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Lessons Learned in a Crosswalk

Mayvis Coyle, who is 82, became internationally famous when the [Los Angeles Daily News](#) first reported that she was fined \$114 by a Los Angeles Police Department officer for [jawkalking](#) at a busy intersection in the San Fernando Valley.

"I'd rather not have angry pedestrians," Los Angeles police Sgt. Mike Zaboski of the Valley Traffic Division said in [USA Today](#). "But I'd rather have them be alive."

Commentator Steve Lopez of the [Los Angeles Times](#) went to that [intersection](#) in Sunland, California where Mayvis Coyle was ticketed in February. He wanted to find out for himself if he could use that same crosswalk within the allotted time. Afterwards Lopez said, "I was able to make it across just as the flashing light switched to a solid "Don't Walk," but barely. In all, I had 27 seconds — a tough test for a senior citizen." He added, "You can cross the border illegally and be left alone, but we're ticketing people crossing intersections?"

In the state capital, The Sacramento Bee [commented](#), "California continues to rank high nationally for pedestrian injuries and deaths but low on per capita spending to protect pedestrians and encourage walking."

Perhaps public officials at both state and local levels should consider improvements in sidewalks, crosswalks, benches (where pedestrians can rest), road design, signalization and traffic monitoring. Such enhancements would benefit us all—whether we travel on foot or in a vehicle.

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