

Legulate Senior's Club.

San Diego, Ca. 92110

Jan. 3, 1973

San Diego City Council.

202 E. St.

San Diego, Ca. 92101

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listed on Council docket.

Edward Nielsen

Dear Mayor Wilson & Councilman,

The Legulate Senior's Club is  
very concerned regarding the  
closing of Laurel St. in Balboa  
Park.

We feel this will cause undue  
hardship on our Senior Citizens  
that use our Beautiful Park.

By unanimous vote this  
club request the City Council  
to please keep Laurel Street  
open to traffic.

Yours Truly,

Executive Sessions Club  
San Diego Ca 92110

Jan 3, 1973

Ed Neilson, City Clerk,  
202 C St.

San Diego Ca 92101

Dear Mr. Neilson,

In closed is a letter <sup>for you</sup>  
Pet. Wilson & City Councilman.

Will you please see that  
each Councilman receives a  
copy of this letter.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,  
Alva Mackay Secretary

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Edward Neilson

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## To the Honorable Mayor and City Council

From the City Manager

January 19, 1973

INFORMATION

SUBJECT: Temporary Restriction of Through Traffic on El Prado,  
Balboa Park

At Council Conference on December 13, 1972, staff was directed to prepare a procedure to eliminate through vehicular traffic on El Prado, Balboa Park. After consideration of the recommendations of the Balboa Park Committee and the Park and Recreation Board the following procedure is recommended to implement the test closing of El Prado:

The month of March be declared as "Balboa Park Pedestrian Month." The section of El Prado from the east side of Plaza de Panama to the Plaza de Balboa (see attached Map #1) be closed at 6 AM and re-opened at 7 PM during the month.

This temporary closure will be implemented by informational signs at all entries to the El Prado area, utilizing removable barricades at the points of closure and such portable directional signs as may be necessary. Some additional manpower will be required to effect the daily opening and closing of this segment of El Prado, but the costs are not excessive. Before and during the test period, traffic counters will be used to record the statistical information required to determine what portion of current traffic is non-park oriented and what portion of park oriented traffic enters and exits via Cabrillo Bridge and President's Way.

I concur with the Balboa Park Committee and the Park and Recreation Board's recommendations that we:

1. Proceed immediately to complete the design and begin construction of the Quince-Richmond interconnection. This is necessary to provide an additional route to relieve congestion in the central area of the Park.

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January 19, 1973

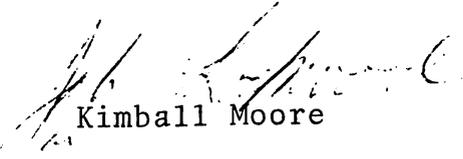
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Temporary Restriction of Through Traffic on El Prado, Balboa Park

2. Defer the test of an inter-park transportation system inasmuch as the month of March, because of lack of use, will provide little valid information. The principal need for such a system is during those peak summer weekends and holidays when the parking lots in the El Prado and Zoo areas are filled. The March experiment will not limit access to any of the institutions or parking areas.
3. Proceed with staff studies of methods and costs of the intra-park transportation system. Preliminary information indicates that manpower and equipment required to operate a minimum of service will cost approximately \$10,000 per month and that such a system cannot be expected to generate revenues adequate for its support. Additional funding will be required either by direct City subsidy or charging for the use of Balboa Park parking lots.

At the present time, staff has available estimates on wheeled vehicles from Minibus Inc., Pico Rivera, California. In addition, the Rohr Aircraft Company, Transportation Systems Division, has reviewed the requirements and are working on suggestions for alternate methods.

  
Kimball Moore

Attachment