

February 10, 2010

Chris Wrather
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Dear Chris,

In regards to the next scheduled Los Alamos/Santa Barbara County meeting, February 27th, it is my hope discussion will occur in regards to the dangerous traffic flow pattern at the west Highway 135/101 fork. Would you be kind enough to help direct me as to the best way to pursue this topic? As "traffic" is on the scheduled agenda, what is the suggested protocol for opening a successful dialog regarding this issue? Would it be advantageous to bring a list of signatures in support of implementing a change to this unsafe intersection?

The currently designed traffic pattern is inadequate and outdated. The intention to merge traffic from three different directions is unclear and poorly marked resulting in confusion for drivers. In addition, traffic heading southeast from 101 into Los Alamos is still traveling at freeway speed, unaware of the inconspicuously placed stop sign at the extreme right side of the road. Clearly many drivers appear to be oblivious to the opposing traffic that have no stop required, and as a result, frequent accidents are now the accepted "norm" at this location. It's a situation just prime for a tragedy to occur. As a concerned citizen, I feel the need to be proactive.

As the community grows, and as we encourage visitors to exit 101 and enjoy our town, this issue becomes increasingly urgent. I'm dedicated to this cause, but feel the need of guidance from one in the "know". I'm unsure how best to get the ball rolling. Would you be willing to lend me a hand? I value your expertise and subtle but powerful demeanor. My email address is: blackdog@acweb.com. Or, if easier for you, I can be reached in the evenings at home, 344-3690. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lisa Carman