

LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Annual Meeting: Wednesday June 19, 2019

Members Present: Dave Abrams (Chairperson) LJCPA, Brian Earley (Vice Chairperson) LJSA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea (Secretary) LJTC, Nancy Warwick LJTC, Natalie Aguirre LJVMA, Robert Mackey LJVMA, Ross Rudolph LJSA

Members Absent: Patrick Ryan BRCC, Erik Gantzel BRCC

Approve Minutes of: May 15, 2019 **Motion to Approve:** Brady, **Second:** Mackey 7-0-1 (Earley)

Public Comments on Non-Agenda LJ&T Matters:

Three local school girls –

Daphne - they are local ninth grade Girl Scout Cadets Troop 23859 working to complete their Silver Award. Their goal is to have an accessible pedestrian signal (APS) installed at an intersection in their community they feel will benefit from the device. An APS is an audible device that helps visually impaired pedestrians safely cross the street by instructing them to wait, informing them when it is safe to cross, and then begin to count down the amount of time they have left to safely cross the street. The APS device would benefit all pedestrians for the same reasons.

Annette - they consulted with former City Council Member Sherri Lightner, Kris McFadden Director of the Department of Transportation and Storm Water and the Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation and Storm Water. In addition, they visited the Braille Institute and learned how people who are blind deal with their everyday lives. They realized how an APS device could aid people dealing with sight loss to safely cross the street. They visited the White Sands Retirement Community with a survey to gain feedback on the importance of an APS device and what intersection would be most beneficial to them. They initiated a petition drive at the La Jolla open-air market for the installation of an APS at the intersection of Girard Ave and Torrey Pines Rd and over fifty people signed their petition.

Scarlet- they chose the Girard Ave at Torrey Pines Rd intersection for an APS installation because they believe the signal device at that intersection to be unfair. The crosswalk going north on Girard is confusing because pedestrians step off when the Light turns green which they are not supposed to because of drivers making the right turn. This intersection is also frequently populated by students from the many schools in the area. They want to know if it is feasible to install an APS device at this location and if so, they request to be placed on the unfunded needs list.

Mauricio Medina advised that there is an APS device installed on Draper Ave at Pearl Street. The Girl Scout Cadets are advocating for the device to be installed at Girard Ave and Torrey Pines Rd as well. Dave will follow up with City Staff and request they investigate if an APS can be placed at this location.

Ira Parker is proposing to be placed on the July Agenda to discuss the feasibility of identifying one or two board members to make up a subcommittee with him to brainstorm how to reinforce the safety measures of the blinking flashing lights on La Jolla Blvd. Recently, a young girl on a scooter was clipped in the crosswalk with the blinking lights flashing. The blinking lights are giving pedestrians a false sense of security because when drivers see the blinking lights, they speed up to make it through the crosswalk before the pedestrians do in an effort to avoid having to stop for them. He is suggesting that the yellow bulbs inside the blinking lights be replaced with red ones forcing drivers to stop much like the red blinking lights on Torrey Pines Road. Dave will place his proposal on the July Agenda.

Agenda Item 1: End of Summer Fire Run- Request for Temporary Street Closure and No Parking on portions of Prospect Street and La Jolla Blvd for the 20th annual event on Sunday August 25, 2019 (Gloria Goodenough) **Action Item**

End of Summer Fire Run 4Mile, Sunday August 25, 2019 is having its 20th annual run/walk from La Jolla to Pacific Beach. The event benefits San Diego Area High Schools: La Jolla High School, Mission Bay High, Clairemont High, University City High and Patrick Henry High.

Event Set-up 8/25/19 5:30 am
Event Starts 8/25/19 8:00 am
Event Ends 8/25/19 10:00 am
Dismantle 8/25/19 11:00 am

20th Annual END OF SUMMER FIRE RUN 4MILE RUN/WALK

Course Description & Road Closures:

Prospect from Girard to Faye:

Entire block is closed from 6:30-8:15am

Faye south from Prospect is open for traffic

Prospect from Faye to La Jolla Blvd closed from 7:45am-8:15am.

