Thank you so much for this newsletter and all the updates! I looked at the most recent Safer Streets proposals and I think the designs look fantastic. Love the idea of having more sidewalks for all of us who walk through the neighborhood every day. Seems like a great idea for pedestrians and drivers alike. (1)

Thanks for the work you are doing. Unfortunately I cannot attend the meeting on January 22.
I do a lot of walking on the sidewalks on 111- in IW, LQ and PD. I try to stay to the right but at times I have my 4 year old grandson with me and that is not possible. The problem is that cyclists are NOT calling out "on your left" or slowing down. It is dangerous. I saw someone walking recently that had a very near collision with a cyclist on the sidewalks.
I am glad the walks are wide enough to share but what can we do about this problem? Perhaps there can be signs posted every mile or so to remind cyclists to call out "on your left" and to slow down? I hope that you can consider this and help make our sidewalks safer too! (2)

Can seasonal residents attend this meeting via Zoom?
I hope this means IW is considering a SIDEWALK on Cook street. We walked to dinner over New Years
with my kids and my nephews in the dark from our residence at Dorado Villas to Don Diegos for a family meal. It was very dangerous. Even with flashlights.
THANK YOU for Safer Streets!!! I vote YES! (3)

To the tone deaf planning commission;
Why are we going forward with a project that has been clearly voiced by the residents it is not needed or wanted? You have not given any valid reasons for the project, or backed up any of your speculation of “safe streets” with fact based data. Stop spending our city’s resources on your own pet projects and do something constructive for once.
Keep Indian Wells as it is.... our founding fathers had it right. (4)

Dear team,
I appreciate your time and effort toward improving traffic, pedestrian and cyclist safety in Indian Wells!
As a resident of Casa Dorado, I endorse the proposed Safer Streets initiative to provide in/out access to our community from Rancho Palmeras.
Confusion and inconvenience by residents using Uber (the service regularly sends cars to the “exit only” Rancho Palmeras gate), by visitors using Google Maps (this service also misdirects visitors and service providers to the Rancho Palmeras gate) and by resident drivers wishing to reduce or avoid traffic on Highway 111 by using Fairway Drive to Rancho Palmeras as an entry point to Casa Dorado would all benefit from a decision by the City Council to allow in/out gate access to Casa Dorado from Rancho Palmeras.
Cycling in Indian Wells along our beautifully maintained roads is a pleasure. The ability to both exit and enter Casa Dorado on Rancho Palmeras using an entry keypad rather than a gate key when cycling will be great. Also, beginning and ending a ride on the less trafficked Rancho Palmeras, rather than Highway 111 seems like a safer and less worrisome way to start and end rides. An in/out gate on Rancho Palmeras would be a big plus for Casa Dorado’s cyclists. I can imagine Casa Dorado’s neighborhood walkers would hold a similar view on the convenience and safety of using an in/out gate on Rancho Palmeras. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the upcoming Safer Streets meeting on January 22. I hope my comments in this email will be added to the discussion. (5)

I was unable to attend the last Safer Streets meeting but was informed that there was a question whether there truly was a speed issue on Fairway Drive. Living on Fairway Drive, I know firsthand there is. This was shared by many during the Safer Streets meetings, in the community survey, and it was also communicated that numerous speeding tickets were given over the past few months. Whether it be speed humps, stop signs, pinches, something needs to be done!
I am imploring the Council to please consider this when making a final decision on actions for Fairway Drive.
From Safer Street webpage-
"This project aims to reduce speed, enhance mobility, and create a safer environment for all users.
The success of these efforts will rely on community outreach and active resident participation to ensure the improvements reflect the needs and preferences of Indian Wells citizens."
“Goals:"

- Reduce vehicle speed
- Enhance pedestrian safety
- Promote bicyclist safety
- Improve motorist safety
- Foster a culture of shared road use
- Engage the community for lasting impact

Thank you for your commitment to a safer Indian Wells. (6)

Hello,

I live in the Casa Dorado community. I'd like to request of the Planning Commission to please consider adding a second access into our community via our existing egress onto Rancho Palmeras. Our 22 acre property has become "land locked" over the last 60 years of existence with only (1) entrance off of Hwy 111. The Valley traffic has increased substantially over the years and it has become more and more difficult and dangerous at times for our residents to enter our community, specifically during high season (Oct-May). After watching what is happening in other areas of CA like LA and the wildfires any disaster that would keep us from getting quick access to our homes could be devastating.

