

LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Regular Meeting: February 16, 2022

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, LJT&T meetings are being held temporarily as online Zoom video/voice teleconferences.

Members Present: Brian Earley (Chairperson) LJSA, Dave Abrams (Vice Chairperson) LJCPA, Tom Brady LJCPA, Donna Aprea LJTC, Nancy Warwick LJTC, Erik Gantzel BRCC, Patrick Ryan BRCC, Ross Rudolph LJSA

Members Absent: Natalie Aguirre LJVMA

Approve Minutes of January 19, 2022: **Gantzel, Second: Ryan: Approved Unanimous**

Chairperson Report: Brian announced that Cody Decker Representative for La Jolla Village Merchants Assn has resigned his Seat on the Board. Brian thanked Cody for his service to the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board and to the Community. There are currently nine Board Members and Brian will work with Jodi Rudick to fill that open Seat.

Public Comments:

Trace Wilson-wanted to say thank you to Steve Hadley for stopping his car on the La Jolla Parkway and picking up the trash for us. He noticed that there is a Tire on Torrey Pines Road that needs to be picked up.

Steve Hadley- noted that Caltrans came out and finished cleaning up its part of the east bound La Jolla Parkway which becomes ramps to the I5 and SR52. The Tire on Torrey Pines Rd is actually a wheel that came off from an accident that is in the center median and he will try to get that removed.

Brian- asked Steve where is the dividing line where Caltrans maintenance responsibilities in La Jolla end and the City's maintenance responsibility begins. Steve noted where the nice pavement ends. Caltrans has nicer pavement than the city does but the dividing line is at the crest of the parkway heading east toward the I5 and SR 52 freeways

Agenda Item 1: Friends of Coast Walk Trail Update- A Review of 2021 completed projects and upcoming 2022 work; the trail is an asset under transportation and given little to no funding but it does have permits and extended Right of Entry (ROE) to address trail safety and maintenance (Brenda Fake Exec Dir) **Discussion Item**

Friends of Coast Walk Trail (FOCWT) for the past 12+ years has raised over \$200,000.00 in private funds to repair and help maintain .6-mile coastal bluff trail overlooking a protected marine reserve located between Torrey Pines Rd and Coast Blvd.

The trail including Goldfish Point is actually an asset listed under city transportation/streets. It is considered a paper street, abandon long ago. Back in the 20's they wanted to put a road along the coast but given cliff instability they decided against doing that, which turned out to be a good idea. It would not have survived. However, the asset is under transportation and given little to zero funding or even any attention. The lack of funding, increased usage (Covid, social media) and the weather the trail was failing in safety and access. Thankfully, with a great deal of effort Transportation gave Friends of Coast Walk Trail (FOCWT) permits over the last 12 years. This last one is an extended Right of Entry (ROE) to address the trail safety and maintenance repairs (3 year) and gain some traction.

As for parking this is an issue facing the actual street usage not the trail and it too falls under transportation. They are not part of Parks/Rec. but they provide updates to all LJ community groups because the trail sits next to Scripps Park. They include LJCPA and LJVMA because they touch both groups as a destination for visitors and as an iconic place for La Jolla.

They just completed year 2 of a 3-year transformation process to improve safety and provide a better trail experience unique to La Jolla. The focus for 2020 addressed a safe hiking experience by repairing the trail and critical slope repairs.

In 2021 they accomplished the following;

Repaired fence and view platform

Replaced Torrey Pine Tree at Goldfish Point and California Golden Poppy

Repaired walking bridge

Added natural water mitigation efforts below bridge- check dams

Added new post/chain for safety next to coast walk overlook

Cleaned up excess dead vegetation and brush trimming from Cave Store

Increased community engagement Eagle Scouts, La Jolla High School and continued with extensive social media efforts

Assisted Fay Ave Project in their effort to obtain an extended permit.

2022 is the third year of a 3-year permit. Proposed projects as follows:

Native vegetation planting from Goldfish Point to TPR

On-going invasive plan removal

Complete 3 eagle Scout Projects to finish the fence repairs at Goldfish Point

Slope repairs at the base of Prospect and on Coast walk Trail across from

Continue with community outreach efforts -Bishops school La Jolla High History Hike QR Code to update signage.

Due to the incredible outpouring of community support and the positive results transforming a trail the FOCWT community has been nominated for the Vernacular Architectural Award (VAF) for advocacy of a historic landscape. The Board never set out to win awards but rather to focus on making a difference for a beloved community asset to be a safe, accessible, and peaceful place to experience La Jolla. Make no mistake there is still much to do. This nomination, however, came out of nowhere and a direct result of the La Jolla community response to the work and the positive support of a collective community effort.

Brenda thanked the many Friends of Coast Walk Trail:

Bill Robbins and Chris Cott

City of San Diego Transportation dept Gene Matter, Patrick Hadley, and James Nabong

La Jolla Community Groups LJCPA, LJP&B. LJ&T

La Jolla Council District One Joe LaCava and Steve Hadley

La Jolla Light

LaJolla.ca Peter Gotfredson and Max Lawrence

FOCWT Board-Dr. Paul Tierstein. Carolyn Edds, Erin McConkey, and Shannon Smith

La Jolla Sunrise Rotary

Bishops High School Trail Squad, La Jolla High School, and La Jolla Boy Scouts Troop #4

The Residents of Coast walk who provide ongoing support and encouragement

Agenda Item 2: Request for Street Closure for Indian Wedding Baraat (Procession) Proposed for Monday May 30, 2022. The Event will be part of a cultural (Indian) wedding ceremony; the procession will start at the intersection of Coast Blvd and Girard Ave and will end at the main entrance of La Valencia Hotel on Prospect St. Total Event time is estimated at one hour. (Shireen Jefferson) **Action Item**

This event will be part of a cultural (Indian) wedding ceremony, which will be celebrated at La Valencia Hotel in La Jolla. The event consists of a groom's procession into the wedding ceremony. The procession signifies an age-old tradition of the groom who would travel an average of five to seven days to his bride, get married, and then take her to his home. In the modern tradition the event (Baraat) will be condensed to less than one hour of dancing and celebration of the groom's family. Another aspect of the event is how the groom will arrive. To keep the tradition alive, they have decided that the groom will arrive by horse. All waste management guidelines will be

implemented and followed. The trajectory of the procession will start at the intersection of Coast Blvd. and Girard Ave. and will end at the main entrance of La Valencia Hotel on Prospect St.

Brian asked if this procession takes place before or after their wedding ceremony and Shireen responded it will take place just before their ceremony.

Brian noted this is not the first time LJT&T has been presented with a request to close down a Street for a wedding procession.

Shireen clarified the timeline and the procession route. Set up time would commence at 10:45am and Jefferson will begin to make his way to the Hotel on the Horse at 11:00. The Route starts at the corner of Girard and Coast Blvd. They will make their way up Girard and they would need a two- lane closure then turning left on Prospect they would need just a one lane closure closest to the Hotel. The procession ends at the front entrance to La Valencia. They have contacted the San Diego Police Department and their Event would need 7 Special Event Traffic Controllers and a Supervisor. The Police Dept approved their planned route procession. *Concept is fine, as long as closures are not long (45min-hour). Probably around 7 SETC, plus a supervisor. Detour signage, barricades, road closed signs. Ron Litsinger Special Events, SDPD.*

The Police Dept advised it would be helpful to have No Parking signage on the side of Girard closest to the Hotel; they also advised the detours would be fine as long as it is kept to a minimum one hour or less.

TimeLine:

SET-UP START TIME: 10:45 AM

SET-UP END TIME: 11:00 AM

EVENT START TIME: 11:00 AM

EVENT END TIME: 12:00 PM

DISMANTLE START TIME: 12:00 PM

DISMANTLE END TIME: 12:15 PM

ALLOTTED TIME:

TOTAL SET-UP START TIME: 15 MINUTES

TOTAL DISMANTLE TIME: 15 MINUTES

TOTAL EVENT TIME:1 HOUR

Dave- the travel Lane on Prospect that would be closed is that going against traffic. Jefferson responded yes. Drivers wanting to go down Prospect would be detoured onto Ivanhoe.

Erik- would the closure on Girard be for the full hour or just until the procession arrives on Prospect. Jefferson responded that the Police find the closure more manageable keeping it closed for the full hour.

Nancy- the wedding sounds very beautiful and she would love to be able to see it but she has concerns about the street closure and the no parking. How does the street closure for this wedding procession differ from the street closure from the prior wedding procession the Board approved. This is Memorial Day weekend and there will be a lot of visitors to La Jolla.

At the time Nancy commented the Secretary was trying to find the Agenda Item from the 2019 Wedding Procession that the Board approved but Dave recalled that the procession started at the Congregational Church so it started in the opposite direction and the streets closure was much shorter in duration because they were rolling closures as the procession passed by the Police reopened the streets. July 17, 2019, Agenda Item 4: Manoogian Wedding Procession- Request for Temporary Street Closures on portions of Ivanhoe Ave and Prospect Street for brief wedding procession from Congressional Church to La Valencia Hotel the afternoon of Saturday September 14, 2019. Dave suggested that they might want to consider a rolling street closure.

Nancy is concerned about the No Parking on Girard. What happens to the cars that are already parked on Girard are they blocked from getting out. Jefferson responded only one side of Girard would be no parking for that one hour and they will be signage to alert Drivers. The other side of Girard would not be impacted. Nancy wanted more clarification on the cars that would already be parked on Girard when the procession begins. Shireen responded they could ask the Police Department but ideally, she believes the no parking from 11:00 -12:00 signs will be up to prevent drivers from parking there before the procession begins. Patrick noted the signage would have to go up 72 hours in advance of the Event. Nancy asked about the loss of parking spaces during that time. Patrick calculated about fourteen spaces on Girard would be affected. On Prospect St in front of La V. there is a Valet zone then a red zone and then the turn corner to Girard. Most of the affected parking is on the Girard side closest to La Valencia.

Patrick, do we have confirmation that the Police will be giving 72 hours' notice of No Parking for those affected spaces.

Brian- estimates about 15 parking spaces may be closed for about 60-90 minutes.

Tom – It is such a lovely event and it would bring publicity to La Jolla. The Groom arriving on a Horse is spectacular. Nancy's questions particularly because its Memorial Day are important to be satisfied but if they have a permit from the City, it should not be a problem.

Nancy- when we approved the prior wedding procession the closure was on different streets. This is a tourist-based retail group on that block of Girard that will be blocked off on Memorial Day. We will be looking at this more and more and she wants to be careful that we understand the streets we are approving and is what we approved in the past going to work now; she still has concerns but she agrees this is going to be a beautiful wedding and it will be good publicity for La Jolla.

Steve Hadley- had a suggestion to stage the wedding procession at the Rec Center and then walk the few blocks to La Valencia. It would be a longer procession but then traffic would be moving behind them and only the intersections would need to be blocked as they pass by them. It's just a thought.

Donna- wanted to know about the Horse. Police will be shutting down vehicular traffic but not pedestrian traffic. This is Memorial Day there will be a lot of people walking around and will the Horse be spooked by all the people that will be in the area. Shireen responded it is a Horse that will be accustomed to a lot of people and the Trainer will be with him at all times.

Catherine Douglass- noted in the chat box that it is the Cormorant Hotel that is on the corner of Girard and Prospect and they will have multiple check outs at exactly that time. Brian acknowledged that the Hotel is on that corner and there might be a little disruption there for an hour but people would probably find this event more interesting than a disturbance.

Sally Miller- how many Horses are involved and who cleans up after it. Shireen responded just one Horse and the Trainer will clean up after it. Jefferson added that there will be a bag under the Horse that will be covered. This is a condition in their waste management contract.

