

LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Regular Meeting: Monday November 19, 2018

Members Present: Dave Abrams (Chairperson) LJCPA, Brian Earley (Vice Chairperson) LJSA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea LJTC, Nancy Warwick LJTC, Patrick Ryan BRCC, Erik Gantzel BRCC, Aaron Goulding LJVMA, Ross Rudolph LJSA

Members Absent: None

LJT&T welcomed Ross Rudolph MD representing La Jolla Shores Assn. Ross replaces Darryl Tschirn who moved away from La Jolla. La Jolla Village Merchants Association has not yet named a replacement for Alisha Hawrylszyn Frank currently leaving the Board with nine members.

Approve Minutes of: October 17, 2018 **Motion to Approve: Brady, Second: Goulding 6-0-3 (Earley, Warwick, Rudolph)**

Public Comments on Non-Agenda LJT&T Matters:

Sally Miller: Requests "Keep Clear" signage on Nautilus Street at the corners of Aranda Ave, Avenida Mirola, Avenida la Reina, and Manana Place. Parents are dropping their children off to school in the mornings and picking them up in the afternoon with little regard for neighbors trying to enter and exit their streets. The 'keep clear' signage would allow them to get in and out of their streets safely. Dave advised she should make arrangements to be placed on the December Agenda for Board Discussion.

Diane Wall: Requests to be placed on the December Agenda to discuss safety conditions at the crosswalk on Genter Street crossing Fay Avenue. She will request blinking lights for the crosswalk. She lives on Genter Street and sees the hazardous conditions crossing the street and is concerned for the safety of her son who was nearly hit by a car, as well as other pedestrians. She believes the blinking lights will alert drivers to pedestrians in the crosswalk making it safer to cross the street. Aaron asked for clarification on the location of the crosswalk she is referring to and she responded it is the crosswalk on Genter St. crossing Fay Ave.

Agenda Item 1: Resident Petition for Speed Humps (Cont'd Item) on Bonair Street between La Jolla Boulevard and Draper Ave (Roland Stroebel) **Action Item**

At the October 17, 2018 LJT&T Meeting, Agenda Item 6, Roland Stroebel requested Speed Humps for Bonair St between La Jolla Blvd and Draper Ave. Mr. Stroebel is a homeowner on Bonair Street. Drivers treat his street like it's a drag strip and he has school-aged children. He polled his neighbors and he believes he would have 100% support for speed humps on Bonair. Homeowners have to do something about slowing down the traffic before one of their kids gets hit. He is here to ask what he needs to do to take it to the next level. Dave explained because of the length of the street and abutting properties that will be impacted there has to be a Petition process he would have to complete. Dave can send him the Petition or refer him to the City who can provide it for him. He will have to get 75% of the homeowners in a target area and once the Petition is completed and the City verifies it, he will return to the Board.

Mr. Stroebel presented his Petition for the speed humps on Bonair St and informed the Board he was successful in getting 80% of the homeowners in his target area to sign it. There are 25 homeowners in

his target area and he got 20 of the 25 to sign his Petition; two other homes are vacation rentals. Residents on the street are enthusiastic for them and one mother of two daughters wrote a letter to the Board in support of them. Mr. Stroebel provided a map pointing out how Bonair Street is used as a main artery to get to Nautilus and Soledad.

Ross Clark another homeowner on Bonair was present at the October Meeting and spoke to the need for the speed humps but is not present at this Meeting. Mr. Stroebel does not have his signature on the Petition but knows he would have signed it to make it #21. He can go back and get his signature if the Board absolutely needs it but he already has 80% of the target area.

Motion to accept the Petition as is including any further signatures and forward to the City with the recommendation to consider the Speed Humps for Bonair Street between Draper Ave and La Jolla Boulevard: Ryan, Second: Gantzel 9-0-0

Mr. Stroebel asked the Board what happens next and Dave responded that it will go on the Consent Agenda at LJCPA as well as to the City. Mr. Stroebel advised Dave that he spoke to the Lieutenant at the Fire Dept about the speed humps for Bonair Street and the Lieutenant said they would not be a concern of theirs since they do not use Bonair to access Nautilus Street. If the Fire Dept had a problem with it he would not have pursued the petition process for them. City Staff will take that into consideration.

Agenda Item 2: Resident Request for “Right Turn Only” Sign (Cont’d Item) at Exchange Place intersection with Torrey Pines Rd (Byrne Eger) Action Item

At the October 17, 2018 LJT&T Meeting, Agenda Item 3, Byrne Eger requested two ‘Right Turn Only’ traffic signs at Exchange Place intersection with Torrey Pines Rd. One sign for Exchange Place and one for Torrey Pines Rd. Byrne advises that there are two traffic lights within a block or two from Exchange Place so it is really not an inconvenience to drivers and making that left turn from Exchange Place is a hazard especially at rush hour. Drivers are trying to cross four lanes of traffic to make the turn and it is creating a hazardous condition at the Intersection. It is already difficult to make a right turn when drivers trying to make that left turn from Exchange Pl onto Torrey Pines Rd are backing up traffic. The Board was split with three Members voting for the traffic signs and three Members voting against it favoring the petition process. Byrne agreed to circulate a Petition in the neighborhood of Exchange Place and Torrey Pines Rd.

Byrne was successful in getting signatures for her “Right Turn Only” Traffic signs reporting that Residents she spoke to were very supportive of them and no one was against them. She enlisted the help of Catharine Douglass who surveyed the homes between Virginia Way and Torrey Pines Rd and Ed Witt who surveyed homes around the Park Row area. Catharine clarified that it is the ‘Right Turn Only’ signs that they want because they do not want drivers going straight across the 4 lanes of traffic on Torrey Pines. Catharine was careful to get everyone who would be affected by the traffic signs to sign the Petitions and no one turned her down.

Dave noted that there are ‘Right Turn Only’ traffic signs on Herschel and Ivanhoe and signage should be consistent for Exchange Place. Brian asked for clarification on where the signs would be placed and there would a traffic sign at the end of Exchange Place on both sides of Torrey Pines Road. Tom supports the Right Turn Only signs since he has also been stuck in traffic on Exchange Place behind a driver waiting to make a left turn.

Motion to Approve two ‘Right Turn Only’ traffic signs for the Intersection of Exchange Place on both sides of Torrey Pines Road: Brady, Second: Warwick 9-0-0

Agenda Item 3: Report from City on Resident Request for Left Turn Signals for north and southbound Fay Ave at Pearl Street Intersection (Byrne Eger) **Discussion Item**

At the October 17, 2018 LJT&T Meeting, Agenda Item 4, Byrne Eger requested Left Turn Green Arrow Signals for North and South-bound Fay Ave at the Pearl Street Intersection. There are left turn green arrow signals on Pearl Street for east and west bound traffic but there are no left turn green arrow signals on Fay Ave for north and south bound traffic. When school gets out there are a steady stream of cars that prevent making the left turn onto Pearl Street from Fay Ave. Having left turn green arrow signals will assist drivers on Fay Ave in making the left turn onto Pearl Street.

Motion to Approve Resident Request for Left Turn Signals for North and South bound Fay Avenue at Pearl Street Intersection: Brady, Second: Goulding 6-0-0

City response: *We have completed our Left Turn Phase evaluation recently for Fay Avenue @ Pearl Street. Based on our findings we do not recommend the installation of Left Turn phasing (green arrow). We evaluate based on vehicle delay, collision history, vehicle volume, and visibility.*

The City provided the results of their evaluation survey to the Board. Byrne noted that school was not in session when they conducted their Survey on August 10. Patrick interpreted the results of their Survey for the Board which shows that criteria was not met for a left turn green arrow signal on Fay Ave for north and south bound Pearl Street when the morning and afternoon surveys were conducted. The volume of cars needed to justify the left turn green arrow was not sufficient enough to warrant the signalization. Tom noted that when school is in session traffic is backed up on Fay Ave all the way to Genter Street and it takes a gutsy car to be able to make the left turn from Fay onto Pearl Street.

Dave advised that he would contact City staff about evaluating the intersection when school is in session but Patrick noted that there was a second delay of left turn vehicle evaluation done on November 1st between 2:00-3:00 pm. Again, the criteria were not met and school was in session at that time.

City Staff informed Dave that they are hesitant to add left turn signalization because it adds another cycle and they are trying to keep traffic flowing at the intersections. Pearl Street has more volume of traffic than Fay Ave so the cycle is a little longer for Pearl than it is for Fay. There is nothing more the Board can do to pursue the left turn green arrow signalization at this time.

