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Ponte Vista traffic study wanted

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn is asking that a new traffic study be done on the proposed 2,300-home Ponte Vista development on Western Avenue in San Pedro.

The request was the subject of a letter written this week by Hahn to Gail Goldberg, general manager of the city's Planning Department, and Gloria Jeff, general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

The housing proposal has sparked intense debate within the community about impacts, particularly traffic on Western Avenue.

"There continues to be significant concerns as to the findings of the original traffic study and the traffic count that was reviewed," Hahn wrote. "For example, I understand this study may have occurred while a sinkhole was being repaired on Western Avenue, which I believe would have impacted the traffic count along this major corridor."

Hahn also asked for a new study of available funding to computerize traffic signals on the busy thoroughfare to ensure the work would be completed concurrently with the construction of Ponte Vista.