Runners travel Westbound to La Jolla Blvd

Turn south on La Jolla Blvd to Pearl (section closed from 7:45-8:15am)

Runners now move into the southbound lanes of La Jolla Blvd,

Northbound traffic is allowed to flow from Turquoise to Pearl.

Runners remain in southbound lanes of La Jolla Blvd until Mission Blvd.

Runners cross over the street & run south in the northbound lanes.

(traffic would be allowed to move southbound on Mission Blvd from Beryl on)

ONCE the runners have cleared Prospect Street from Girard to La Jolla Blvd

and from La Jolla Blvd to Prospect, the SD Police Department will open the street for regular traffic.

The event is a 4-mile run/walk ending in Pacific Beach just south of Felspar.

Mission Blvd North from Grand to Loring will be impacted from 6:30am-9:30am.

There are 30 San Diego Traffic Controllers and 55 Volunteers throughout

the course at every intersection and alley way to ensure vehicles do not enter the streets the runners will be on.

They will allow vehicles to cross over the street during the break of runners.

Since this is a “rolling” course, once the runners past the area the police will allow traffic to flow except southbound on La Jolla Blvd from Prospect to Mission; this will be impacted until approximately 9:30.

Again, vehicles can cross the intersection and connect to another southbound street or travel north.

Nothing has changed from the previous Events; the Course remains the same.

Dave asked if they had any issues or complaints from last year’s Event and Gloria responded there were no issues or complaints last year.

Motion to Approve End of Summer Fire Run Request for Temporary Street Closure and No Parking on portions of Prospect Street and La Jolla Blvd for the 20th annual event on Sunday August 25, 2019: Brady, Second: Rudolph 8-0-0

Agenda Item 2: San Diego Triathlon Challenge- Request by Challenged Athletes Foundation for Temporary Street Closure and Temporary No Parking on Coast Blvd between Prospect St and Girard Ave and Lane Closure on Torrey Pines Rd between Prospect and La Jolla Shores Drive for the 26th annual event on Sunday October 29, 2019 (Julia Duggan) **Action Item**

Event comprises a 1-mile swim, 44-mile bike ride, and 10-mile run. In addition to the race there is an Expo, kids run, stationary bikeathon, 5K and yoga. All Events start and finish at Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove.

Event set up: 10-18-19 at 5am

Event starts: 10-20-19 at 7am

Event ends: 10-20-19 at 5pm

Dismantle: 10-20-19 at 9pm

They are expecting 600 participants and an attendance of around 2,000 family and friends of the participants. Natalie asked Julia if they suggest in their advertising materials using the available parking structures in the Village. Julia responded that LAZ is providing Valet Parking but most of the attendees stay in the Village hotels and walk to the Cove. Many athletes and their families stay at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club and a shuttle bus is provided back and forth for them. They notify ACE Parking when their Event comes up to expect more parking on Event day.

Traffic and Parking Overview San Diego Triathlon Challenge Sunday, October 20, 2019:

Road Closure 5:00am to 4:00pm - Coast Boulevard The closure is from point of split with Prospect Blvd until intersection with Girard (midpoint through Scripps Park). Traffic barricades and traffic monitor personnel posted at each end of the closure.

Lane Closure 8:00am to 10:00am – The number 1 lane of North Torrey Pines road from Prospect to La Jolla Shores Dr. SDPD monitor this lane closure.

Intersections 8:00 am to 10:00am - Course Marshalls placed in the village of La Jolla at stop sign intersections to help direct cyclists through village. • Girard and Prospect St. • Girard and Wall St. • Wall St and Ivanhoe St. • Ivanhoe St. and Cave St. • Cave St. and Prospect St.

No Parking • No parking is posted on Coast Blvd. on Friday PM and Saturday for 10 spaces, includes ADA spot relocation, for set up. • No parking on Coast Blvd on Sunday from 4:00 am to 6:00 pm from South Coast Blvd to the end of the 2 way traffic on Coast at the La Jolla Cove. • Two spots reserved for a vendor loading zone on Coast Blvd, the first two spots after the intersection of Coast Blvd and Girard.