Agenda Item 4: Report from City on Resident Request for Elimination of Parking Space on Prospect Place east of Torrey Pines Rd (Gail Forbes) **Discussion Item**

At the August 15, 2018 LJT&T Meeting, Agenda Item 7, Gail Forbes and Carol Munoz requested Elimination of a Parking Space on Prospect Place east of Torrey Pines Rd Intersection to facilitate right turns of large trucks and eliminate lane blockages. The parking spots' proximity to the corner and the limited turning radius from Torrey Pines onto Prospect St's single lane restricts access for oversize trucks, tour buses and larger construction vehicles. Traffic in the right turn lane on Torrey Pines becomes gridlocked until the exiting village traffic, in the left turn lane on Prospect, clears sufficiently enough to permit a turn by the large vehicles. Their turns must be wide to avoid hitting the parked cars on the right and they briefly end up in the left turn lane on Prospect St. Sometimes this is two or three cycles of the signal and traffic on Torrey Pines slows and congests in the interim. Gail believes that by removing the first parking spot adjacent to the red curb, that is only about 8.5' long on the curve, the radius would be sufficient for a large truck to easily make the turn. It would be easier to red curb that first parking space on the right side of Prospect than reconfiguring the white lines on Prospect Street.

Motion to request City evaluation and recommendation for the removal of one parking space adjacent to red curb on Prospect Place East of Torrey Pines Rd: Brady, Second: Earley 7-0-0

City response: *We have completed the evaluation of this request and at this moment we do not recommend removing the parking space at the intersection of Torrey Pines Road and Prospect Place. During the evaluation it was determined that the constraint on this intersection for oversized vehicles is the radius connecting the intersection and not the parked vehicles. The closer the oversized vehicles are to curb the smaller the radius that it will have in order to accomplish this turning movement without encroaching in the sidewalk, truncated domes, and traffic signal pole. Therefore, we do not recommend removing this parking space on Prospect Place.*

Gail is not surprised by the City evaluation and believes the two lanes need to be restriped to provide the appropriate radius. Patrick believed it was the way the street is configured and not the radius that was the problem but Board discussion in August favored the elimination of the parking space as an easier means than restriping the street. City Staff offered no further recommendations for the issue. Dave will contact Oscar Cortes to inquire about other measures the City can provide to facilitate the right turns of commercial vehicles onto Prospect Place.

Agenda Item 5: Report from City on Resident Request for Lighted Pedestrian Crosswalk at Girard Ave/Silverado St intersection (Byrne Eger) Discussion Item

At the October 17, 2018 LJT&T Meeting, Agenda Item 5, Byrne Eger requested a Lighted Pedestrian Crosswalk at the Girard Ave and Silverado St intersection in front of the Union Bank. There is currently a 4-way stop at that Intersection. Drivers stop but Pedestrians step off the curb without seeing them and go out into the intersection. Tourists walking in the area do not watch out for traffic, they just step off the curb into the Intersection. She has seen cars swerving to avoid hitting them and drivers already in the middle of the Intersection stop all together which causes back-ups. Tourists who are driving do not look where they are going if they are searching for their destination point. Byrne believes someone is going to get killed in the intersection. Ideally, she would want a 5-way so Pedestrians could walk diagonally across the street but she would settle for any lights to alert drivers to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Motion to refer Girard Ave at Silverado St Intersection to City Engineers for analysis of possible solutions regarding request for lighted pedestrian crosswalk: Ryan, Second: Goulding 6-0-0

City response: *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) prohibits the use of flashing crosswalks and the yellow flashing beacons at stop-controlled locations so we don't recommend installing either at this location.*

Dave clarifies the City's response that there is already a four-way controlled stop at the intersection and that is sufficient for the crosswalk.

Agenda Item 6: Report from City on Resident Request for Signage on Princess Street at Torrey Pines Rd (Janie Emerson) Discussion Item

At the August 15, 2018 LJT&T Meeting, Agenda Item 1, Janie Emerson requested Signage on Princess Street at Torrey Pines Road to alert drivers to the newly installed pedestrian crosswalk. The new HAWK Pedestrian Crosswalk on Torrey Pines Rd is just south of Princess Street. There are crosswalk signs on Torrey Pines alerting drivers to the pedestrian crosswalk ahead but there are no crosswalk signs alerting drivers coming from Princess St onto Torrey Pines. Princess St has an incline, drivers are looking at traffic

both ways to pull out of the street but as soon as they make that turn, they are on the crosswalk. Janie explained the crosswalk is just two car lengths from the corner of Princess Street.

