



PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BIKING SAFETY INITIATIVE IN MANDEVILLE CANYON AND ITS RIDGES

- 1. PROMOTE AN EDUCATION PROGRAM:** MCA will support and participate in an organized education program involving the City of LA, Canyon residents and the cycling clubs who train in Mandeville Canyon. We will use our monthly newsletter and website to highlight the necessity to follow the laws and maintain courtesy and heightened safety when encountering bicyclists on the roadways. In addition we support a similar education program to be promoted through the bike shops and cycling clubs. To facilitate the implementation of such an education program MCA agrees to meet quarterly with the Mandeville-Cycling Task Force to address canyon-cycling issues with the goal that education will promote compromise and safety.
- 2. REPAVE MANDEVILLE CANYON:** Mandeville Canyon Road is pitted and eroded especially along the side making riding on the outside of the road hazardous.
- 3. INCREASE POLICE ENFORCEMENT:** MCA supports, and indeed, strongly requests additional city resources to address more comprehensive compliance with the law. This would include both motorists and cyclists. The police need to more routinely patrol the road.
- 4. PERFORM LADOT STUDY:** LADOT pledged a safety study on Lower Westridge Road in March 2008. This study has not been completed. Even more than Mandeville Canyon Road, Westridge Road presents a hazardous situation to motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists who all share narrow, curving and poorly surfaced roadways with little or no walkways. Visibility is poor and several residents leave their driveways only through the aide of mirrors. Poor lighting complicates the situation further. (see 3/11/08 letter to Pauline Chan of LADOT)
- 5. ISSUE PERMITS FOR CYCLING EVENTS:** MCA supports that the City require permits for group rides (including "training" rides) in Mandeville Canyon in excess of 50 riders. Such a sized group creates excessive stress and strain on Mandeville Canyon Road. Permits should require insurance and volunteer presence at every stop sign to insure safety. Police and paramedic presence should be considered as necessary.