

**LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting: Wednesday February 17, 2016**

**Members Present:** Tom Brady LJCPA (Acting Chair), Earl van Inwegen LJTC, Donna Aprea LJTC, Patrick Ryan BRCC, Erik Gantzel BRCC, Brian Earley LJSA, Corey Bailey LJVMA.

**Members Absent:** Dave Abrams LJCPA, John Kassir LJSA, Nancy Warwick LJVMA

**Approve Minutes:** of Wednesday January 20, 2016 **Motion to Approve Minutes: van Inwegen, Second: Ryan 5-0-1 (Gantzel abstained; Bailey not available to vote)**

**Public Comments:** The Board welcomed new Member Erik Gantzel representing Bird Rock Community Council.

Patrick commented on a letter that some Board Members received from Mr. Robert O'Neill objecting to the Speed Limit Increase that LJT&T voted on Agenda Item 4 from the meeting of January 20, 2016 (Increase Speed Limit on Soledad Mountain Road). Patrick had commented during that meeting that residents on the affected streets do not know what is going on and will appear before the Board wanting the speed limit changed back, which is exactly what Mr. O'Neill wrote in his letter to Board Members. Patrick asked if there was anything that could be done by LJT&T since the Vote had already been taken. Tom explained that the Speed Limit Increase for Soledad Mountain Road was pulled by a Member of La Jolla CPA (it was pulled by Donna Aprea at CPA meeting) so that Mr. O'Neill can appear before the LJCPA Board at the March meeting. La Jolla CPA Trustees approved the speed limit increases for the other two streets, but not for Soledad Mountain Road thereby giving Mr. O'Neill a chance to appear before them in March.

No further comments from the Public.

**Agenda Item 1: Village Parking Time limit Review** Report from Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Cont'd. item.

Tom is chairing the Ad Hoc Committee for another two months. Ninety-four businesses were surveyed on Fay Avenue between Kline and Silverado on both sides of the street and thirty responses from the Survey were received. The Committee is currently evaluating the responses. **Item is continued.**

**Agenda Item 2: Safety Improvements for Fay Avenue Extension Bicycle Path**  
Request by La Jolla Parks and Beaches Inc.

Stuart Gimber made the presentation on behalf of La Jolla Parks and Beaches Inc.

Several community members walked the bike path on Thursday, January 14, 2016. From that the following traffic safety issues were identified:

The La Jolla Fay Avenue Extension Bicycle Path extends from Genter Ave through to La Jolla Hermosa. From southward at Nautilus St, next to the Fire Station, the path is a Class I asphalt path to Via Del Norte. From this intersection, the path is a Class I dirt path and crosses the streets of Mira Monte, La Canada, and Camino De La Costa before connecting to the Class II bike route along La Jolla Hermosa Ave. The La Jolla Fay Avenue Extension Bicycle Path is used by pedestrians, dog walkers, joggers and bicyclists, many of which are children going to and returning from school.

While much of the asphalt is in good shape, cracks and potholes exist along the path. There is erosion undermining the path above Starkey Park. Sections also exist where hillside erosion has left mud, sand, and rocks on the path, making the path less safe and prone to more cracking and potholes. At the street intersections, homemade concrete ramps, about 10" wide, have been installed to help bicyclists ride over the curb. These curb ramps are very narrow, hard to see by riders, and are nonstandard. Their existence points to the need for a proper sidewalk access by path users.

The following items are requested for consideration and action by the La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Committee at the following intersections:

Via Del Norte.

Remove homemade curb ramp on south side of street and replace with proper curb access and smooth to grade. Paint curbs red (both sides of street at bicycle path entrances) to prevent vehicle parking that might hinder visibility of pedestrians and bicyclists. This is so approaching cars have a clear vision of who is ready to cross the street. Road bumps (not speed bumps), bike path barriers, signage, as necessary to ensure safe crossing, especially for kids on bikes to/from school.

