#### Santa Ana Avenue & University Drive Roadway Improvement & Community Park Project

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What will be the hours of operation for the park?

The City of Costa Mesa will establish the hours of operation in accordance with the Costa Mesa Municipal Code once construction is complete. City of Costa Mesa parks are typically open from dawn until dusk.

# Considering security, what are the mitigation measures considered to protect park-going residents, including the children?

The park design restricts the potential for small children to wander out of the park. The design incorporates two points of entry, a buffered area with a shallow drainage basin and vegetation, and a fenced perimeter. Other safety considerations include a red "No Parking" zone along the stretch of curb on University Drive directly adjacent to the park. The red curb area will discourage loitering and increase visibility for park users, residents, pedestrians, and those traveling through the area by bike or automobile. As part of the cooperative agreement, the City of Costa Mesa is to provide police patrol of the park as part of its operation and maintenance responsibility.

# Considering traffic, what are the mitigation measures considered to protect children playing in the park from unsafe/ speeding driving?

The perimeter fencing and walls will prevent children from wandering out of the park and into the street, and the red curb zone along the park edge will create open sightlines for increased visibility. Orange County Public Works will investigate additional safety signage near the park along the adjacent streets once construction is complete.

# Will the County make the curb in front of the park red? If so, what is being considered to mitigate the impact to available parking once those spaces have been taken away?

Yes. There are only three to five spaces impacted by the red curb located directly adjacent to the park on University Drive. Safety for area residents and park users is priority, as identified by the community from community meetings and survey results.

# Considering the surrounding demographic, including the sober living houses and transients, what mitigation measures are being considered to help minimize loitering in the park?

Increased visibility of the park due to the red curb. There are also no water supply features, restrooms, or available parking proposed, because the park is small and intended for hyper-local use by area residents who live within a close proximity. Park users will walk or bike to access the park.

#### Considering the surrounding residences, what measures are being taken to provide/maintain privacy?

Walls are proposed to separate the park from surrounding residences in order to provide privacy and a buffer for sound and light.

#### Considering the existing flooding conditions, will the proposed design improve flooding?

The proposed design will not worsen the existing flood conditions. The drainage basin in the park is designed to provide additional storage for stormwater runoff.

#### Will dogs be allowed at the park?

This is not a dog park. Bringing dogs to the park on a regular basis will be discouraged due to the lack of resources allocated to maintain a dog park. The City of Costa Mesa will establish specific rules for dogs.

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