



Just a few blocks away from posh Beverly Hills and glamorous Sunset Strip, your travel4seniors.com editor hikes along Santa Monica Boulevard at 10 am and 2 pm. I see lovely scenery, chauffeured limos, costly condos, upscale stores, fashionable shoppers and familiar celebs. Other daily sights are not quite so pleasant.

The street is also Route 66 that ends at the ocean in the city of Santa Monica. It's daily haven

for the homeless. Sidewalks are resting and toilet places after nights of drink and/or drugs. Some set up temporary cardboard shelters. Others stand at grocery entrances, begging for money and food.

The sidewalks are hazardous to families and elderly travelers. Not only from homeless, but by even more dangerous bikers and scooter riders who illegally race along the walkways. So, if you're old and tour these city streets, be sure to follow all safety rules. And by the way, did I mention the fresh dog poo and peepee deposited along fragrant West Hollywood sidewalks?