Resident Access - Residents that fall within the road closure on Sunday will be issued a resident access pass and allowed escorted access to and from their homes from the barricades by security and/or race staff.

Parking - A portion of participants are guests at hotels in the village of La Jolla, no parking at race site needed. Many challenged athletes are guests at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and a shuttle will be provided for their transfer over to the Cove.

Sally Miller asked Julia if they presented this Event to La Jolla Parks and Beaches for the use of the Park. Julia responded they did not and Sally advised her she had to bring this Event to their attention.

A woman in the audience brought up the problems the Village is having with the scooters which may interfere with their Event. She lives at 939 Coast Blvd and sees the problems the scooters are creating down at the Cove on the sidewalks and street. Julia responded they had not considered the interference the scooters may cause them and thanked the woman for bringing it to her attention.

Tom noted that Robin Williams supported this Event and Julia responded that his family continues to support it.

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Agenda Item 3: MCASD Construction Traffic Plan- Overview related to construction activity on the remodel of the Museum of Contemporary Art on Prospect Street (Jack Fanning) **Discussion Item**

Mr. Fanning informed the Board that we will be neighbors for the next couple of years as the expansion of the Museum of Contemporary Art gets underway and slated for completion by

August 2021. His Group met with Jodi Rudick and members of the La Jolla Village Merchants Association last week regarding their traffic control plans and how it will impact the Village. Barricades will soon be installed on the Prospect Street frontage to protect construction workers and will steer pedestrians and vehicles to their appropriate path. Down the line there will be a temporary closure of Cuvier Street for the relocation of the Norfolk Pine which is presently on the corner of Coast and Cuvier but will be shifting East 40-50' to a new location. They want to be good neighbors and will keep LJ&T in the loop when those activities begin to take place.

Sally Miller asked if they will provide parking when the expansion is completed. Mr. Fanning responded that they will be installing an underground garage off of Cuvier Street to reduce the need for street parking but it will be for museum employee parking.

Catharine Douglass suggested putting the MCASD construction timeline on Nextdoor.com. Most of the residents in the Community are reading Nextdoor.com and it will keep them informed of the timeline. Mr. Fanning was open to that suggestion and Catharine will help him to get on Nextdoor.com.

Agenda Item 4: Micro-Mobility Parking Corrals for La Jolla- City proposal for placement of numerous defined spaces within the public street for the parking of dockless scooters and bicycles (Mauricio Medina) **Action Item**

A new City Ordinance prohibits operation of the dockless vehicles on sidewalks effective July 1. As a result of this Ordinance the City wants to expand their parking corrals program City-wide so there are places, not on the sidewalk, where riders can park the bikes and scooters on the public street. The proposed parking corrals already started downtown and are generally white painted squares with painted pictures of scooters and bikes inside the square that are adjacent to red zones in the street. City Staff is reaching out to Council Offices to help facilitate public input on a list of candidate locations for parking corrals of dockless scooters and bikes. Their initial list had around 158 corral locations in the Village of La Jolla and the surrounding neighborhoods and they requested feedback by June 24th. Mauricio shared this list with the chairs and presidents of the La Jolla community planning groups and met with them in order to organize how best to facilitate public input to send back to City staff. At that meeting, there was strong pushback against placing these corrals in residential neighborhoods. As a result, he went through the list and took out candidate locations that he saw as residential. He is asking La Jolla Traffic and Transportation to vote on which option to send to City staff; the list with residential parking corrals, or the list without residential parking corrals.

There are many people in the audience who have come to speak on the matter and Dave explained that banning of dockless scooters and bikes in La Jolla is not an option being considered today. The City will be proceeding with their new Ordinance that seeks elimination of use and storage on the sidewalk. They are asking for community guidance and recommendations on specific locations in the street, but not an outright rejection of the devices.