Dave-there has been a fairly involved discussion on this item. There will be nuances but he believes it will function all right; there will be some disturbance for an hour but overall, there are so many positives going for it and he would make the motion to approve this event.

Motion to Approve Request for Street Closure for Indian Wedding Baraat (Procession) Proposed for Monday May 30, 2022: Abrams, Second: Warwick 8-0-0

Agenda Item 3: End of Summer Four Mile Run 2022 - Proposed for Sunday September 18th the 20th annual race/walk event takes place along La Jolla Blvd starting at Prospect St and Girard Ave and ending in Pacific Beach.

Benefits San Diego High Schools and the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation. (Gloria Goodenough, Kathy Loper Events) **Action Item**

The race/walk course is the same as in past years; there are no changes to the course. The only issues they have is with towed vehicles. They put cones out two weeks out and then the no parking signs 72 hours prior to the event but they do have to have vehicles towed from the course. This is a rolling street closure as runners pass by the streets are reopened. The longest closures are down by Mission Beach.

This Event has not been held since 2019 due to the pandemic. They tried to put it on last year but ended up cancelling when they had very few registrants. This year they are starting early with registrations. Brian asked Gloria about the Permits and she responded that they are in the process of securing the Permits but had to appear before LJ&T as one of the requirements.

The Race begins in La Jolla at Prospect & Girard at 8AM.

Runners travel Westbound to La Jolla Blvd, Turn south on La Jolla Blvd to Pearl

Runners move into the southbound lanes of La Jolla Blvd,

Northbound traffic is allowed to flow from Turquoise to Pearl.

Runners remain in southbound lanes of La Jolla Blvd until Mission Blvd.

Runners cross over the street & run south in the northbound lanes.

(traffic would be allowed to move southbound on Mission Blvd from Beryl)

The course ends at Felspar.

Traffic will be closed South bound lanes of La Jolla Blvd from Prospect to Mission Blvd.

Prospect Street from Girard to Faye will be closed from 5:30 am - 8:30 am.

(traffic would be allowed to move southbound on Mission Blvd from Beryl)

Northbound Traffic on Mission Blvd from Garnet to Loring will be closed from 6:30am until 9:30am.

There will be 30 San Diego Traffic Controllers and 55 Volunteers throughout the course, at every intersection and alley ways to ensure vehicles do not enter the street runners would be on. This is a "rolling" course once the runners past the area the police will allow traffic to flow except for southbound on La Jolla Blvd from Prospect to Mission; this will be impacted until approximately 9:30 am. They are expecting 1000 - 1200 participants.

Dave- it's a long-standing event with minimal issues to his knowledge and he would make the motion to approve.

Erik- he has seen the race and event staff are really good at opening up the streets as soon as they are no longer being used by the runners.

Motion to Approve End of Summer Four Mile Run 2022 Proposed for Sunday September 18, 2022: Abrams, Second: Brady 8-0-0

Agenda Item 4: La Jolla Half Marathon 2022- Proposed for Saturday April 16, 2022, Request for Temporary Street Closures and No Parking in conjunction with this annual race (Bart Calame, Kiwanis) **Action Item**

Brian noted that they appeared before the Board six months ago to squeeze in a December 11 2021 race: *August 18 2021 Agenda Item 2: La Jolla Half Marathon- Request for Temporary Street Closures and No Parking in conjunction with Annual Race on December 11, 2021.*

Bart Calame has been Race Chair of the La Jolla Half Marathon for 8 years. He clarified that the Race is not usually run in December but there had not been a Race since 2019 and when Special Permits opened up, they decided to try squeezing in a Race for 2021. Registrations were down but the Race went off without a hitch. They want to get back to their normal race schedule which is mid-April. They are hoping for around four thousand runners which is down from what they usually have but they will take it and are hoping they can get back to a normal number of runners as in past races. The course is the same course that was used in the April 2019 Race.