Mira Monte (East of La Jolla Methodist Church):

Add signage, as necessary to ensure safe crossing, especially for kids on bike to/from school.

La Canada.

Remove homemade curb ramp on south side of street and replace with proper curb access and smooth to grade. Paint curbs red (both sides of street at bicycle path entrances) to prevent vehicle parking that might hinder visibility of pedestrians and bicyclists. This is so approaching cars have a clear vision of who is ready to cross the street. Road bumps (not speed bumps), bike path barriers, signage, as necessary to ensure safe crossing, especially for kids on bikes to/from school. .

Camino De La Costa.

Remove homemade curb ramp on north side of street and replace with proper curb access and smooth to grade. Paint curbs red (both sides of street at bicycle path entrances) to prevent vehicle parking that might hinder visibility of pedestrians and bicyclists. This is so approaching cars have a clear vision of who is ready to cross the street. Road Bumps (not speed bumps!), bike path barriers,

signage, as necessary to ensure safe crossing especially for kids on bikes to/from School. The bicycle path exits to La Jolla Hermosa Ave Class II bike lanes.

Patrick began Board discussion asking about their budget because the City Budget may not be available for bike path improvements. If their Committee is going to ask for City funds then a host of issues will arise from that for example ADA compliance and other issue that the City may be required to put into effect if LJP&B Inc is going to use city funding. Stuart suggested that they (LJP&B Inc) can ask for an estimate. Some members of the audience want the City to be involved while another member asked that the City not be too involved because it would attract more attention and become the City's Bike Path. Anne Dynes suggested starting with simple things like the aesthetics of the surface and perhaps getting the Bike Coalition people involved as well as surveying area residents for their input and then starting a dialogue with the City. Sally Miller just wants some red paint to prevent cars from parking at the bike path entry ways. Visibility is reduced when cars park along the entry way. Suggestions were made to contact Sherri Lightner's Office because things get done there.

Members of the audience at the meeting to support the Bike Path Safety issues all agreed that signage is important and discussion centered on signs warning drivers and bicyclists about each other. Drivers need to be warned that bicyclists could be exiting the Path at any time and Bicyclists need to be warned that cars could be driving down the street as they are exiting the Path. Van suggested Caution Signs for the Bike Path, i.e. Watch for Vehicles and Must Yield for Traffic. Ann Dynes informed of yet a third party issue; the walkers along the bike path. She suggested a barrier between the bikes and the walkers be put in place.

Patrick suggested that Traffic Engineer Gary Pence should be consulted for the City's interpretation of safety issues. Dave can connect a Representative of La Jolla Parks and Beaches Inc with a City Representative to get a dialogue started about the safety issues. **This Item will be continued.**

**Agenda Item 3: Street Closure Signage:** Issues related to City-Mandated specifications for signs required during Special Events: Nancy Warwick  
Discussion Item

Nancy sent an email to the City:

We have a long standing problem in La Jolla with the no parking signs for special events. I have included a photo below, exemplifying the problem. The problem is that drivers have a hard time reading the fine print at the bottom, which gives the actual date and time of the event. The photo I took below was up close, but drivers need to be able to read the sign from a greater distance. The effect is that parking spaces are left vacant in the days before an event, which has a bad effect on business. One of the

reasons business owners get upset by street closures is this loss of business before an event even takes place.

On the Board of Traffic & Transportation, we are interested in coming up with some ideas that might work better. Before we start putting time into the problem, do you know if the City would consider changes to the signage?

City Response:

“Thank you for your e-mail. I would first like to review our signage standards. It may also be the case that the applicants aren’t following the requirements. I hope to have some feedback for you by next week”

Cindy Kodama, Special Event Program Manager, was not able to provide feedback in time for this Meeting. **Agenda Item is continued.**

Tom asked for a Motion to Adjourn. **Motion to Adjourn until March 16, 2016**  
**Van Inwegen, Second: Ryan 7-0-0**

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary