

**LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting: March 21, 2018**

**Members Present:** Dave Abrams (Chairperson) LJCPA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea LJTC, Nancy Warwick LJTC, Brian Earley LJSA, Darryl Tschirn LJSA, Corey Bailey LJVMA, Aaron Goulding LJVMA, Erik Gentzel BRCC

**Members Absent:** Patrick Ryan, BRCC

**Approve Minutes of:** January 17, 2018 **Motion to Approve: Brady, Second: Tschirn 6-0-2**  
(Earley, Warwick) Bailey not available to vote

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Matters:**  
No Public Comments

The Board bid farewell to Corey Bailey LJVMA. Corey is attending his last Meeting. Dave thanked Corey for his service throughout the years representing the La Jolla Village Merchants Association.

Zoe Kleinbub who is here presenting Agenda Item 4 La Jolla Boulevard Traffic Calming has requested to be heard first as she has two small children waiting for her at home.

**Agenda Item 4: La Jolla Boulevard Traffic Calming-** Consideration of City Staff Suggested Pedestrian Refuge Island at Mira Monte Intersection. (Zoe Kleinbub) **Action Item**

Ms. Kleinbub resides on Avenida Cresta and wrote a letter to Mayor Kevin Faulconer describing the traffic conditions on La Jolla Boulevard between Palomar and La Canada Street. The stretch between these two streets has no traffic protection. There are crosswalks and signs but they are not clearly defined and are hard to see and read. She requested a speed assessment that determined motorists are traveling at speeds over 45 mph when the speed limit is 30 mph. Ms. Kleinbub advised the Board that if one car does stop at the crosswalk for pedestrians crossing the Boulevard another car behind it will pull out and try to pass the first car that was stopped not seeing the pedestrians in the crosswalk. She is requesting Lights and other traffic calming measures to assist in crossing the Boulevard safely and slowing traffic down.

Ms. Kleinbub had previously contacted the City's Engineering Department and Oscar Cortes, Associate Transportation Engineer for the City, approved flashing beacons for:

*La Jolla Boulevard and La Canada*  
*La Jolla Boulevard and Via Del Norte*  
*La Jolla Boulevard and Winamar Avenue*  
*La Jolla Boulevard and Mira Monte*

The flashing beacons are considered Operational items that do not require community approval, but unfortunately they are currently on the City's unfunded needs list. Additionally, the pedestrian refuge island for the intersection at La Jolla Boulevard and Mira Monte was also added to the unfunded needs list. A pedestrian refuge island is a raised section of pavement between two lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions; it allows pedestrians to stop in the center of the boulevard so they can split the crossing into two stages for each direction of traffic. The City is asking for community input regarding the island.

Mauricio Medina, Council Representative to Barbara Bry, explains that the flashing beacon lights and refuge island for La Jolla Boulevard will have to compete with various other projects that are presently on the unfunded needs list. He informed the Board that the Draper Ave Speed Lumps that this Board approved at the November 2017 meeting just recently became funded and was removed from the list so projects on the unfunded needs list can take anywhere from six months to a year to become funded.

Ms. Kleinbub asked what it would take to speed up the process. Mauricio will take the need for the flashing beacons on La Jolla Boulevard and use the Council District One Office to try and push the need through however it would be helpful if she had community support behind her to pressure the need as well.

Tom asked if the flashing beacons were pedestrian crosswalk signs. Ms. Kleinbub responded that there is a flashing beacon by the 7-11 and by Su Casa on La Jolla Boulevard but there are no more flashing beacons on that stretch of the Boulevard until Bird Rock. They are pedestrian activated push buttons that flash lights to alert drivers that a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. The drivers can see the flashing lights but Tom noted that for the pedestrian it is more difficult to see the flashing lights and for them to figure out if it's safe to walk across. Ms. Kleinbub explained that these flashing beacons make a beeping sound that lets the pedestrian know that it's activated. Tom advised that the flashing beacons on Coast Boulevard by Casa Manana do not make that beeping sound. Ms. Kleinbub responded that there may be newer technology with the flashing beacons at Bird Rock. Dave will ask Oscar Cortes if the flashing beacons will have some kind of warning sound to alert pedestrians it is activated.

Daryl can see from the conceptual design that the pedestrian refuge island will narrow the lanes from two lanes to one lane in the vicinity of the island and asked if that was part of traffic calming. Ms Kleinbub replied that it was just an extra step to slow the traffic down at the pedestrian crosswalk but there will still be two lanes. She is unsure of how it's going to be installed. Darryl asked her if the refuge island is going to prevent one driver from passing another driver if one is stopped for a pedestrian and Ms. Kleinbub responded that it would prevent that from happening.