The Race starts at the Del Mar Fairgrounds through Torrey Pines State Park, along La Jolla Shores, up Torrey Pines Rd and down to the finish line at Ellen Browning Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove. The 5K starts on La Jolla Shores Drive at mile 10; 3.1 miles from the finish line. Nothing has changed to the Racecourse. The Race is a major fundraiser for them and provides for 99% of their funding This Race will fund their October 2022 to Sept 2023 Grant Year.

Brian- asked about the 5k. The La Jolla Shores 5K starts at the corner of La Jolla Shores Drive and Horizon Way nearest physical address is 9393 La Jolla Shores Drive. The 5k starts at the same time as the Half does so that by the time the Half Runners get to the starting line at the 5k it is mostly clear for them to proceed. Complimentary bus service will transport 5K runners from the finish area at La Jolla Cove to the Shores 5K start area located at La Jolla Shores Drive and Horizon Way.

Brian asked about parking. The Event rents out the parking lot across from Jimmy Durante and provides complimentary bus service during the race. Some Runners prefer to leave their cars at the Cove and take the complimentary bus to Del Mar for the start of the Race. Others prefer to leave their cars at Del Mar and take the bus back after the race. The busses are continuously making a loop on race day.

The following streets in the City of San Diego will be closed to vehicular traffic for the locations and times noted on April 16, 2022.

North Torrey Pines Road southbound from South Camino Del Mar at Carmel Valley Road in Del Mar to La Jolla Shores Drive from 6:30 am to 9:00 am.

Torrey Pines Park Road both directions from North Torrey Pines Road (north connection) to North Torrey Pines Road (south connection) from 6:30 am to 10:00 am.

La Jolla Shores Drive southbound from North Torrey Pines Road to El Paseo Grande from 6:30 am to 10:00 am.

La Jolla Shores Drive northbound from El Paseo Grande to Azul Street 6:30 am to 8:30 am.

El Paseo Grande from La Jolla Shores Drive to Avenida de la Playa southbound 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

Avenida de la Playa from La Verada Boardwalk at Kellogg Park to Calle de La Plata both directions from 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

Calle de la Plata from Avenida de la Playa to Paseo Dorado both directions from 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

Paseo Dorado from Calle de la Plata to Spindrift Drive southbound from 6:30 am to 11:00 am. Spindrift Drive from Paseo Dorado to Princess Street southbound 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

Princess Street from Spindrift Drive to Torrey Pines Road southbound from 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

Torrey Pines Road from Princess Street to Prospect Place one southbound lane from 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

Cave Street from Prospect Place to Coast Boulevard southbound from 6:30 am to 11:00 am. Prospect Place from Torrey Pines Road to Cave Street southbound from 6:30 am to 11:00 am. Coast Boulevard to Prospect Street both directions from 6:30 am to 11:00 am

Girard Avenue from Coast Boulevard to Prospect Street northbound 6:30 am to 11:00 am

Sally Miller-from the Map it looks like the Event is taking the whole Scripps Park and Events are not supposed to take the entire Park. **Bart** responded the Park is not closed to the public it is very fluid with people walking in and out around them. The only area that is enclosed is the beer garden and that has to be closed off for permitting purposes because alcohol is being served there. The beer garden looks enlarged on the map but it is actually a small area. Sally advised that they will have to appear at Parks & Beaches. Bart is aware of that and they are on the Agenda for the Meeting with Parks & Beaches next week. LJP&B know this Event very well.

Motion to Approve La Jolla Half Marathon Proposed for Saturday April 16 2022: Gantzel, Second: Rudolph 8-0-0

As Brian was winding down the Meeting, he addressed a public comment from Maryam Afshar regarding La Jolla Scenic Drive North and the speeding that is going on between the Y and the Parkway resulting in car accidents. He advised he is working with city traffic engineers on her behalf. Steve Hadley took that opportunity to address a

public comment that Peggy Davis made in the chat box about drainage issues on El Paseo Grande. He also is working with city engineers and wanted her to know that her notes and comments are being addressed.

Adjournment: 5:24 pm

Next Meeting March 16, 2022

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary