treviso), there is supposed to be  
> parking on one side only, but people are parking on both. 2-3 years ago,  
> the City sent out monitors, which caught the attention of residents. Can  
> this be done again?

> [Ramilo, Len] Parking is allowed on both sides of Treviso Ave except at  
> some designated locations where red zones were installed (adjacent to the  
> park's access driveway and on Le Fevre) to improve visibility and  
> accessibility. "No Stopping Anytime" signs exist on the west side of the  
> narrow section of Chambertin Dr (30 feet wide), from Treviso Ave up to the  
> to the U-shape curve (near the community center). The other half of  
> Chambertin Dr (36 feet wide) allows parking on both sides. If the  
> neighborhood would like parking enforcement on Chambertin Dr, you may give  
> them the Parking Compliance at 277-5545.

> Per Muni Code, parking is not allowed on section adjacent to the park  
> from sunset (or one hour after sunset) to sunrise. There is no need to  
> put up the signs but please let me know if the neighborhood wants the  
> signs to be installed adjacent to the park to give proper notice to  
> drivers. The verbiage should be "No Parking from Sunset to Sunrise" or we  
> can use hours like "No Parking from 7pm to 6am". I preferred the hours  
> 'coz it is easy to enforce.

> 2. Faded Markings

> We just got word of more faded markings in the Almaden Winery  
> neighborhood. One of the locations is at Le Franc and Treviso.  
> Apparently, the stop signs facing the same direction on Treviso have the  
> same problem. Can these markings please be refreshed?  
> [Ramilo, Len] The stop sign on Le Franc Dr @ Treviso, facing south, is  
> badly faded. However, Le Franc Dr is a private street. Awna is  
> responsible for maintaining the signs and markings on private streets such  
> as Le Franc and Le Fevre.

> I did notice a faded stop sign on Chambertin Dr (east) @ Treviso. For  
> clarification, this intersection is next to Bergamo Ct. Also the "STOP"  
> pavement message is missing. I issued a work order to replace the sign  
> and install the missing marking at this location. I expect the work to be  
> completed by 2nd week of January.

> 3. Dangerous Curve

> Approaching the community center on Chambertin, there is a sharp curve.  
> Could a sign be placed warning people to slow down? Several people have  
> jumped the curve near the community center because of this sharp turn.  
> [Ramilo, Len] We will conduct an Engineering analysis (Ball bank study)  
> to determine the appropriate curve advisory speed for the U-shape curve  
> near the community center. We will also determine if a centerline would

> be appropriate along the curve for motorists' guidance. Study will be  
> performed in January and I will let you know the results as soon as the  
> analysis is completed.

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> 4. D9/D10 Dartmouth Issue

> You have the details from my previous e-mail. I just wanted to add that  
> here, because it is an Almaden Winery concern.  
> [Ramilo, Len] I am not aware of the history of the Almaden Winery  
> development. If going straight (towards Dartmouth) is not allowed as part  
> of the condition of the development, the Planning Department (PBCE) may  
> have the file about the condition. Need to re-visit what the condition is  
> and if AWNA would like it change, then both neighborhood (AWNA and  
> Dartmouth neighborhood) should agree.

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> On the other note, the intersection of Chambertin and Blossom Hill has  
> good signings and markings. Motorists on Chambertin would see the right  
> and left turn pavement arrows as they approach the intersection, a sign at  
> the beginning of the median island on the right side which says, "Right  
> lane must turn right", and the signal light with the left turn and right  
> turn arrow indication. If they still go straight, it seems that they did  
> it deliberately.

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> I did see a couple of posts in the vicinity of the intersection with  
> missing signs. Also, the no ped crossing symbols located on the signal  
> pole were vandalized and the "use x-walk" signs were missing. I will  
> replace all the aforementioned signs and clean up the clutters in the  
> vicinity of the intersection. Expected work completion is 3rd week of  
> January.

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> Hopefully you will have some time to look into these issues before break.  
> Please keep us updated. Thanks Len!

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> By the way, there may be some delay with the project delivery on  
> Districts 2, 9, & 10 due to shortage of staff. Right now, I'm serving  
> the three districts alone.

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> Len