Mauricio explained that the parking corrals were established within the new regulations for the dockless scooters and bikes. The regulations become effective July 1, the start of their fiscal year. City Staff reached out to the District Council Office for La Jolla identifying 158 parking corrals for the Village. They used data from the Operators on where rides were starting and where they were ending and where Operators were staging them. Using that data and identifying red curb areas surrounding it make up the 158 parking corrals. These corrals will not take away from parking because vehicles cannot park in red zones and they will not be blocking fire hydrants. City Staff then met with Mauricio and asked him to get some feedback from the Community. Mauricio reminded the Group that LJT&T is comprised of Representatives from 5 Community Groups; LICPA, LJTC, LJVMA, LJSA, and BRCC, so there are many hands on this proposal from different parts of the Community.

There is tremendous pushback from the Community Groups to keep these parking corrals out of residential areas and Mauricio identified about 22 parking corrals that were in residential zones that he pulled from the original list. City staff agreed to it however they told him that their goal is to get the bikes and scooters off the sidewalks and Mauricio is trying to do that but in the least impactful way to La Jolla. He has two lists of parking corrals; the original list with the 158 that City staff identified and the revised list of 81 parking corrals that Dave, and other committee members identified as acceptable for parking corrals. Their list was pared down to 71 corrals but in the course of their research through the Village they identified 10 additional locations that they deemed suitable for a parking corral, for a total of 81. Committee member Catherine Douglass advised the group that every single location on the non-residential list was looked at and there was difficulty reaching a consensus but they came up with 81 parking corrals. Now Mauricio is asking LJT&T to decide which list he submits to City staff. He noted that the parking corrals will be painted on the streets in various sizes from the smallest size of 10 by 6, to 14 by 6, to the largest size of 20 by 6.

Dave will take public comments but advised the audience to keep the comments specific to the parking corrals.

Ira Parker asked what happens if these parking corrals are painted on the street but users continue to leave them on the sidewalk. There is no incentive for users to leave them in the corrals. Mauricio responded that the permits issued to the Operators last only 6 months and then are renewed. Permits are renewed in January and June. City Staff are going to look at their compliance rate to determine if their permit should be renewed. A new tool for residents will be if they see an improperly parked scooter or bike outside of a corral, they can use the 'Get It Done' mobile app to alert City staff. City Staff will report it to the operator and the operator has 3 hours to come out and remove it. If the operator does not remove it within 3 hours the City will come and pick it up and charge the operator \$65.00 for storing it. Ira suggested that the City contract with a third-party vendor to monitor them because he does not believe the City will have the time to do that.

Susan Monk- red curbs are red for as reason and wants to know how they can be repurposed. Natalie responded for Mauricio and told Ms. Monk that she saw some of the red curbs on the list and they cannot support a car being parked there. Some of the corrals about an angled parking spot.

Rosa Garrett- lives at 245 Coast Blvd and heard a proposed corral is being considered in front of her building. She opposes a corral outside her building due to safety, services and available alternatives. Since beach visitor parking on Coast is in high demand, the red zone in front of 245 Coast is often the only place for Fed Ex and UPS to stop to deliver to her building and for emergency services to park. Garbage and recycling containers are also placed at the red zone to the side of the driveway. Many of the residents of 245 Coast must reverse out of the garage requiring great care for oncoming traffic less visible due to the street curve to the south, bicycle riders and scooters and jay walkers with dogs, strollers, toddlers and/or surf boards. There are approximately 20 cars entering and leaving 245 Coast parking garage so why here? The better solution is to place the corral at the large concrete public area a few hundred yards north on Coast at the beach which will not cause trouble to the residents.

Sally Miller- wants to follow the money; who is paying for the corrals? Mauricio responded the operators may be paying for it through fees assessed for infrastructure. She suggests that San Diego Meter Maids enforce the rules and regulations. They are in every part of the City so if they see a device improperly parked they can write a ticket, companies will have to pay it, and that money could benefit San Diego.

A woman in the audience spoke about seeing a parking corral in downtown San Diego. She saw 2 scooters parked inside the corral but there were many scooters parked on the sidewalk above the corral and some scooters were parked in the street. There is very little compliance about where users are leaving them. She also had a scooter block her driveway. She called the Company and asked them to remove it, and after 8 hours when it was still in her driveway she picked it up and threw it in the trash. She believes the users should take responsibility not the Company.

