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To: Lopez Village Subarea Planning Comments
Subject: Proposed changes to the traffic patterns and parking issues on EADS RD

Dear Lopez Village Planning Committee Members,

In response to the suggestion by Barbara Thomas I am writing my concerns one additional time to the LVPC. I have attended a number of scheduled meetings and made oral comments but an updated written record of concerns hopefully will give the committee a sense of the immediacy of this issue.

Traffic and parking on Eads Rd has become increasingly more dangerous with the increased operating hours of businesses on Eads Rd over the past year with large numbers of customers/clients. While the businesses are all cooperating in encouraging their clientele to use additional parking on Tower Rd, at specific times of the day there is no parking to be found for other businesses on Eads Rd and no place for foot traffic other than in the street because long vehicles are pulled up into the previous grass or walking areas close to Studio 25, the Vacation Rental and the Thrift Store. These vehicles also extend into the traffic lanes and reduce the ability for 2 lane traffic to safely pass each other. Vehicles often stop in the middle of the road to drop off and pick up children attending classes as there is no "loading" area. Reducing the traffic speed to 20 in the Village will help drivers be more careful but giving "walkers" and bicyclist safe designated areas to walk and ride will add to their protection taking them out of the area where traffic is moving, as well as when backing out of parking where now they are often unseen behind other cars.

Suggested solutions:

1. A walking path or sidewalk running along the side of Thrift Store, in front of Studio 25 and Vacation Rental with a curb "barrier" to prevent cars from pulling into this area and preventing foot traffic from accessing.
2. A loading zone in front of Studio 25 access stairs into the front of the building. This would provide studio artists a space to always be able to load and unload heavy materials into their studios. It would also give a safe loading/unloading space for children to go to their Crossfit Martial Arts classes without doing this in the middle of the road.
3. Making Eads Rd a one way street. Extra long vehicles parked in the diagonal spaces extend into the current traffic lane, reducing the space for 2 way traffic. This would also give extra road space for a lane that could be marked for safe bicycle use. During the summer months Eads Rd is one of the busiest foot/bicycle roads used in the village and currently the only space for this is in the middle of the road.
4. Designate parallel parking next to the back of the old market/current Crossfit business. (possibly one loading zone here also).

Thanks you for your support in making these suggestions a reality as soon as possible.

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