Thank you for your time and consideration. (7)

Hello - I'm a resident/owner in Casa Dorado and am in favor of the changes to Rancho Palmeras that are proposed in this packet. Further, I'm in favor of making our Rancho P gate usable for both ingress and egress. It would not only be an added convenience but an added safety feature. Several times I have seen emergency vehicles try to get into our community through that gate (navigation systems send people there all the time) only to find that they have to go back out to 111 to enter. (8)

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As a concerned resident of Casa Dorado, I would very much appreciate the change of design to our side gate for both entry as well as exit! Two years ago a gentleman living in our complex DIED because the ambulance was directed to that Rancho Palmaras gate and could not get in to help! I find this tragic to say the least! It is an easy fix by the redesign of that gate for entry as well as exit! Thank you! (9)

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Thank you for the informative meeting yesterday, and the opportunity to provide input by email. I completed the survey yesterday online, but would just like to mention a couple of other details.

- I walk and cycle on the 111 pathway regularly, and rarely meet another soul. It's never an issue if a golf cart or cyclist needs to get by. The three functions can be combined.
- The undulating paths are beautiful, and if we can continue those on Eldorado, Rancho Palmeras, and/or Cook, that would be preferable.
- I don't often walk on Cook, but I walk on Eldorado and Rancho Palmeras daily. They don't feel very safe at all for pedestrians.
- Adding sidewalks on just one side of each street would be a huge improvement.
- Pedestrian crossings at Painted Desert and a few other strategic East-West spots, would provide instruction to drivers, and increase safety for pedestrians.

Thank you all! (10)

Dear Members of the Planning Commission & City Council,
Unfortunately I could not make any of the meeting times for this subject so I'd like to submit my speaker information via email.
Safety and Speeding on Fairway Drive
I had seen findings in Ty Peabody's IW Views that there were no significant speeding or safety issues found in data collection to quote, "According to speed studies, statistically speed is not an issue on Fairway". My living room and bedroom face the street. I hear people speeding later in the night especially on Friday and Saturday nights. I wonder how they get away with this. In terms of the data, I wanted to remind folks of the two accidents; on Fairway and El Dorado a driver lost control and hit a palm tree in the park (before it was completed) and on Indian Wells Lane at Fairway Drive when a driver ran into the gate to the golf course. So want to make sure everyone understands the speeding problem that is out there and the safety concerns due to that speeding. I'm not sure if these incidents were included in the data. I only saw one bicycle incident being called out.
Safety for Walkers at El Dorado and Fairway Drive
I walk the neighborhood daily as do many other residents. It's always great to see the same faces out getting exercise. It's always very stressful getting across Fairway Drive, especially at El Dorado because there is no sidewalk. Because there are already stop signs there, can we simply paint the road and have a sidewalk? I'm not sure about code and curbs on this. But it would be amazing to have a sense of safety getting across the road. Thank you for listening to my request in order to make the neighborhood safer. It's a great place to get out and walk, bike and run. (11)

Dear Planning,

I hope you do move forward with the sidewalks on Cook and Rancho Palmeras! It makes a huge difference to walking and biking in the community, and is much safer. Ideally, it would also motivate people to get out of their cars and use the paths. As a demographer, I can attest to this cultivating better community-wide mental and physical well-being. (I say this someone who just finished my term as President of the Association of Population Centers, the organization that oversees all the population centers devoted to population science and public health in the nation.)

