

## New eComment for MOBILITY, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE on 2021-06-22 3:00 PM - Special Meeting

Peter Smith submitted a new eComment.

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Item: P-3. 22-13 Discussion Regarding Proposed Opening of a Gate Entrance to the Ballona Creek Multi-Use Path at the East End of Jackson Avenue.

eComment: We live on the last block of Jackson and entering the bike path at Duquesne just adds a mile, so now big deal. At Duquesne we often observe bike riders parking there to offload bikes. Our block had mixed housing units so not enough available driveway parking. When the gates were open we had the occasional car break-in and there seems to more of these in the city these days, based on Nextdoor postings.

From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: New eComment for MOBILITY, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE on 2021-06-22 3:00 PM - Special Meeting  
Date: June 22, 2021 at 9:36 AM  
To: [REDACTED]

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Dave Baker submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Having lived on Jackson Ave for the past 50 years opening the gate is about 50 years late. We now have homeless encampments on both sides of La Ballona creek near Overland, with their expansion near inevitable. If we had opened it back then, we would now be discussing closing the gate.

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## Re: The Creek gate on Jackson Ave public comment for the record

Steve [REDACTED]

Tue 6/22/2021 4:49 AM

To: Works, Public [REDACTED]

Dear public works / Charles Herbertson,

As a very effected neighbor next to the Jackson gate, opening the gate would create a unsafe condition. Both with maneuvering our vehicles and including turning our motorhome around at the dead end. As well as for every truck and trash truck that comes down the street.

The area of the end of the street is very narrow for turning vehicles around. There is no extra room for bicycles. It also would create a unsafe condition for residents living here. We have had to call the police due to fights and fighting from unhoused people living in the creek. Opening the gate would allow direct access to our homes.

There is plenty of access to the creek bike path from the proper existing bike ramps at Overland and Duquesne.

Thank you, Steve and Eva Sheftel

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From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: New eComment for MOBILITY, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE on 2021-06-22 3:00 PM - Special Meeting  
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To: [REDACTED]

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Herbie Gelman submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Hello committee, my name is Herbie Gelman and I reside at the end of Jackson Avenue directly next to the gate leading to the Ballona Creek. I adamantly oppose the idea proposed by the BPAC to permanently open the maintenance gate that was never designed as an access point to the bike path. There are so many safety hazards that would be created by turning this narrow street into a new access point to the Ballona Creek bike path. There are homes, mine included, at the end of Jackson where all of the driveways are blind to the gate. The only way we can exit our driveways is to back up within inches of the gate in order to hear northbound on Jackson. If the gate was left open we would not be able to see anyone exiting the path onto Jackson, nor would they be able to see us, which would create constant potential for serious collisions. This street was never engineered with the thought of bicycle/pedestrian traffic coming from the bike path and entering the street at the end of the cul-de-sac. Additionally there are many small children who reside on the block and having the gate open would create opportunity for a child to wander onto the bike path or even worse down into the creek which could be deadly. This creates massive liability for the city. There are 2 entrances to the bike path one at Duquesne and one at Overland which are just blocks away on both sides of Jackson. These entrances not only have dedicated bike lanes leading to them but were also designed specifically to have a safe way to merge into the path traffic. It is crazy to think opening an access point at Jackson, which has blind spots from both directions, would be a safer way for people to enter the bike path where bicyclists are regularly traveling at 20+ mph. All members of my family are avid bikers and we cherish the ability to bike all over the city. I applaud the efforts of the BPAC to create new and safe pathways throughout the city for bicyclists and pedestrians but new access

should not be created at the expense of the overall safety for all residents. The BPAC wants to rush this proposal through to the council for an immediate vote. As far as I can tell there has not been a safety study and/or an environmental impact study done to evaluate this idea. I implore you to stop this process until the various safety concerns I have outlined may be addressed. I have asked members of the city council and members of the BPAC to come meet with residents of Jackson to discuss the concerns we have, most have declined. Members of the BPAC have stated that Jackson Avenue would be an experiment and if the experiment works they would seek to create new access points at the end of all residential streets that abut the bike path. In my opinion you should not "experiment" with the safety and well-being of your residents. The current access points are more than adequate to handle the flow of traffic in and out of the city but most importantly they are safe for all. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: El-Guindy, Heba [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: Jackson ave fence/gate to Ballona  
Date: June 21, 2021 at 11:34 AM  
To: [REDACTED]

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

From: carol catucci [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:27 AM  
To: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE <B&PACcommittee@culvercity.org>  
Subject: Jackson ave fence/gate to Ballona

Hi : re opening gate for bicycles.... If you are the dept that handles this.... There was a petition a couple of years ago to open the gate. I am a resident on Jackson, have a bike and a dog, so was in favor BUT ... I soon realized as I was driving one day , pulling over as usual to make way for another car to pass that, THIS STREET IS TOO NARROW/ DANGEROUS to have bike path entrance. Many bicyclers, of course, would be traveling down the street, destination Jackson Market, parking on n around Jackson ( all fine n fun) except NOT SAFE! CITY COULD BE LIABLE.  
I called the Park / Rec dept in charge of decision at the time (?) talked to interim person in charge who said they really hadn't realized this. Now I have heard there is talk again re opening the gate. PLEASE FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO PERSON IN CHARGE.  
Thank you, Carol  
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: New eComment for MOBILITY, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE on 2021-06-22 3:00 PM - Special Meeting  
Date: June 18, 2021 at 5:24 PM  
To: [REDACTED]

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Penelope Facher submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Lack of safety and traffic studies are a problem. Jackson is a very narrow dead end with 3 driveways in close proximity. There are already 2 entrance/exits within 6 blocks in both directions.

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