

La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board

Chair: Mark T. Broido Vice Chair: Joe LaCava Secretary: John Beaver

MINUTES –JANUARY 25TH, 2007

4:00 PM La Jolla Recreation Center

ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER, 2006 MEETINGS

JOHN BEAVER (LJTC), MARY COAKLEY (LJCPA), REZA GHASEMI (PLJ-LATE), JOE LACAVA (BRCC) ACTING CHAIR, TODD LESSER (LJSA), SHERRI LIGHTNER (LJSA), LANCE PETO (LJCPA), EARL VAN INWEGAN (LJTC)

DECEMBER MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, LIGHTER ABSTAINED

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TRAFFIC OR TRANSPORTATION ONLY (2 MINUTES, EACH)

DAIRA PAULSON/MISSY ROSS – FLYER AND REQUEST TO DOCKET CHABAD OF LA JOLLA SHORES PROJECT AT T&T.

SHERRI LIGHTNER – FEBRUARY 7 SPECIAL LJSA MEETING TO HEAR THE CHABAD PROJECT WILL BE IN SUMNER AUDITORIUM AT 7 PM. THE REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 14 WILL HEAR THE VENTER INSTITUTE PROJECT AT NORTH END OF ALLEN FIELD WITH ACCESS TO TORREY PINES ROAD AND THE PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING AT ALLEN FIELD. MEETING WILL BE IN SUMNER AUDITORIUM AT 7 PM.

COAKLEY - RE DAN ALLEN'S SUGGESTED ROUNDABOUT AT GENTER/GIRARD

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

1. THE CROSSWALK AT VON'S ON FAY ST. IS DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WHEN MORE INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED CONCERNING THE COST OF THE PROJECT.
2. THE V-CALM SIGNS WILL BE GOING UP ON SOLEDAD MTN. RD. WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.
3. LA JOLLA ELEMENTARY AND THE GILLESPIE SCHOOL WILL SPLIT THE COST FOR THE CROSS WALK CONNECTING THE SCHOOLS. THE CITY WILL PROVIDE UPDATED COSTS AND CONFIRM WHAT SOURCES OF MONEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Via Capri** –Review of alternatives for traffic calming at Hidden Valley and 7700 block of Via Capri. Gary Pence City Traffic Engineer presented an alternative to the traffic chokers on lower Via Capri. He showed a drawing of a small circle at Senn Way with yield stripes as a preferred method of calming traffic. A motion was made, **MOTION: BEAVER, 2ND COAKLEY; “WE SUPPORT THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE AS PROPOSED BY THE CITY, AS A CONTINGENCY TO THE CHOKERS AND DEPENDENT UPON BEING TO LANDSCAPE THE CIRCLE, RATHER THAN USING ONLY PAVING MATERIALS.” 8-0-0.** Joe Dicks wanted more traffic calming measures while the previously approved methods were being implemented. He proposed a number of always stop signs at various intersections along Via Capri. The one that was accepted were temporary stop signs at Via Capri and Senn Way. **MOTION: “WE RECOMMEND TEMPORARY STOP SIGNS AT VIA CAPRI AND SENN WAY PENDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE.” 8-0-0.**

- Mr. Beaver left. Ms. Lightner took over as Secretary

2. **Princess Street “Signalization:”** Mr. Thiele presented changes since the original presentation to the Torrey Pines Road Traffic Calming Committee. The changes are the following:

- A. Synchronize the traffic signals at the Throat Intersection.
- B. Install a traffic signal at Princess Street on Torrey Pines Road that is synchronized with the traffic signals at Prospect Street and the Throat.
- C. Changes to the striping on Princess Street to provide traffic calming. Remove the center stripe and add striping along the street sides.
- D. Install the proposed V-calm signs now.
- E. Remove right hand turn lane from east bound Torrey Pines Road at Hillside Road.
- F. Add five-foot wide sidewalks on the south side of Torrey Pines Road between Amalfi and the Throat.
- G. Move the crosswalk across Torrey Pines Road at the proposed Princess Street traffic signal from the west side of the intersection to the east side of the intersection.

- Mr. Van Inwegan left.

Discussion:

Dan Allen. Presented a minority opinion as a participant of the TP Traffic Calming

Committee. Safety issues at Princess apply to the intersection at Hillside. The accident history for both intersections is about the same. One year ago the original committee voted 6-4 to not have a traffic signal at Princess. The City has insisted on placing the signal at Princess for pedestrian safety. Recommends the placement of the traffic signal at Viking/Hillside instead of at Princess. This location he believes would limit bypass traffic. The crosswalk would be at Viking and the bus stops could remain as they are. In order of preference, the next choice would be a signal at Viking/Hillside; a U-turn with a signal at Princess; Light at Princess.

Question on support for signal at Viking/Hillside. 290 petitions (fax-back) were sent to residents on the south side of Torrey Pines Road. 60 were returned in support of a signal at Hillside/Viking.

Tiffany Sherer of Promote La Jolla stated that Promote La Jolla voted to not support the signal at Princess until the original 18 recommendations of the TP Traffic Calming Committee are in place. After the improvements are completed, they would consider the signal at Princess.

John Norris: Spoke in opposition to the signal proposal. 300 signed a petition in opposition to Princess Street signal. It is being used for traffic calming.

Dan Courtney: Spoke in favor of the traffic signal. He would like to see the left hand turn from Princess Street to Torrey Pines Road removed so that there would be a traffic break. Mr. Thiele indicated that the removal of the turn might be possible.

MOTION: The La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board opposes the proposal for a traffic signal on Torrey Pines Road at Princess Street at this time. (Coakley/Lesser: 4-2-0)

No votes – reasons: La Cava because public testimony was limited to retain quorum and Peto because he supports the signal for pedestrian safety.

-Mr. Ghasemi left and a quorum was lost.

3. Synchronization of the “Throat” – Presentation by the City on status of coordinating signal timing across the series of lights at the Parkway/Torrey Pines Rd./LJ Shores /Hidden Valley intersections.

- Eddie Flores, City of San Diego

The lights at the Throat are synchronized and have been since they were installed. The timing of the lights is being reviewed and Transportation Planning is working on developing a new timing scheme. The City will be ready to try some new timings in about two weeks. Comment from Dan Allen about the use of the Throat intersection as access to 52 and 5 southbound via Torrey Pines Road. Same comment from Sherri Lightner but via La Jolla Shores Drive.

The intersection timing is affected by power outages and the fire station preempting of the signal for emergencies. The signals will be out of cycle for several cycles, but

the timing will reset in about three cycles. They will be doing a new limited traffic count – cannot do as much as they would like, because the funds are limited – to help with the retiming of the signals. He will let those who request know when the experimenting with the actual signals begins – roughly two weeks. There may be problems.

NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 22ND, 2007

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