

**LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting: Wednesday January 20 2016**

**Members Present:** Dave Abrams (Chairperson) LJCPA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea LJTC, Patrick Ryan BRCC, Brian Earley LJSA, Nancy Warwick LJVMA

**Members Absent:** Earl Van Inwegen LJTC, John Kassar, LJSA, Corey Bailey LJVMA

**Approve Minutes:** of Wednesday December 16 2015. **Motion to Approve Minutes: Brady, Second: Ryan 5-0-1 (Warwick)**

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:** Sally Miller and Stuart (?) representing La Jolla Parks and Beaches Inc. were asked by their Board to speak about Bike Safety issues at the Fay Ave ext. Bike Path. They identified some safety issues on the Bike Path at Via Del Norte and La Canada. Sally asked if she was at the right Board to have these safety issues addressed and Dave allowed her to continue on saying T&T could look at the issues. Sally advised that perhaps it should be on T&T's Agenda and Dave asked her if she could encapsulate her thoughts, but it turned into a 10 minute presentation.

The Bike Path at Via Del Norte has no Ramp where the Bikes can easily slide off the curb to the Street. There was a car parked on the street just at the end of the bike path on Via Del Norte that blocked visibility for the bicyclists exiting the bike path to the street and she requested a red strip be painted to prevent cars from parking there. She requested that a Stop Proceed with Caution Sign be put up on the Bike Path to warn bicyclists that there may be cars travelling while they are exiting the bike path and skateboard deterrents to slow cars down as they drive near the bike path. Sally clarified that there are several pedestrian signs on Via Del Norte but on La Canada there is just one and that area needs more than just one.

Stuart presented pictures of the hazard conditions along the bike path to the Board. Sally went on to ask if a Street Sweeper could clean the bike path of the dirt and debris that washed on to the bike path from the rain storm to make it safer for the bicyclists. Dave is not sure if that is a street maintenance issue or a parks maintenance issue and Sally advised that it was not a parks maintenance issue. Ann Kerr Bache was in the audience and advised Sally that she could request a street sweeper through the City of San Diego website.

Dave asked Sally to put her findings from her bike safety study on paper and email it to him so he can put her on next month's Agenda.

**Agenda Item 1: Village Parking Time-Limit Review:** Report from Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Cont'd Item

Due to time constraints Patrick is handing the Chair of this subcommittee to Tom and stepping down. Tom agreed to take it until June. A parking time limit survey was created and the remaining subcommittee members plan on delivering it to a group of 35-40 businesses and offices on both sides of Fay Ave between Kline and Silverado. The Survey asks if they prefer extending the parking length of stay from 60 minutes to 90 minutes or 2 hours and would an extension either benefit or hinder their business. It explains the pros and cons of a parking time limit extension.

**Pro:** Increasing the length of stay may allow visitors to remain longer in the area and spend more time at businesses before returning to move their cars. Visitors may receive fewer "overstay" parking tickets.

**Con:** Increasing the length of stay may reduce vehicle "turnover". The longer a vehicle remains parked, the fewer other people may have access to parking in order to visit local businesses.

If the subcommittee gets good results from the survey and it is deemed a success they will target another Block with the goal of surveying block to block within the Village.

The Ad Hoc subcommittee was formed after an Article in the La Jolla Light suggested standardized parking time limits for the Village which favored some businesses but upset others.

**Agenda Item 2: La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival:** Ann Kerr Bache Temporary Road Closures and No Parking areas related to the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Event on Sunday December 4 2016: **Action Item**

Ann introduced Mike Carlin, Parade Director, to the Board. Ann Chairs the Event but Mike directs it. The Parade Route steps off at Girard Avenue and Kline Street at 1:30 travels down Girard to Prospect Street and then turns left to finish at the La Jolla Recreation Center. The Parade ends at 3 pm and the Holiday Festival starts 2:00pm to 4:30pm at the La Jolla Rec Center. Everything is dark and cleaned up by 5pm. There have been no changes to the Parade Route for 10-15 years.

Per city policy they put out the street closures and no parking signs 72 hours in advance of parade day and take pictures to document the signs are up. Throughout the 72 hours leading up to parade day crews check on the street closure and no parking signs to ensure they have not been knocked over.