Also, what was decided for Fairway and El Dorado? I cannot locate the final plans for those streets.

Thanks for all that you do to improve the life of the community! (12)

Hello - I am an Indian Wells resident and the president of the La Rocca HOA. I have been following the safer streets effort and wanted to share my input for the Cook St corridor. Sidewalks are greatly needed for the section between Highway 111 and Fairway. I see many pedestrians walking in the street which is of course very unsafe. Please consider adding sidewalks along that corridor. Thank you. (13)

I am an Indian Wells homeowner. I would enjoy seeing the following as part of your plan on COOK STREET:

1) a Pedestrian walkway on both sides of Cook Street.

2) a bench to rest while walking on both sides of the street

3) the bicycles are more dangerous than the cars - a means of controlling bicyclist who don't pay attention to pedestrians or cars

4) keeping cyclists OFF pedestrian walkways (if implemented)

5) Not everyone is an 'active' Senior in Indian Wells who can still cycle. Please keep the elderly and handicapped in mind.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Thank you. (14)

Hello, I'm 28 years old, and a resident of the Coachella Valley for 19 years.
The only way to make these two street safer is to reduce it to one lane, there is no need for two wide lanes for automobiles. There has never been traffic here for us us to be thankful that there are two lanes, and for reference, Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles just got reduced from two lanes to one lane so there's no excuse why we cannot do it here.
We need to have a conversation around the engineers of the Coachella Valley, and why they cater to the auto industry so much even though they know it causes more death.
We also need to have a conversation about our lack of public transportation. Please reduce the speed limit on these roads and put infrastructure above enforcement - because enforcement alone is not going to work in making our streets safer.
Thank You. (15)

I wanted to again make my preferences known to the Mayor and City Council, as well as the City Manager regarding the Safe Streets proposal(s) for specifically Fairway Drive, which is where I reside. As I have stated previously, as have many others from the street, Fairway traffic is fast and out of control at times. I am pleased that the speed limit was decreased and I think it has help tremendously. I do not think that there is a problem with bikers or golf carts, but I do add that carts heading East on Fairway should use the traffic lane and not try and use the bike lane as it is not wide enough. There is plenty of room for those using the north side of Fairway in a golf cart to stay in the parking/bike lanes heading West.

I do, however, think that the amount of traffic using Fairway is a problem. Perhaps they all need to use the street to get where they are going, but there seems to be more workers trucks and vehicles than there needs to be. I continue to be in favor of more stop signs. I know a study must be made, but want it known that one or two more along Fairway would help a great deal in either slowing traffic down and possibly lessening some of the unnecessary use by workers.

I am also in favor of speed humps. Again, there needs to be only one or two along Fairway. One excellent location would be half way between the entrance to the gated community of Dorado Villas and the first street you come to afterwards, Azure Hills. Any noise from larger work trucks going over the hump would not immediately impact residents as there is common area on both sides of the street at that location; in other words it would not be directly in front of someone's home that resides along Fairway. Even if that were the only hump I feel it would help to deter those workers using Fairway as a cut-through to bypass Highway 111.

I think it most generous at one of the last meetings when a representative of Dorado Villas offered up land for a sidewalk from Cook Street to their entrance. I would love to see that and also a cross walk from their entrance across Fairway to the South side of the street where the new sidewalk is proposed. I would also like to see crosswalk markings at the busier streets - across Cook at Fairway, across Fairway at Rancho Palmeras, and across Fairway and Eldorado at that corner (MUCH NEEDED HERE).

Lastly, I am for a sidewalk on the South side of Fairway meandering down the common area/easement with attractive landscaping here and here. I have in the past wanted just DG but since seeing the sidewalk installed at the corner of Highway 111 and Eldorado I would also be happy with concrete. Thank you all for all the work you have put into this project and for your time and consideration of the above. (16)