

Hillside Drive Ad Hoc Committee
December 2019 Report
Diane Kane, Committee Chair

1. Trucks continue to get stuck on Hillside Drive at the Torrey Pines intersection, with the two most recent during early November. Supposedly more revisions to the intersection are being planned by city staff (info. via Mike Furby). No exact date yet for installation.
2. The Committee (eg. Diane Kane) is working on additional truck weight & length signs installed on Hillside at Soledad and Via Siena. The slow progress on this simple measure from the Traffic Division is frustrating. It is critical to curtail the excessive size of construction-related vehicles on the several active projects on Hillside.
3. The Committee (eg. Chris Day) is also working to repair the poor pavement condition that has resulted from several years of deferred maintenance, continual construction and heavy traffic.
4. Two new projects have begun construction, one at Hillside & Castellana, (Doring) and one at 1830 Puente, that is accessed from both Hillside and Castellana. These projects are almost directly across the street from one another, creating high potential for long-term bottlenecks. The committee is working with Steven Hadley in Barbara Bry's Office and city staff to develop construction staging measures and construction management plans for each site to minimize the impact to traffic flow and illegal parking on the road's safety.
5. Plans for a new project at 7595 Hillside are making the rounds of community review groups. The LJ Shores PDO opined at its November meeting that the proposal did not conform to PDO guidelines. It was too close to the street, lacked sufficient parking and did not step the top stories back along the side yard property lines. This site is exceptionally steep and has high potential to also block Hillside during construction.
6. Construction staging and management plans should be part of community review to determine construction feasibility and to alert city staff that Hillside Drive has extenuating safety circumstances. Ideally this should occur during review at the LJ Shores & DPR sub-committees. CPA should determine the appropriate venue for this topic to be considered by the community.