Dave mentioned that in six months the City is going to review the Ordinance and its performance and some things will probably be tweaked. It's a nuisance issue that the City has to work out and we have been tasked with trying to help them.

A woman in the audience asked if it's up to the users to find a parking corral is it possible for the operators to put on their website a map of where La Jolla parking corrals are. Mauricio responded he would hope so but he doesn't believe a user would visit the website.

Another question was asked about where can the public see the list of proposed locations by our Committee. Dave responded that it will be going to LJCPA for further review, they will be making a final decision on it, and it should be posted shortly thereafter. However, Mauricio asked Rec Center Staff if they would make copies of our list of proposed locations for members of the audience, staff made the copies, and Mauricio passed them out to the audience.

A member of the audience asked Mauricio if the operators can post a sign on their devices asking the user to return it to a parking corral and Mauricio responded that there will be a sign on the devices not to use them on sidewalks so he will suggest to City staff if that can be added as well.

Gail Forbes suggested putting parking corrals by the bus stops since these scooters are intended for the last mile. If every bus stop was permitted to have scooters at its locations that would be a universal place throughout the City and the bus zones are already red. Dave responded that in theory the mobility devices were intended as a last mile but in practice it has just been recreational and the parking corrals may interfere with the bus zones.

Dave pointed out to the audience that the life of these devices is very short, they burn out after a few months. The Ordinance calls for permit fees of \$5,000.00 plus additional fees for the devices themselves. We may not be seeing as many of them as we do now after July 1. The City expects revenue of around \$3M so there is a balance of the cost of these parking corrals vs the fees they will bring in to the City.

A question was directed at Mauricio about staging devices where there are no parking corrals and Mauricio responded that operators would be allowed to stage on the sidewalk in what the City calls the 4 by 40 rule; users and operators will only be able to park devices on sidewalks in groups of four, with at least 40 feet between groups. This is why there is a need for parking corrals. There has to be a balance of parking corrals so the operators can stage them on the streets. Mauricio cannot return to the City with a list of 20 parking corrals for La Jolla because operators are going to be expected to comply with the ordinance and they will not be able to comply if there are not enough parking corrals for them to stage their devices.

Board Discussion

Tom believes it was inappropriate of the City to issue a 10-page Ordinance on micro-mobility devices just three days before our Meeting and he hopes there will be pushback to the City when it goes before LJCPA. In the interim he offered a Motion that was taken from a Letter written to LJ&T stating that *"Dockless bikes and scooter stations are appropriate for commercial areas of Pacific Beach, La Jolla, and La Jolla Shores with a mix of stores, restaurants, and theaters, but not in the neighborhoods."* His Motion was not seconded. There is so much confusion surrounding this issue and we would be remiss if this Board did not give a clear recommendation that we do not want them in the neighborhoods only in the business districts. Dave advised that we are trying to do that but we need a Motion to recommend our List to the LJCPA.

Ross made a Motion that committee-generated List be Approved by the Board and forwarded to the LJCPA. Dave asked if he would add an addendum that included Tom's Motion and Ross agreed. Natalie seconded Ross's Motion as amended. During Board discussion on the Motion Robert asked Mauricio if we were in the beach impact zone or the impact overlay zone because he is reading the Ordinance *Staging of Shared Mobility Devices (83.0310(a)(2)* and it says there

is an exception to the size of the corrals if we were in a beach parking impact zone. There are too many unanswered questions regarding these parking corrals and his suggestion is not to have a motion to adopt this list with all of these large numbers. To paint 71 parking corrals on the street is premature until we see how these Companies step forward. Companies are currently loading up this area with hundreds of these devices but in another month when they have to pay \$150.00 for each one of them there may be substantially less of them. The City should wait to see how many permits are paid for and then return to this Board with a reasonable number of parking corrals. Ross responded that right now all we want is to get them off the sidewalks and that needs immediate action, we can sort out how many of them later.

Dave restated the Motion- to recommend the edited list of 81 parking corrals to the LJCPA with consideration that dockless bikes and scooter stations are appropriate for commercial areas of Pacific Beach, La Jolla, and La Jolla Shores with a mix of stores, restaurants, and theaters, but not in the neighborhoods: Rudolph, Second: Aguirre 4-4-0 Motion Failed

Robert suggests that a subcommittee be formed to pare down the list of 81 parking corrals to a smaller number that would be more beneficial to the Village but still allow the City to comply with Operator contracts.