**Parade Day No Parking and Tow Away Zones**

*Both sides of Ivanhoe between Ivanhoe East and Torrey Pines Rd.*

*Both sides of Girard between Torrey Pines and Kline.*

*Both sides of Kline between Ivanhoe and Fay.*

*Both sides of Herschel between Torrey Pines and Silverado.*

*Both sides of Torrey Pines between Herschel and Virginia Way.*

*Vehicles will be towed promptly @ 9:30 am*

*Both sides of Girard between Kline and Prospect.*

*Both sides of Prospect between Girard and La Jolla Blvd.*

*Both sides of Draper between Silverado and Kline.*

*Vehicles will be towed promptly @ 11:30 am*

The 2015 annual event held last month had to tow just 9 vehicles. At the 2014 event they towed 30 cars. Boy Scout Troop 506 places around 4000 Flyers on car windshields in the tow away zones Saturday night through Sunday morning alerting to the No Parking on parade day so there is considerable attention to getting the word out and mitigating the number of cars that need to be towed. The City thanked them for their efforts for having such a large tow away zone and only 9 vehicles towed. They want to get to 0 towed vehicles this year.

Board discussion centered on the signage. The print on the no parking signs is small and does not often get the drivers attention. Ann explained the Police Dept has a vendor they have to use, Acme Safety and Supply, who supplies the signs to them. Ann cannot change the signage. The signs are all standardized. When she goes to the Police Dept for the Permit she has to sign a form that she will use their signs, this is standard operating procedure. Mike Carlin told the Board that this is something that all special events have to use. Nancy spoke of the 3 days before the event causing difficulty with the businesses over the no parking signs. She has a web page full of different size signs that show dates and times more clearly. Ann needs permission from the City to use them. She is requesting that LJT&T, as well as the Village Merchants Association, send her an email expressing concerns over the signage. She will use this back up documentation to try to get them changed. Ann believes that if she has some support from the community groups it would help her when she goes to the City.

There is also an issue with the Street Closure signs that must go up 2 weeks in advance of the event. Several village merchants complained to the City when signs were put up that Prospect Street will be closed for an event but their businesses were not on the parade route and that section of Prospect was not going to be closed. The City gave parade officials permission to place the signs in more specific areas of Prospect Street.

At last month's event the parade director had his own flyers that read "this is a tow away zone please read the signs" (no parking signs) he attached them to the barricades that were placed in the middle of the Streets. He believes this is the reason there were just 9 vehicles that had to be towed and he is going to do that again this year.

When asked if anyone in the Audience had a question Sally Miller thanked Ann for continually referring to her Event as the La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival. Sally stressed how important it was to the Community that it be referred to as The Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival to avoid antagonizing residents who have issues with this annual event. Sally asked Ashley Macklin (La Jolla Light) sitting in the audience to refer to it as The La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival when she writes about the annual event for the newspaper.

Brian asked if we were voting on the Parade itself or the street closure/ no parking areas. Dave clarified that LJT&T is voting on the temporary road closures and no parking areas for an annual event taking place on December 4 2016.

**Motion to Approve as proposed: Ryan, Second Brady 6-0-0**

Nancy requested that T&T put on our Agenda the issue we are having with the signage and Dave agreed to put it on as an Agenda Item. Ann advised that all special events must use these same no parking signs and if T&T wants to change them the Board needs to address the issues with Cindy Kodama, Special Events Coordinator. This is something the Board does want to pursue and Dave will contact Cindy.

**Agenda Item 3: Su Casa Redevelopment Project at 6738 La Jolla Blvd:** C.A. Marengo: Public Right of Way Vacation outside of the travel-way to accommodate underground parking structure: **Action Item**

The land being vacated from the PROW is underground and will not affect traffic patterns. Underground garages are being proposed to avoid unworkable traffic patterns. The project site is adjacent to serpentine streets at the north and south sides. Mr. Marengo requests encroachment into the rights-of-way of Playa del Norte and Playa del Sur. This will be a below-grade transfer of the right-of-way below the streets for the purpose of the garage, but also to make the sidewalks surrounding the Building more uniform. Currently sidewalks are narrow in some places and wider in others. Mr. Marengo intends to make them more uniform throughout the project area but the curb line will not change.

Board Comments centered on asked how far the encroachment goes under the street. Mr. Marengo clarified that the encroachment goes 2 feet underground as far as the sidewalk without going into the street. There are utilities he wants to avoid underground which are at the street level. Patrick questioned why T&T is hearing this project since it does not affect traffic or transportation. Tom spoke about the DPR committee requesting that T&T hear the project because of the public right of way vacation and Dave clarified that it is under T&T's purview. The project does not adversely affect land use and should be approved. **Motion to Approve Su Casa Redevelopment Project: Brady, Second: Ryan 6-0-0**

**Agenda Item 4: Increase Speed Limit on Soledad Mountain Road:** City Staff proposal to increase speed limit between Pacifica Drive and Soledad Road from 35 mph to 40 mph: **Action Item**

*This is regarding the posted speed limit on Soledad Mountain Road between Pacifica Drive and Soledad Road in the community La Jolla. Local governments must follow the procedures set by the State of California when setting speed limits on public streets.*

*The California Speed Trap Law (California Vehicle Code Section 40802) requires that the City survey the prevailing speeds on classified streets every seven years in order to keep our speed limits radar enforceable under the provisions of the law.*

*We have recently surveyed the above segment of Soledad Mountain Road and the results of the study indicate that the existing posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour for both the southbound and northbound directions of traffic must be raised to 40 miles per hour in order to remain radar enforceable. Therefore, we will be changing the speed limit in both directions from 35 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour.*

Board discussion centered on communication. No Residents on any of the affected streets are appearing before the Board to protest the speed limit increases. Patrick asked if the residents even know about what is going on. David answered that about 200 monthly LJT&T Agendas are e-mailed to its Membership list, La Jolla Community Planning Assoc. also e-mails the LJT&T monthly Agenda to its Membership List, and the Agenda is posted outside the Rec Center. Orrin Gabsch is out of Town but wanted to convey to the Board his support for the increased speed limit on Soledad Mountain Road. Tom spoke of Drivers going even faster than 40 on Soledad Mountain Road. Patrick continued with the reactions of the residents to the increased speed limits once the signs go up on their Streets. After the changes are made they will appear before the Board wanting them to be changed back. David spoke about the City just trying to enforce their speed limit laws but cannot do so if the speed limits remain the same on these streets due to the California Speed Trap Law.

Brian made a motion to oppose or postpone the speed limit increases because T&T should not be increasing speed limits on residential streets; the City should be communicating to them (residents on the streets) about the increases. The Board did not support his motion. Nancy will support the Motion to Increase if a condition can be attached that the City send a Letter to the Residents but the City will be posting signs of the speed limit changes on the affected Streets.

**Motion to Approve Speed Limit Increase on Soledad Mountain Road: Brady, Second: Aprea 5-1-0 (Earley)**

**Agenda Item 5: Increase Speed Limit on La Jolla Boulevard:** City Staff Proposal to increase speed limit between Gravilla Street and Pearl Street from 25 mph to 30 mph: **Action Item**  
*This is regarding the posted speed limit on La Jolla Boulevard between Gravilla Street and Pearl Street in the community La Jolla. Local governments must follow the procedures set by the State of California when setting speed limits on public streets.*

*The California Speed Trap Law (California Vehicle Code Section 40802) requires that the City survey the prevailing speeds on classified streets every seven years in order to keep our speed limits radar enforceable under the provisions of the law.*

*We have recently surveyed the above segment of La Jolla Boulevard and the results of the study indicate that the existing posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour for both the southbound and northbound directions of traffic must be raised to 30 miles per hour in order to remain radar enforceable. Therefore, we will be changing the speed limit in both directions from 25 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.*

Short board discussion centered on the section of La Jolla Boulevard between Gravilla and Pearl as mostly being businesses with few residents. The speed limit increase on this Street directly affects Agenda Item 3 the Su Casa Redevelopment Project at 6738 La Jolla Blvd.

**Motion to Approve Speed Limit Increase on La Jolla Boulevard: Ryan, Second: Warwick 5-1-0 (Earley)**

**Agenda Item 6: Increase Speed Limit on La Jolla Scenic Drive South:** City Staff proposal to increase speed limit between La Jolla Mesa Drive and Soledad Park Road from 25 mph to 30 mph. **Action Item**

*This is regarding the posted speed limit on La Jolla Scenic Drive South between La Mesa Drive and Soledad Park Road in the community La Jolla. Local governments must follow the procedures set by the State of California when setting speed limits on public streets.*

*The California Speed Trap Law (California Vehicle Code Section 40802) requires that the City survey the prevailing speeds on classified streets every seven years in order to keep our speed limits radar enforceable under the provisions of the law.*

*We have recently surveyed the above segment of La Jolla Scenic Drive and the results of the study indicate that the existing posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour for both the southbound and northbound directions of traffic must be raised to 30 miles per hour in order to remain radar enforceable. Therefore, we will be changing the speed limit in both directions from 25 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.*

Mr. Ed Ward appeared before the Board last year requesting the speed limit be increased on La Jolla Scenic Drive South. Gail Forbes sitting in the audience asked if Schools would be affected by the increase. The Board believes School Zones should remain at 25 mph when School is in session.

**Motion to Approve Speed Limit Increase on La Jolla Scenic Drive South: Brady, Second: Warwick 5-1-0 (Earley)**

**Agenda Item 7: Election of Replacement Vice Chair:** fill position held by former member Michelle Fulks: **Action Item:**

John Kassar LJSA agreed to fill the Vice Chair position.

**Motion to Approve John Kassar as Vice Chair: Brady, Second: Ryan. 6-0-0**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm

Next meeting is on Wednesday February 17 2016

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aperia, Secretary