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Silver Lake pushes for the makeover of a busy intersection

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Silver Lake -- Missing sidewalks. No bike lanes. Gridlock.

These are just a few of the challenges facing pedestrians, cyclists and motorists as they navigate through the junction of **Glendale Boulevard, Fletcher Drive and Silver Ridge Avenue**. Now the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council wants to do something about it.

“I just wanted to get across the street and ride my bike safely,” said Marsian De Lellis, a council representative who has spearheaded this effort for the past three years. “It’s terrifying. It seems like it needed help.”

The criticisms of the intersection near the Astro Family Restaurant are numerous:

- There is no sidewalk on the westside of Glendale Boulevard from the busy intersection to European Motors. Pedestrians on that side of the street wishing to visit the Silver Lake Library or other businesses along that stretch must make four street crossings to the other side of Glendale and back.
- The intersection suffers from frequent gridlock and “blocking the box” as drivers make a left from Glendale to Fletcher.
- There are no bike lanes.
- The intersection has several potholes, and sections of the existing sidewalks are uneven.

The Silver Lake council, in a letter approved earlier this month, requested that City councilmembers Mitch O’Farell and Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to implement “critical mobility improvements,” **which were covered in a presentation**.

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Potential improvements to the intersection include installing a sidewalk on the westside of Glendale Boulevard, creating dedicated bike lanes, improving crosswalk safety, adding **pedestrian crosswalk scramble** and a roundabout.

Neighborhood council members say that a more pedestrian-friendly intersection would not only be safer but would reduce traffic and be beneficial to local businesses.