



**WALK 1 – APRIL 30, 2007**  
**COMPILATION OF WALK SURVEYS**

**LOCATION #1:** *Along Sixth Avenue between Laurel and Quince streets*

1. Was it easy to cross Sixth Avenue to access Balboa Park?

1 - Yes      4 - Some problems:

3	Road was too wide
3	Needed striped crosswalks or traffic signals
2	Parked cars blocked our view of traffic
0	Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic
1	Traffic signals made us wait too long or did not give us enough time to cross
1	Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
	Something else:
	1. Speed of traffic; waiting for gaps
	2. Need Pedestrian access to signals

2. Did drivers behave well?

2 -Yes      2 - Some problems:

3	Drove too fast
2	Did not yield to people crossing the street
0	Turned into people crossing the street
0	Stopped too close to the crosswalk
0	Backed out of driveways without looking
1	Sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through traffic lights?
	Something else

3. What improvements would you like to see in this area?

5	Curb extensions at intersection corners
5	Well-defined ladder crosswalks
4	Traffic signal – Nutmeg, @curb ramps
0	Stop signs
2	Fewer vehicle lanes
3	Dedicated left turn lanes
2	Median in street
4	Improved biking conditions
1	Bike route
5	Traffic calming measures to slow traffic
4	Diagonal parking on east side of Sixth Ave

Other Comments / Ideas / Issues:

1. Concern re emergency vehicle access under Concept plan with median and 2 lanes plus parking on Sixth Ave.
2. Is it possible to add traffic signal so cars don't have the distance to speed up?
3. Radar speed indicators are already proposed and funded separate of this project.
4. Add trees to proposed street medians.
5. Crossing intersections are spaced too far apart to allow for "more convenient" access to and from Balboa Avenue across 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.
6. No right turn at Quince [from Sixth into the Park] prevents slower traffic from using Balboa Drive.
7. Countdown timer on pedestrian crossing.
8. Cobblestone or decorative crosswalk surface.
9. Pedestrian bridge over 6<sup>th</sup> Ave is safest approach to park and establishes a monumental entry to park.
10. Alternative to signals, if not warranted.

**LOCATION #2: Along Quince Street between Sixth and Fourth avenues**

1. Was it easy to cross Fourth and Fifth avenues when walking along Quince?

3 - Yes 2 - Some problems:

1	Road was too wide
1	Needed striped crosswalks or traffic signals
1	Parked cars blocked our view of traffic
0	Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic
0	Traffic signals made us wait too long or did not give us enough time to cross
0	Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
	Something else

2. Did drivers behave well?

2 - Yes 2 - Some problems:

2	Drove too fast
1	Did not yield to people crossing the street
0	Turned into people crossing the street
0	Stopped too close to the crosswalk
0	Backed out of driveways without looking
0	Sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through traffic lights?
	Something else

3. Was it easy to cross Fourth Avenue and use the Quince Street footbridge? Did drivers behave well?

Yes 3 - Some problems:

1	Road was too wide
4	Drivers going too fast
1	Drivers did not yield to people crossing the street
4	No sidewalks, paths, or shoulders
5	Needed striped crosswalks or traffic signals
4	Parked cars blocked our view of traffic
0	Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic
0	Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
	Something else:
	1. There needs to be some kind of pedestrian refuge at the entrance to footbridge. SANDAG grant is proposed to fund these improvements.
	2. Sidewalk repairs needed for ADA.

Other Comments / Ideas / Issues:

1. Consistent w/ the Canyonlands concept, have a greenway to link canyon beyond Quince to Balboa Park.
2. Obstacles like parking blocks in an area where the pedestrian way and parking lot are "blurred".
3. Development of Quince between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> should not impair visibility.
4. Create a Greenway between canyon and Park, instead of more parking with one lane of travel.
5. Add traffic signals at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Quince to slow traffic.

**LOCATION #3: *Along Nutmeg Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues***

1. In general, did you have room to walk?

4 - Yes    Some problems:

0	Sidewalks were broken, cracked, or uneven
0	Sidewalks were blocked with poles, signs, shrubbery, dumpsters, etc
2	Sidewalks too narrow
0	Too much traffic
	Something else

2. Was it easy to cross Fourth and Fifth avenues? Did drivers behave?

2 - Yes    2 - Some problems:

1	Road was too wide
3	Needed striped crosswalks or traffic signals
1	Parked cars blocked our view of traffic
1	Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic
0	Traffic signals made us wait too long or did not give us enough time to cross
0	Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
4	Drivers drove too fast
1	Drivers did not yield to people crossing the street
0	Drivers sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through traffic lights?
	Something else

3. What improvements would you like to see in this area?

3	Curb extensions at intersection corners
4	Well-defined ladder crosswalks
1	Traffic signal – where?
1	Stop signs
2	More diagonal parking on Nutmeg
2	Traffic calming measures to slow traffic
2	Bus stop amenities
	Something else (include below)

Other Comments / Ideas / Issues:

1. Keep “Spartan” [minimal amenities] bus stops to mitigate issues with people who might camp there.
2. Add a greenbelt instead of more parking.
3. Drainage concerns with proposed pop outs throughout the area.
4. Add two sides diagonal parking on Nutmeg between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
5. Sprinklers sprayed all over sidewalk – need adjusting.

**LOCATION #4: Sixth Avenue between Kalima and Laurel streets**

1. Was it easy to cross Sixth Avenue to access Balboa Park?

3 - Yes    3 - Some problems:

1	Road was too wide
2	Needed striped crosswalks or traffic signals
0	Parked cars blocked our view of traffic
0	Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic
2	Traffic signals made us wait too long or did not give us enough time to cross
1	Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
	Something else:
	1. Pedestrian access button not accessible

3. Did drivers behave well?

2 - Yes    2 - Some problems:

3	Drove too fast
0	Did not yield to people crossing the street
0	Turned into people crossing the street
2	Stopped too close to the crosswalk
0	Backed out of driveways without looking
0	Sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through traffic lights?
	Something else

3. What improvements would you like to see in this area?

1	Curb extensions at intersection corners
3	Well-defined ladder crosswalks
1	Traffic signal – where?
1	Stop signs
1	Fewer vehicle lanes
1	Dedicated left turn lanes
1	Median in street
0	Diagonal parking on east side of Sixth Ave
3	Traffic calming measures to slow traffic
2	Bike route
2	Safer biking conditions
	Something else (include below)

Other Comments / Ideas / Issues:

1. Ability for ADA individual to access the crossing activation button since it's not within a paved area.
2. Reverse diagonal parking.
3. Not enough time to cross 6<sup>th</sup> & Laurel.
4. Park West is laid out like midtown Manhattan- easy to go north-south, but Cross traffic is hell.
5. Sixth Ave crosswalks should be made to look more beautiful.
6. Sixth Ave medians should be planted with mature, tall, canopied trees.
7. Add traffic signal at 6<sup>th</sup> & Laurel.