City response: *Noor Kasto, City Traffic Engineer, made a site visit and checked all the Pedestrian Warning signs and made sure that the existing Beacon has been installed following all the standards per MUTCD. Making a right turn from Princess St onto Torrey Pines is stop controlled where the driver must come to a complete stop and gradually make a right turn. There are adequate signs on both directions and we do not recommend any additional signs at this time.*

Janie Emerson is not present at this Meeting to appeal the City's decision.

Agenda Item 7: Petition Request to Eliminate No Parking spaces on west side of La Jolla Boulevard north of Marine Street (Gloria Green) **Action Item**

Gloria Green, owner of Verdes El Rancho at 7404 La Jolla Boulevard and Tyler Nelson owner of Carino's Italian Restaurant at 7408 La Jolla Boulevard are here with Carole Sabin to discuss the loss of badly needed parking spaces as a result of a request by LJT&T to ask the City to evaluate the Marine Street Intersection for safety concerns.

On October 24, 2018 San Diego City Services painted the northeast corner of Marine St at La Jolla Boulevard red curb eliminating three highly used parking spaces. There remain now just three regular 2-hr parking spaces and one 15-minute space for four Businesses in the 7400 Block of La Jolla Boulevard to share. This action was the result of one La Jolla Resident's complaint about the safety of crossing Marine Street. They are now witnessing cars taking the corner of Marine St at even faster speeds because of the open space and business owners on the 7400 Block, as well as Carole Sabin, are requesting the parking spaces be reinstated and other methods of traffic calming be considered.

At the August 15, 2018 LJT&T Meeting, Agenda Item 2, Carole Sabin, her son Todd Sabin, and grandson Max Sabin spoke of concerns for the traffic conditions at the La Jolla Boulevard and Marine Street Intersection. Ms. Sabin walks in the area of La Jolla Boulevard and Marine Street every day. There are many short-term vacation rentals in this area which brings a lot of tourists not familiar with the streets. She sees individuals and families walking to and from Verdes El Rancho at 7404 LJ Blvd and Carino's at 7408 LJ Blvd. She also sees drivers making left and right turns onto Marine Street from LJ Blvd that have blind spots in some places not allowing pedestrians to see the drivers and drivers not seeing pedestrians. She has not seen an accident but she has seen so many near misses that she became concerned enough about them to appear before the Board to tell us about them.

Dave asked the City to evaluate the Marine St at La Jolla Boulevard Intersection and the City's response was to eliminate three parking spaces; two on the corner of Marine Street and one on La Jolla Boulevard.

Gloria Green circulated a petition among neighboring Business Owners and their Customers to reinstate those lost parking spaces and is now presenting it to the Board.

Ms. Green explains that previously there were seven parking spaces for three Businesses in the 7400 block, the two restaurants and a Hair Salon, but now there just four parking spaces. She expressed some concern that the City eliminated those three parking spaces without consulting anyone on the Block. She is here to ask that LJT&T reinstate those three parking spaces that were eliminated. Ms. Green also informed the Board that eliminating those parking spaces did not help to slow traffic down or make the

intersection any safer because now it is wide open and drivers are making the turn at higher rates of speed because there are no cars to act as a barrier.

Carole Sabin informed the Board that she met with Noor Kasto to go over the Intersection and she pointed out to Noor the safety issues that had concerned her. Noor told Ms. Sabin she intended to have the three parking spaces red curbed to address the pedestrian safety issues. Ms. Sabin did not see how eliminating three badly needed parking spaces was going to address the safety issues at the Intersection and told Noor that those parking spaces were needed for the Businesses and she did not want the red curb but the City went ahead with it anyway. She was disappointed in the City response to her concerns and she offered to sign Gloria Green's Petition to reinstate the lost parking spaces.

Brian asked about the 15-minute parking space that was eliminated with the two parking spaces that were 2 hr. time limited and asked them if it was the 15-minute parking space they wanted returned. Both Ms. Green and Mr. Nelson responded they would prefer a 2-hr. The 15-minute parking space used to be for a liquor store that has been gone from the Block for a long time and to have all three parking spaces reinstalled as 2-hr time limited would be ideal.

Motion to reinstate the three parking spaces that were removed from Marine Street at La Jolla Boulevard Intersection; two from Marine Street and one from La Jolla Boulevard all as 2hr time limited parking: Ryan, Second: Goulding 9-0-0

Adjournment: at 4:45 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 19, 2018

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary