

La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board

MINUTES

Chairman: Mark Broido

Vice Chairman: Joe LaCava

Secretary: Sherri Lightner

MEETING – April 24, 2007

CHECK ATTENDANCE PLEASE

Present: John Beaver (LJTC), Mary Coakley (CPA), Jim Heaton (Late LJSA), Joe LaCava (BRCC), Todd Lesser (LJSA), Sherri Lightner (Alt – LJSA), Lance Peto (Late CPA), George Sutton (BRCC), Van Van Inwegan (LJTC).

Absent: Reza Ghasemi (PLJ), Deborah Marengo (PLJ)

City Staff: Gary Pence

REGULAR MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER 4:10 p.m. by the Chair Mark Broido

It was announced that the Chabad Center project would not be heard, because there is no completed traffic study available.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved. There were no corrections to the minutes of the March meeting and they were deemed approved by the Chair.

Public Comment;

- Mary Coakley asked if the Board could inquire about the streetlights, which remain out along Vallecitos and Camino del Oro and Camino del Sol. They have remained out for several months – since the water main break by the Sea Lodge. Ms. Coakley will give Mr. Broido the locations of the streetlights and he will forward the concerns to the City.
- Joe La Cava asked if the cross streets on La Jolla Blvd that are impacted by the traffic back up from the stop light at Nautilus could have Keep Clear markings. Mr. Pence will look at the timing of the traffic light at Nautilus and return with a recommendation.
- Sue Geller expressed concern about the amount of traffic queuing at the Hidden Valley Road/Torrey Pines Road/La Jolla Parkway during the time frames of 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM. She expressed concern that it was a dangerous situation and asked if anything could be done to fix it.

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- Van Van Inwegan raised a concern about the roundabout at Midway and La Jolla Blvd. The vegetation is overgrown and impairs visibility. Mr. LaCava said that it is not the City's responsibility yet. It is still the responsibility of the developer for Seahaus. The roundabout will be under City control in about 2 months.
- Lance Peto noted the loss of a pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection of South Coast Blvd. and Coast Blvd in the vicinity of the Climbing Wall. There is a curb pop out for the pedestrian crossing. He noticed a vehicle running over it, because there is no sign and it is not clear how the street works in this area. The sign needs to be replaced and can the City use reflective material?

Comments from the Chair:

- La Jolla Elementary/Gillespie Flashing Light Crosswalk: Mr. Pence said that the donation has been received for this project. It requires San Diego City Council approval for the money to be transferred to the CIP. The project is in the signature process right now. After that is complete it will be docketed at City Council. Mr. Pence will check to see where in the signature process it is.
- The temporary stop signs for Senn Way will be on the next CPA meeting's agenda. They were on the agenda for the March meeting, but the meeting was adjourned before the item was heard. The proposal for temporary stop signs was unanimously approved (8-0) by the T&T Board at the December 13, 2006 meeting.
- The crash cushion for the k-rail on eastbound La Jolla Parkway still needs another bid and then it is not clear how the replacement will be installed.
- Mr. La Cava led discussion about how to track the actions of the T&T Board. The idea would be to track what the Board has approved and where in the process the items are. He provided an update of the Bird Rock Traffic Calming Plan. Phase I (the neighborhood streets portion) came in under bid and will start the end of June and should be completed before school starts. Improvements to the Boulevard will start the end of August and should take about seven months to complete. This is the type of tracking for all projects that might be helpful.

Mr. Broido will do a draft of a tracking system that will post actions by the Board and track the progress of projects/issues.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Girard/Genter Roundabout Discussion: Certain residents have asked that the Board consider the potential for converting this intersection into a roundabout. – Gary Pence, P.E., City of San Diego.

The intersection's situation right now is the best for pedestrian safety. It is legal to do a "U" turn at the intersection (southbound Girard at Genter), but there is a disabled space in front of the office building south of La Jolla Elementary School. Proposal is to move the double yellow line towards the west side of Girard and consider. Educate the public that a U-turn is allowed at the intersection.

MOTION: The La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board recommends that the City restripe the [Girard Avenue and Genter Street] intersection – the middle of the street and the east side curb – so that a "U" turn is a viable option at all times. (Lesser/Heaton: 8-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. Next meeting at 4:00 p.m. on May 24, 2007. Auditorium at the Rec Center.

Submitted by Sherri Lightner, 4/30/07