**Motion to Approve City Staff Suggested Pedestrian Refuge Island in La Jolla Blvd. near Mira Monte Intersection:**

**Brady, Second: Gantzel 8-0-1 (Bailey)**

**Agenda Item 1: Junior League of San Diego Food and Wine Festival-** Request for Temporary No Parking on Coast Blvd adjacent to Scripps Park related to the 18<sup>th</sup> annual event on May 4 – 5, 2018 (Briana Barbier) **Action Item**

Over 50 of San Diego's best restaurants and beverage purveyors will be offering flavorful bites, wines, brews and spirits in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser for The Junior League of San Diego. Proceeds raised from the Event are used to fund Mission Based Community Programs targeted to improve the lives of San Diego County Transition Aged Foster Youth, Homelessness, and individuals affected by Human Trafficking.

There are no street closures for Coast Boulevard but they are requesting that 15 parking spaces be closed off for two days for their load in and load out of vendors.

Set up: Friday 5/4/18 6:00 am  
Event Starts: Saturday 5/5/18 12:00pm  
Event Ends: Saturday 5/5/18 5:00pm  
Dismantle: Saturday 5/5/18 7pm

Average attendance at this Event nears 1,200 attendees and they raise around \$130,000. They are an all-volunteer group so all of the money raised goes towards their community programs. They have valet parking available for their guests.

**Motion to Approve Request for Temporary No Parking on Coast Boulevard adjacent to Scripps Park related to the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Junior League of San Diego Food and Wine Festival Event on May 4-5, 2018: Earley, Second: Warwick 9-0-0**

**Agenda Item 2: Hillside Drive Construction Issues (Con't Item)** Request by Residents to consider 1. Truck Weight Limit; 2. Damaged Condition of the Road; 3. Violation of Parking Restrictions (Diane Kane) **Action Item**

Hillside Drive is a boundary between two separate planning groups and these two planning groups do not coordinate their activities with one another. The north side of Hillside comes under the La Jolla Shores PDO (Planned District Ordinance). The other side of Hillside comes under La Jolla Shores DPR (Development Permit Review). Not only are there two different planning groups there are also two different sets of regulations and that is affecting what is going on in the street in terms of community character. They have a lot of construction activity that is happening all at the same time. The road is in extremely bad shape and is getting worse as a result of all of the construction vehicles that are required to get these projects built.

Oversized vehicles are wiping out resident properties because the turns are so tight that they cannot make it around the turn. They are causing residential property damage, they are blocking the road, and they are severely damaging Hillside Drive. Diane requested a truck prohibition and a Traffic Engineer contacted her and told her that a traffic study would have to be done for Truck Prohibition Signage. A study area was established by the City and 75% of the

residents in this study area would have to sign a petition or the City will not study it. They also advised Diane if their study evaluation concludes with a truck prohibition it will not pertain to any of the projects that are currently underway or about to be permitted which defeats her efforts. There are multiple on-going projects and multiple future projects scheduled for Hillside.

A quorum was not met at the February 21, 2018 LJT&T Meeting so the Hillside Drive Construction Issues Agenda Item was continued to this Meeting. The continuation would also give Diane time to complete her Petition of the study area the City designed for Hillside Drive. Diane is now advising the Board that she tried but was not able to complete the Petition for the traffic study. Within the Study area 40% of the Residents signed her Petition, 30% of the parcels are owned by people who do not live in La Jolla, 20% are owned by Developers and the remainder are people who are undecided and concerned about unintended consequences.

Diane contacted Barbara Bry's Office and was told that the Study is already being conducted but Diane has not been able to verify that without the Petition. Diane had a conversation last week with Sherri Lightner who informed her that Council Members can request a Traffic Study be done and a Petition is not needed. Diane believes this may be the result of a Council Members intervention since her Petition could not be completed. Diane received an email from the Head of a Department that the Study was proceeding but Mauricio who is in the audience was not able to confirm that and Diane is trying to ascertain if she received good information. Dave asked Mauricio if he would double check on that information for her.

In the interim between the Traffic Study and the construction projects that are currently being reviewed by the La Jolla Shores PDO and the La Jolla Shore DPR it appears extra effort is being made on future projects regarding set up of staging areas to keep the oversized construction vehicles from choking Hillside. One project about to go into production will be using a staging area to keep construction vehicles off the Road and was featured in the La Jolla Light as an example to other projects.

Diane touched on the drainage issues affecting Hillside from all of the various construction projects taking place at the same time. There has been rain but not a heavy downpour. The Road is so damaged that a heavy downpour would result in flooding, erosion, and a possible slide. Diane contacted the City and there was a crew out on Hillside this past week working on a drainage assessment. On the last two projects that went to Review the City has required retention pots on site. A new city policy seems to be that all run off generated by hardscape and construction on a parcel needs to be handled on the parcel. This policy is in effect for two parcels but there are many more parcels under construction generating run off that is seeping under the road and causing erosion under the road bed which could cause a failure at some point.

Aaron asked if there was any way to limit the size of the building on these parcels. Aaron drove up and down Hillside and he did not see any of the issues that Diane has been complaining about but he did speak to the monster-sized buildings on those parcels. He also reports that there was plenty of parking on the Street and he has it on videotape. Nancy Manno disagreed

with Aaron over the parking issue. There is No Parking allowed anywhere on Hillside. Aaron saw open parking areas because finally there has been some police enforcement in the past two weeks targeting illegal parking. Aaron did not see any no parking signs but both Diane and Nancy asked him to review his video because there are 33 no parking signs on Hillside Drive. Aaron went on to speak of the monster size of those homes being built on those parcels which is the reason for the oversized construction vehicles damaging the road and addressed the need for mirrors since there are blind curves and drivers were flying down the street at the time he was on it. It is a 15 mph zone driving around the curve and Aaron reported one driver going 25 mph around the curve that nearly hit him. The traffic on Hillside was horrendous and perhaps it needs to be blocked off at one end. Aaron believes traffic conditions should be part of the problem on Hillside. Diane responded that there are a multitude of complex problems on Hillside and multiple agencies involved with them but no one is coordinating a resolution.

Dave considers Diane's suggestion to ask the La Jolla Community Planning Association to set up a sub-committee specifically to reach a comprehensive resolution to the issues facing Hillside Drive is a wise thing to do because the problems overlap and interact with several La Jolla Committees and no one Committee can resolve them individually.

Brian asked if the La Jolla CPA has a history of forming ad-hoc sub committees and Dave responded that he believes that they do. Diane confirmed that they do because she just served on an ad-hoc committee to look at over-scaled buildings in La Jolla. Nancy Manno is a former Trustee of LJCPA and she noted that Tom also serves on LJCPA and there have been a number of ad-hoc committees established during her years on the Board. Tom agrees that the LJCPA is the appropriate committee for this matter. However he feels that the parking issues should be addressed by LJT&T. Nancy responded to Tom that her husband already addressed the parking issues in a face-to-face meeting with the Police Department and that is why Aaron did not see any parking issues when he drove up Hillside. Residents have seen Police actively targeting illegal parking for about a week and a half now.

Stuck trucks on Hillside has appeared as LJT&T Agenda Items in the past and Aaron asked Diane why she is not asking for a traffic light at the end of Hillside as part of her wish list. Diane responded that the Torrey Pines Renovation Project is currently underway and Mauricio affirmed that there will be a hawk (high intensity activated crosswalk) signal just south of Princess Street.

**Motion to Recommend the La Jolla Community Planning Association set up an Ad Hoc committee to develop a traffic management plan for Hillside Drive that is currently experiencing a great deal of construction activity causing numerous negative impacts: Brady, Second: Goulding 9-0-0**

**Agenda Item 3: Request for Formation of Transit Subcommittee:** For consideration of use of funds for shuttle bus to Mid-Coast Trolley and possible changes to La Jolla Bus Routes (Dan Allen)

At the gathering of Board members on February 21, 2018 where the scheduled LJT&T Meeting could not be formally held due to lack of a quorum, Dan suggested LJT&T set up a transit subcommittee or ask Community Planning Association to set one up to hold discussions with MTS and Sandag about what best to do with \$388,000.00 that remains in an account to support a shuttle into the Village. Dan is advising us to act now in setting up a committee before the Mid-Coast Trolley is up and running. This sub-committee should address whether La Jolla needs a separate shuttle service or whether the #30 Bus can be rerouted to use as a shuttle service. Currently there is no easy way to get to the Trolley from La Jolla.

Dave asked about the Coastal Access and Parking Board that has jurisdiction over those funds. Dan responded that Committee never seems to meet. The \$388,000.00 has been whittled down to about \$270,000.00 and there is not much that can be done with that amount now. Tom believes that the La Jolla Village Merchants Association should have a direct interest in the shuttle and serve on this sub-committee Dan is requesting.

Corey has experience with this going back seven years ago. He was given multiple examples and shown why there are problems with the shuttle bus plan and why that Committee (Coastal Access and Parking) is deadlocked. There has never been a model business or financial plan that could remotely sustain a Shuttle Service.

Elaine Malt commented that Sandag is creating a new plan as of 2019 and they are accepting a lot of public input right now so that the plan that they create will make sense to the people who live here. She thinks it might be a good idea to create this Committee to look into the Shuttle and then see how it could feed into, or input could be given, to Sandag to see how it could integrate with what they are doing. She believes now is the time to be working on public transit ideas because the Region will be creating a plan that will go forward in 2019.

Dave asked if any Members of LJT&T would be interested in serving on this sub-committee. Dave, Tom, Erik and Dan will meet to brainstorm ideas and bring it back to the Board to discuss whether this is a LJT&T issue or it belongs at the LJCPA level.

Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Next Meeting: April 18, 2018

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary