

**City of Costa Mesa**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Service Request Follow-up**  
**Meeting Date: October 4, 2004**

TO: Honorable City Council  
FROM: William J. Morris, Director of Public Services  
DATE: October 22, 2004  
SUBJECT: Detour on Placentia Avenue for Weekend of October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

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During "public comments" at your October 4, 2004 City Council meeting, Ms. Shereshevsky expressed concern about a convoluted detour on Placentia Avenue, and the need to provide more explicit directions.

Staff established detours utilizing arterial streets, whenever possible. Residential streets were only used if there was no other route available. In addition, detour routes were selected for established protected turning movements.

Staff has reviewed this matter and will provide more signage in the future. Additional detour signs will be installed along detour routes with signage indicating which streets are closed and for local access use only. It appears that at times there was insufficient signage to prevent commuters from using streets that were not part of the detour routes.

**Saturday, October 2, 2004**

The contractor paved Placentia Avenue from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to north of Victoria Street.

Eastbound traffic on Victoria Street was detoured by signage north on National Avenue to Wilson Street, and then east.

Westbound traffic on Victoria Street was detoured by signage south onto Pomona Avenue, west on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, and then north on Placentia Avenue. Even though there was no detour signage, drivers were using Pomona Avenue northbound from Victoria Street to Wilson Street, and then waiting at the T-intersection of Wilson Street/Pomona Avenue because they could not handle the traffic capacity. Staff timed all of the routes and determined that it was twice as fast to use the detour to 19<sup>th</sup> Street than to use Wilson Street.

North-south traffic was maintained on Placentia Avenue through the intersection of Victoria Street in order to provide access to the businesses on Placentia Avenue.

**Sunday, October 3, 2004**

The contractor paved Placentia Avenue from north of Victoria Street to Wilson Street. The intersection of Wilson Street/Placentia Avenue was closed, and access was only provided to residents residing on Placentia Avenue between Wilson Street and Victoria Street.

Eastbound traffic on Wilson Street was detoured at National Avenue to Victoria Street.

Westbound traffic on Wilson Street was detoured at Pomona Avenue to Victoria Street.

Southbound traffic on Placentia Avenue was detoured at Joann Street to Pomona Avenue, and then to Victoria Street. A lighted message board was placed on Placentia Avenue at Fairview Park, warning drivers that Placentia Avenue was closed at Wilson Street.

Northbound traffic on Placentia Avenue was detoured at Victoria Street to Pomona Avenue, and then to Joann Street.

Please contact Ernesto Munoz, City Engineer, if there are any questions, or if additional information is needed.

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Ms. Shereshevsky