

# La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Chairman: Todd Lesser**

**Vice Chairman: Joe LaCava**

**Secretary: Vacant**

**MEETING – 28 January 2010**

**PRESENT:** John Beaver (LJTC), Joe Dicks (LJSA), Mary Coakley (CPA), Joe LaCava (BRCC), Todd Lesser (LJSA), Van Inwegan (LJTC).

Meeting called to order by Todd Lesser Chair at about 4:10 pm.

### **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Costello: La Jolla CPA elections are coming up in March with 6 seats available. Candidates must announce at the February 4 meeting. Since some trustees will not be re-running it is a good opportunity for new folks. You can become a Member by attending the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and be eligible to vote in the March election.

Tim Schenck: Announcing a tour business to bring downtown tourists to La Jolla. Will be using Greyline tour buses. Will start in March probably a few days week with a goal to be full time by summer. Already presented at Promote La Jolla and has heard concerns about where buses park. Seeking comments and feedback on his proposal. Lesser noted concerns in the Shores with buses idling in the business district. Coakley wished him good luck. Schenck added that tour will come from downtown and then stop first at Mount Soledad before heading to the Village and the Cove, perhaps continuing on to the Shores.

John Beaver: Asked whether Dr. Igor Grant had requested a stop sign at Belvedere and Monte Vista, problem with excessive speeds. Beaver will follow up with Grant. General discussion re use of Stop Signs as traffic control devices.

Joe LaCava: Noted that public outreach and refinements on the Rainbow Curb effort have been completed and we can expect that it will be fully implemented by February. Originally projected to yield about 60 spaces, this effort will yield 45 new on-street parking spaces.

LaCava noted that T&T approved a no Left Turn sign on La Jolla Scenic North at Moonridge for 730-900a. The city reviewed the situation and peak traffic patterns and decided to extend the ban until 1000a.

Sally Miller (via Joe LaCava): Concern re sight distance at the La Jolla Scenic North on-ramp to La Jolla Parkway. The lush growth of the pine trees and the poor condition of the ramp make merging difficult. Discussion ensued emphasizing the challenge of using the ramp in light of the high speed of eastbound traffic on La Jolla Parkway.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:** None

### **AGENDA ITEMS.**

1. **La Jolla Half Marathon**, April 25, 2010, presented by Robin Cahill. Cahill explained that the event will be the same as past years in terms of street closures.

**MOTION: To Approve Proposal (Coakley/Inwegan), 6-0-0.**

## **2. Change Speed Limit on La Jolla Boulevard**

Proposal to change the speed limit on La Jolla Boulevard between Camino de la Costa and Gravilla Street from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Lesser read the letter from the city explaining the proposed change adding that speed surveys found the 85% speed to be 37 mph and thus it was eligible for lowering to 30 mph. LaCava talked about the confusion that would ensue from having multiple speed limits as one traveled La Jolla Boulevard from Pacific Beach to the Village. Lesser expressed concern that slower speed limits on main arterials may lead drivers to use residential side streets. Costello noted that if the 85% is 37mph then 35mph seems more practical. Coakley saw no benefit to discouraging speeding. Beaver travels this route extensively and never sees police enforcement while see frequent enforcement in the 25mph zone to the north. Perhaps occasional police enforcement would be effective in controlling speeders.

**MOTION: To deny the request (Inwegan/Coakley), 5-1-0.**

Dicks in opposition.

## **3. “Do Not Block” Signs and painting intersection of Pearl and Fay**

Proposal to install signs and painting the intersection of Pearl and Fay.

Much discussion on whether this is really necessary at a signalized intersection. Fay Avenue is a very obvious cross street easily visible to drivers on Pearl. Would signage and marketing really deter drivers?

**MOTION: To deny the request (Inwegan/Coakley), 6-0-0.**

## **4. Change Speed Limit on Torrey Pines Road**

Proposal to change the speed limit on Torrey Pines Road between Pottery Park Driveway and North Torrey Pines Road from 45mph to 40mph.

Lesser read the letter from the City explaining the change. Costello noted that the city offered no statistics (85%) to support the proposal. Inwegan thought cycling the traffic signals might be more effective to calm traffic. Discussion that reducing speed limit doesn't affect speeders, although Dicks though it was helpful. Discussions that the “S” curves present a potential safety issue even at the posted speed limit.

**MOTION: To support speed limit reduction (Dicks/Beaver), 5-1-0.**

Inwegan in opposition.

## **5. Blue Zone on Public Streets**

Many individuals and businesses are applying for Blue zones in front of their homes or businesses.

Lesser noted that the Rainbow Curb initiative seem to work very well for engaging public input for community wide changes. Suggested a similar approach might work for managing blue zones. Also suggested that perhaps blue zones should be designated in front of homes with adequate off-street parking. Some have noted that some blue zones are no longer used as original requester has moved on. ADA has new requirement for blue zones for on-street parking (ratio may be 1 per 20 spaces or so); therefore, blue zones should be strategically located rather than ad hoc implementation. Inwegan wondered what evidence is needed to secure a blue zone. Lesser recommended a blue zone survey to be followed by a comprehensive plan. Goal is for optimizing on-street parking in the Village while complying with ADA requirements. With board members generally supporting the idea, Lesser offered to find volunteers to work on this.