



CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER  
DISTRICT ONE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 29, 2009  
TO: Job Nelson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations  
FROM: Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner   
SUBJECT: Transportation TransNet Funds through ARRA of 2009

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I respectfully request that the following transportation projects be considered for funding through the TransNet funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These transportation projects will help improve our older roads and improve traffic and pedestrian safety. Projects #1-7 are priorities.

Most of these projects qualify for the minimum 70% of TransNet revenues designated for congestion relief. Some of the projects specified are eligible for funding through the maximum 30% designated for maintenance and non-congestion relief. All projects will put San Diegans back to work, enhance local transportation, and improve our neighborhoods.

**1. Funding for the design of all projects related to the Torrey Pines Corridor Project.** The Torrey Pines Corridor Study was undertaken in 2003 by the City of San Diego Traffic Engineering Division to assess the need for improvements to this section of Torrey Pines Road from La Jolla Shores Drive to Girard Avenue to calm traffic, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and beautify this major entrance route into the Village of La Jolla. The study identified 20 proposed improvements, including slope stabilization (CIP #52674), and was approved by City Council on December 2, 2008. Engineering and Capital Projects has begun doing a cost analysis of each of the 20 proposed recommendations.

**2. Traffic signal coordination.** Coordinate traffic signals along Genesee Avenue from I-5 to SR-52, Nobel Drive between I-5 and Genesee Avenue, and North Torrey Pines Road between Genesee and La Jolla Village Drive. Community members and commuters are frustrated with the timing of lights along these corridors, which causes traffic delays and unnecessary traffic congestion.

**3. Improvements to Gilman Drive between I-5 and La Jolla Village Drive.** Needed improvements for pedestrian and vehicular safety include lane realignments, new sidewalks, a retaining wall along the slope on the west side of Gilman, improvements to the bus stop at Gilman Drive and Villa La Jolla Drive, and improved lighting. In addition, the road may need to be shored-up as there appear to be underground failures in several areas of the northbound lanes south of Via Alicante. Roadway drainage improvements are needed as flooding has been and continues to be an issue. City Traffic Engineers created a plan and estimates in 2007 for many of these improvements.

**4. Installation of sidewalks where no sidewalk currently exists at the following locations:**

- a. South side of West Muirlands Drive from Fay Avenue to Nautilus Street.
- b. Both sides of Chelsea Avenue from Camino de la Costa extending 200 feet to south.
- c. Both sides of Calle Del Oro from La Jolla Shores Drive to Westway Street.
- d. West side of La Jolla Shores Drive from Camino del Collado to El Paseo Grande.

**5. New traffic signal at Genesee Avenue and Radcliffe Lane.** Community members are concerned about safety at this intersection. This intersection is heavily used by parents dropping-off or picking-up children at Standley Middle School in the morning and afternoons. This light should be coordinated with others along Genesee.

**6. Traffic Calming on Via Capri.** The traffic circle recently installed at Via Capri and Senn Way was the first step in the traffic calming project for this major route to the top of Mount Soledad. Other proposed projects include an additional traffic circle at Via Capri and La Jolla Scenic Drive South, traffic chokers, V-calms, and speed bumps or speed cushions.

**7. Repair damaged loop detector at Carmel Mountain Road and Sundevil Way.** Currently, cars waiting on Sundevil Way are not detected, so the light is set on recall to ensure that waiting vehicles get a green. Cars on Carmel Mountain Road often have to stop unnecessarily when no other vehicles or pedestrians are present. This location is on a waiting list for loop replacement waiting for funding.

**8. Addition of drought resistant landscaping to Regents Road and Genesee Drive medians between SR-52 and Governor Drive, as well as Governor Drive beautification.** This beautification effort has been requested by community members. A plan for Governor Drive beautification was created in 2005.

**9. La Jolla Parkway Median Landscaping.** Continuation of existing landscaping in center median to extend from the "throat" intersection of Torrey Pines Road/Hidden Valley Road to the I-5 and SR-52 freeway ramps.

**10. Pedestrian overcrossing across Genesee Avenue at Governor Drive.** This would facilitate pedestrian safety of schoolchildren and seniors who use this crossing during weekdays to access the shopping center, library, and schools. It would also reduce delays on Genesee at Governor, thereby facilitating travel and reducing congestion on Genesee.

**11. Sidewalk replacement on north side of Nautilus Street from Draper Avenue to Fay Avenue.** The sidewalk along the La Jolla High School frontage has been repeatedly and poorly patched and repaired.

If you have questions regarding any of these suggestions, please contact my office at 619-236-6611.

cc: Mayor Jerry Sanders  
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