

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Friends of Micheltorena

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**Council File No:** 23-0306

**Comments for Public Posting:** Subject: The City must prioritize speed humps at Micheltorena Street Elementary School to protect our children Students' lives are at risk! Micheltorena Street Elementary is in urgent need of speed humps. To keep students safe from traffic violence, we urge you to add speed humps in front of the school. This includes the area on Micheltorena Street two blocks north of Sunset Blvd (between Berkeley Ave and Sunset Blvd). The Area The school is situated at the base of a steep hill at 1511 Micheltorena Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026. Cars and trucks regularly barrel down the street above the posted speed limit of 25 MPH. Vehicles frequently plow through stop signs. According to the The Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS), crash data from the last recorded decade, there were 13 crashes, with 17 injuries and 1 death on this stretch of Micheltorena. The student body of approximately 350 elementary age students—42% of which qualify for Title I funding—cannot access the school entrances safely. Background On May 2nd, in an article entitled, A day of school stabbings, crashes and suspected fentanyl overdoses sparks alarm at LAUSD, the Los Angeles Times reported that Mayor Bass met with Superintendent Carvalho, and they both pledged to take active measures to protect students from traffic violence. A week earlier, a mother was killed walking her daughter to school in the nearby neighborhood of Hancock Park. Her community had been requesting pedestrian safety improvements around the school for years. Later in May the Los Angeles City Council voted to establish a program to install speed humps at public elementary schools (Please see applicable council file 23-0306, "Speed Hump Program / Elementary Schools") in addition to LADOT's neighborhood speed hump program. The City Must Take Action We demand that the Mayor and the City Council follow through with haste on their promises to protect the elementary school children at Micheltorena Street Elementary by installing speed humps in front of the school. If discretionary funding is required, we can think of few transportation items more urgent than keeping school children safe. When LADOT reopens applications for speed humps in the fall, the school's speed hump application must take top priority. Respectfully, Friends of Micheltorena A nonprofit supporting Micheltorena Street Elementary School micheltorena.org



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Respectfully,

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## Appendix

[LA City Council moves forward with motion to build speed humps outside all public schools](#)

[Mom killed while walking daughter to school in Wilshire](#)