Mauricio advised the Board that the City will be extremely reluctant to proceed with the parking corrals in phases and it is possible they may just revert back to their original list of 158 because their goal is to get the devices off the sidewalks.

Motion: to Authorize a subcommittee to reduce the list of 81 parking corrals to a smaller number and present this list to LJCPA: Mackey, Second: Warwick 4-4-0 Motion Failed

Natalie reminded the Board that the City asked for our input and they did not have to do that. Every location on our List of 81 parking corrals has been thoroughly researched one by one. She is concerned that if this Board does not approve the List of 81 then the City is going to come back at us with their original list of 158 parking corrals because for liability issues, they need to get these devices off the sidewalks. Robert responded that if the City was all that concerned about liability issues, they would not be having these micromobility devices at all.

Dave noted that there has been no rules and regulations in the past on these devices and they have been allowed to run rampant on our sidewalks. Now, there is an Ordinance and it will be put into effect on July 1. The City wants to make it work by asking us to agree to install parking corrals on our streets to get the devices off the sidewalks and we are duty bound to give it to them.

Nancy agrees with the need for parking corrals but she disagrees with their original figure of 158. These devices are staged everywhere in La Jolla and the operators are picking these devices up from everywhere in La Jolla so of course the data suggests parking corrals for everywhere in La Jolla but it becomes a false number and could become an eyesore. Users are not required to park the devices in the corrals so it is conceivable that we will have all these parking corrals painted on our streets and all of the devices remain parked on the sidewalks.

She likes the idea of painting one of them on the street to see if it will work. If there is a parking corral painted on the street and the devices are parked above it on the sidewalk the Board should know that before agreeing to paint another 80 of them on the Streets.

Robert would support a Motion if the parking corrals could be installed in phases. Phase 1 could have 25 corrals be painted from the approved list of locations and monitored for usage. If the usage is there and more of them are needed then a second group of 25 could be added. He will not support any Motion where all 81 or 158 are painted on our streets when we do not know if they will be used. Dave reminded that Mauricio has already informed the Board the City is against installing them in phases.

Board Members grew concerned that with no clear recommendations to offer LJCPA the City would install the 158 parking corrals as opposed to our 81 but when the idea of a third Motion was offered by Dave no one seemed willing to change their Vote. Mauricio advised that the Ordinance goes in effect July 1 but the City agreed to wait until after LJCPA meets before proceeding with the parking corrals, so that leaves 18 days to monitor how the Ordinance is working out and perhaps LJ&T will have a better view of the situation. LJ&T next Meeting is July 17 and LJCPA meets on July 18 so the offer of a Continuance to try again to reach a consensus was made and accepted.

Motion to Continue to July Meeting: Mackey, Second: Brady 7-1-0 (Rudolph)

Ann Kerr Bache, President of La Jolla Town Council, had submitted a letter requesting that the La Jolla Town Council Resolution be read into the LJ&T Minutes:

La Jolla Town Council June 13th, 2019 Resolution Regarding Micro-mobility Vehicles and Devices: The La Jolla Town Council resolves that the number and locations of Micromobility Corrals as currently denoted on SD Micro-mobility Corral Maps are unworkable and the LJTC is opposed to their implementation. The number of corral locations should be reduced in number and limited to commercial zones with none in residential areas. Enforcement of current laws is essential to maintain public safety. We encourage the LJ Traffic and Transportation Board to consider our resolution in its deliberations and feedback to CD1 and the City officials.

Agenda Item 5: Nomination of Officers- Nominations from the Floor for the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. Election of Officers to take place at the Regular Meeting in July. No nominations were made from those in the audience. Robert made the Nomination to continue with our same Leadership:

Chairperson: Dave Abrams
Vice Chairperson: Brian Earley
Secretary: Donna Aprea

Adjournment: 5:41 pm

Next Meeting: July 17, 2019

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary