

September 7, 2005

Re: Setback for People's Path from 1600-2700 Mandeville Canyon Road

Dear Mr. Patonai:

I am writing in support of the Mandeville Canyon Association's (MCA) goal to provide an unobstructed safe passage along Mandeville Canyon Road. As you know, the MCA has established a People's Path that begins in lower Mandeville Canyon at Sunset Boulevard and extends north along Mandeville Canyon Road. This path includes decomposed granite paths, split rail fencing, benches, trash receptacles and has helped to create a safe environment for pedestrians, bicyclists and horses, as well as beautify the canyon.

I therefore request that as part of any approval for a revocable permit for improvements by private property owners along the road, that a minimum 10'-18' setback from the curb be required. The minimum 10' setback for the path should apply when the road narrows to 60' and property setbacks narrow to 18'; the setback for the path should scale up to 18' as the road widens to 100' and property setbacks widen to 35'. This will enable the installation of a 6' wide decomposed granite path a minimum 2' from the curb. The prohibition on structures such as walls, mailboxes, fences as well as landscaping within the minimum setback will ensure that any improvements accommodate the path and provide for safe passage for pedestrians.

Additionally, I would like to request that your office encourage applicants for revocable permits to contact the MCA prior to making any improvements. The contact persons for MCA is Nina Cohen and Marianne Perls. In addition, I encourage the Investigation and Enforcement Division of the Bureau of Street Services (formerly the Street Use Inspection Division) to enforce City codes that also improve visibility for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists on Mandeville Canyon Road.

MCA is committed to minimizing encroachments to facilitate unobstructed visibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

I hope you will continue to work closely with my staff and representatives of the MCA to create this setback requirement as I believe it will greatly benefit the overall community by providing a safer, more aesthetically pleasing and neighborly atmosphere.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any additional questions, please contact Andrea Epstein, my Brentwood Deputy, at 310-575-8461.

Sincerely yours,

BILL ROSENDAHL
Councilman, 11th District

cc: Nina Cohen and Mary Anne Perls
Karen Bowie, Street Services Investigator