

# **LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**Monthly Meeting: June 17<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

**The Riford Library – Seminar Room - 7555 Draper Avenue**

## **Members Present:**

Jason Peasely, LJMA

John Bauer LJTC

Ross Rudolph LJSA

Erik Gantzel BRCC

Bill Podway LJVMA

Mike McCormick, LJSA

## **Members Absent:**

Mary Soriano, LJTC

Dave Abrams LJCPA

Tom Brady LJCPA

Patrick Ryan BRCC

**Approve Minutes of May 20th, 2025:**

**First: Bill Podway**

**Second: Jason Peasley**

**Vote:6-0 Meeting minutes approved**

## Chairperson Report:

### Why we are here

Just for those of you who aren't familiar with our board, we consider proposals affecting La Jolla streets, traffic, parking, generally such as stop signs, traffic calming, time limits for parking, valets, special events involving road closures or parking closures or restrictions. Our board votes on action items.

Our recommendations are sent to the CPA for ratification. And from there, they go to the City for implementation or not, depending on what the city likes to do.

### Speed Display Signs Update

The discussion focused on speed display signs, which are electronic devices mounted on or near speed limit signs that show drivers their current speed as they approach. Some models also display "slow down" messages when drivers exceed the speed limit.

#### **Current Status:**

- Several speed display signs have received city approval but remain uninstalled due to lack of funding
- Two specific locations were identified: La Jolla Scenic South and Prestwick
- There was some confusion about Prestwick, as a temporary traffic monitoring sign has been installed there, but the permanent speed display sign discussed in the meeting has not yet been installed

**Resident Funding Option:** The city has confirmed that residents can take initiative to fund these installations themselves. However, this process involves several requirements:

- Residents must obtain a development permit from the San Diego Development Services Department
- They need to hire an approved contractor for installation
- The signs are expensive to purchase and install
- Despite the cost, the city is open to allowing resident-funded installations

**Equipment Selection:** One community member referenced receiving a vendor list with various equipment options for speed limit signs, but expressed uncertainty about which options the city typically selects. The speaker indicated this information is part of the permitting process and offered to help clarify available options for interested residents.

### **K-Rail Replacement Project on Torrey Pines Road**

The second major topic concerned infrastructure improvements on the upper section of Torrey Pines Road between Coast Walk and Prospect Street.

#### **Project Details:**

- The existing K-rail (temporary concrete barriers) will be replaced with permanent railing
- The community has been waiting for the city to provide details about the traffic control plan for construction
- Kathleen Neal has been actively communicating community concerns to city officials

**Primary Community Concern:** The most significant issue identified is that the existing bike lane along this section will be completely eliminated during construction. This creates uncertainty about how cyclists will be able to access the route toward Torrey Pines during the construction period, with no alternative routing plan currently available to the community.

### **Public comments**

#### **Traffic Light Issues on Nautilus Street**

A resident raised concerns about a malfunctioning traffic light at Nautilus Street near the junior/high school. The light turns red without being triggered by pedestrians or vehicles, causing unnecessary delays. She had previously contacted David Abrams (a former president, currently in France) about this issue, which took over a year to fix previously. Sally expressed frustration that the light isn't functioning properly despite being designed to help students cross safely.

**Response:** The meeting chair clarified that they should submit a traffic service request through the city's formal process rather than contacting individuals directly, as the group's recommendations go to the city but they have no special authority to fix issues.

#### **Street Maintenance and Potholes**

**La Jolla Shores Road Conditions:** A resident complained about poor road conditions on La Jolla Shores, noting that while other streets like Soledad Avenue and residential areas like Cardeno were being serviced or repaved, La Jolla Shores (which has heavy traffic) was being neglected despite having significant potholes.

**Infrastructure Coordination:** The chair explained that street repaving decisions involve multiple considerations, including pending utility work. The area is currently completing underground installation of power, telephone, and cable lines, which may be delaying street repairs to avoid having to dig up newly paved roads.

**Get It Done App:** Multiple speakers emphasized using the city's "Get It Done" mobile application for reporting issues like potholes. Key recommendations included:

- Providing precise addresses and locations
- Including photographs to show the size and exact location of potholes
- Specifying whether issues are in bike lanes or other specific areas

### **Street Resurfacing Schedule**

**Lookout Street Inquiry:** A resident asked about the typical schedule for street resurfacing, mentioning a neighbor's claim that it happens every 10 years. The meeting participants weren't certain of the exact schedule, with some suggesting it might be longer than 10 years.

### **Speed Limit Confusion**

**Inconsistent Signage:** A resident noted confusion about speed limits, with a 20 mph sign posted near their property while a delivery driver insisted the speed limit was 25 mph. This suggests potential inconsistency in posted speed limits within the area.

## **Action Item: La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival**

Request for street and parking closures associated with annual parade and festival to be held December 7, 2025

**Presented by:** Eric Fletcher

Eric Fletcher from the La Jolla Christmas Parade requested parking and street closures for their 69th annual parade on December 7th, 2025. The request is identical to previous years with no route changes:

- **Schedule:** Parking closures at 8:30 AM, holiday festival at 11:30 AM, parade at 1:30 PM
- **Route:** Starts on Kline Street, proceeds down Girard, turns left on Prospect, continues to Herschel area, and ends at the recreation center
- **History:** Same route and logistics used for the past 5-6 years

The request was routine with no modifications needed from their established parade plan.

**Public comment.**

**Note:** It was asked by Greg Jackson, who could not attend the meeting, to have his statement read into the public record – as documented below.

*I believe that aside from family and personal events such as weddings, La Jolla should not endorse and therefore should not permit major closures of public roadways when the associated event's name and public image suggest the community favors a particular religion over others.*

*I'm a big fan of holiday celebrations that bring the community together around festive periods, and La Jolla's annual December parade should be doing precisely that--indeed, it's one of the few times each year the community comes together.*

*However, the sponsors' longstanding insistence that it be called a "Christmas" parade is antithetical to the goal of community inclusiveness, in that it sends the message the parade has a particular religious focus. The parade is already more inclusive than its title suggests, and I think it's time that what we call it should change.*

*I therefore urge the Traffic & Transportation committee to reject the request from Mr. Fletcher as stated, and approve street closures for the event only if the sponsors agree to change the event's title and promotion to be more inclusive--for example, "La Jolla Holiday Parade and Festival".*

**Vote:** To approve the request for street and parking closures associated with annual parade and festival to be held December 7, 2025

**First:** Ross Rudolph

**Second:** Bill Podway

**Vote: 6-0 motion approved**

## **Discussion Item: San Diego Police Department Forum**

Discussion of traffic and parking enforcement issues.

**Presented by:** Officer Thomas Cairns - SDPD

### **Speed Enforcement and Traffic Issues**

#### **Current Enforcement Capabilities:**

- Officer Cairns has been the Community Relations Officer (CRO) for about a year, but has been serving as an officer with the Northern Division for 10 years
- Only one patrol officer is trained in radar/LIDAR with one equipped patrol vehicle
- Motor units (motorcycle officers) handle most speed enforcement with a rotating schedule of problem areas
- Patrol officers are too busy responding to radio calls for proactive traffic enforcement

#### **Speed Survey Process:**

- Speed survey trailers are deployed for about a week at complaint locations
- Recent deployment on Preswick Drive following community concerns
- Data collection helps identify problem areas and times
- Known problem areas include Torrey Pines/Hidden Valley, Mission Bay Drive/Garnett

### **Red Light Cameras**

**Status:** Completely eliminated and won't return

- Contract expired and wasn't renewed due to cost issues
- Required two police officers to verify face recognition
- Cost-benefit analysis showed it wasn't financially viable for the city
- Many tickets couldn't be enforced due to unclear facial identification

### **Parking Enforcement Issues**

#### **Daylighting Law (New):**

- Enforcement began March 1st, issuing ~2,000 citations monthly
- 20-foot requirement from marked/unmarked crosswalks (increased from previous 15 feet)
- Applies when front bumper faces the crosswalk
- General rule: approximately two car lengths
- Any intersection (except alleys) constitutes a crosswalk, marked or unmarked

### **Long Vehicle Parking:**

- Ongoing complaints about oversized vehicles blocking traffic lanes
- Residents advised to call non-emergency line for hazardous parking situations
- Backing into diagonal parking spaces is legal unless posted otherwise

### **Bus Parking:**

- No designated legal bus parking spots in La Jolla
- Tour buses must park at Kellogg Park or contact traffic engineering
- One designated bus location exists across from the Real Estate Institute

## **E-Bike Regulations**

### **Usage Restrictions:**

- Prohibited on boardwalks, parks, grass areas, and bike paths
- Must use streets only, following bicycle laws
- Should ride far right, stop at stop signs, obey traffic signals
- Community-oriented policing team conducts enforcement on bike paths
- Enforcement challenging due to e-bikes' maneuverability

## **Reporting and Communication**

### **Contact Methods:**

- Email to Officer Cairns directly
- Get It Done San Diego app for chronic issues
- Non-emergency phone line for immediate concerns
- New AI phone tree system launching July 1st to improve response times

### **Current Issues:**

- Non-emergency line has significant wait/response times (up to 3 days)
- Get It Done app better for ongoing/chronic problems
- Photos/videos helpful for documenting repeat offenses

## **Fourth of July Preparations**

### **Enhanced Staffing:**

- Full department moving to 12-hour shifts (unlike half-staffed Memorial Day)

- Approximately 120 officers daily (significant increase from holiday norm)
- Dedicated teams for each beach area (La Jolla Shores, Marine Street)
- Command post and drone unit at Marine Street
- Memorial Day had issues with over 300 youth, only 3-4 officers present

#### **Special Measures:**

- Drone show planned at La Jolla Shores
- Motor units and parking enforcement deployed
- Traffic control officers (SCTCs) for traffic management
- Specific attention to Vallecitos area drop-off problems

## **Training and Budget Constraints**

#### **Limitations:**

- Radar training currently halted due to budget constraints
- Training depends on available funding and officer interest
- Equipment costs also factor into expansion capabilities
- Budget details not finalized, no expected increases in training programs

This meeting highlighted the balance between community safety concerns and resource limitations, with Officer Cairns providing practical advice on how residents can effectively report issues and what enforcement capabilities currently exist.



# SDPD NORTHERN DIVISION Resource Phone List

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Aging and Independent Services 800-510-2020  
[www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/)

Beach & Bay Advisory 619-239-0512

Brush Abatement/Fire Hazard 619-533-4411

Building Permits 619-446-5000

Bureau of Automotive Repair 858-716-1025  
[www.bar.ca.gov](http://www.bar.ca.gov)

Buses/MTS Access 619-233-3004

Charity Navigator [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)

City Attorney's Office-Civil 619-533-5800

City Attorney's Office-Crime 619-533-5500

Code Compliance Violations 619-236-5500  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Crimes Statistic and Alerts [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)

Crime Stoppers 888-580-8477  
[www.sdcrimestoppers.org](http://www.sdcrimestoppers.org)

Contractors State License Board 800-321-2752  
[www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)

Construction Permits 619-446-5000

Curb Maintenance 619-527-7500

Dead Animal Removal (City Prop.) 858-694-7000

Department of Consumer Affairs 800-952-5210  
[www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov)

Environmental Services 858-694-7000  
[www.sandiego.gov/emiromental-services/](http://www.sandiego.gov/emiromental-services/)

**Get It Done App/Website** [www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

**Graffiti Hotline— GET IT DONE APP/WEB** 619-525-8522  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

**GRAFFITI REMOVAL:**

- Urban Corps Hotline 800-829-6884
- Cal Trans 858-467-4042
- City Traffic Signs 619-525-8522 or 619-527-7500
- U.S. Postal Service 800-275-8777
- Traffic Signal Control Boxes 619-527-7500

Grocery Cart Retrieval Corp. — GET IT DONE APP. 800-252-4613  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Homeless Services/Encamp. — GET IT DONE APP. 858-300-1211  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Household Hazardous Waste 858-694-7000

Housing Commission 619-231-9400

Humane Society [www.sdhumane.org](http://www.sdhumane.org) 619-299-7012

Information (City of San Diego) 619-236-5555

IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service 619-744-7156  
[www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov](http://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov)

Lawn Parking 858-495-7856

Miramar Operations Duty Officer 858-577-4277  
 Contact for noise, complaints, injuries or  
[www.miramarmcas.odo@usmc.mil](mailto:www.miramarmcas.odo@usmc.mil) 858-577-4279

Mobile Crisis Response Team 619-346-4020

Park and recreation 619-525-8213

Parking Abatement 858-495-7856

Parking Citations 858-470-1308

Permit Requirement/Status Questions 619-446-5000

Poison Control (24hours) [www.calpoison.org/](http://www.calpoison.org/) 800-222-1222

Postal Inspectors/Mail Theft & Tampering 877-876-2455  
<https://postalinspectors.gov>

**Police: Non-Emergency** 619-531-2000

Report crimes NOT in progress online:  
[www.sdpdfilemypolicereport.org](http://www.sdpdfilemypolicereport.org)

Abandoned Vehicles - Over 72 hours:  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Abandoned/Unattended Personal Belongings or Waste:  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Noise and other Nuisances:  
[www.sandiego.gov/police/forms/citizen-request](http://www.sandiego.gov/police/forms/citizen-request)

Drug and Gang Activity:  
[www.sandiego.gov/police/forms/citizen-request](http://www.sandiego.gov/police/forms/citizen-request)

Illegal Dumping & Litter:  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done) 858-694-7000

**Police: Northern Div. (Non-Emergency)** 858-552-1700  
**GET IT DONE APP/WEBSITE** [www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Inland Communities

CRO Officer Anderson Brown 858-552-1703  
[Anbrown@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:Anbrown@pd.sandiego.gov)

Coastal Communities

CRO Officer Thomas Cairns 858-552-1631  
[Tcairns@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:Tcairns@pd.sandiego.gov)

Pot Hole Hotline 619-527-7500  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Project Wildlife [www.projectwildlife.org](http://www.projectwildlife.org)

Public Transit [www.sdcommute.com](http://www.sdcommute.com) 619-233-3004

Recycling Hotline 800-237-2583

Senior Citizen Services 619-236-6905

Sidewalk Maintenance— GET IT DONE APP/WEB 619-527-7500  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Storm water Pollution Hotline 619-235-1000

Street Division 619-527-7500  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Street Sweeping— GET IT DONE APP/WEB 858-541-4360  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Traffic Control 619-533-3126

Trash/Dumping/Litter/Debris 858-694-7000  
[Trash@sandiego.gov](mailto:Trash@sandiego.gov) (include location and description)

Tree Maintenance— GET IT DONE APP/WEB 619-527-7500  
[www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

Water/Sewer Emergency 619-515-3525  
[www.sandiego.gov/mwwd/](http://www.sandiego.gov/mwwd/)

Water Utilities 619-515-3500

Weed Abatement (private property) 619-533-4444

Zoning Regulations 619-446-5000

**OTHER GOVERNMENT CONTACTS:**

MAYOR'S Office: Todd Gloria [www.sandiego.gov/mayor](http://www.sandiego.gov/mayor)

CITY COUNCIL, District 1: Council Member Joe LaCava  
 619-236-6611 [Joelacava@sandiego.gov](mailto:Joelacava@sandiego.gov)

CITY COUNCIL, District 2: Council Member Jennifer Campbell  
 619-236-6622 [Jennifercampbell@sandiego.gov](mailto:Jennifercampbell@sandiego.gov)

CITY COUNCIL, District 6: Council Member Kent Lee  
 619-236-6616 [KentLee@sandiego.gov](mailto:KentLee@sandiego.gov)

SAN DIEGO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 619-533-4300 <https://www.sandiego.gov/fire>

# Action Item: Request for Valet Parking (Orli Hotel)

Proposal for a valet zone at the Orli Hotel, 484 Prospect Street.

**Presented by:** C.A. Marengo

## Project Overview

**Project:** 484 Prospect - Converting the old Scripps Hospital nurses' quarters (located at 468 Prospect Street, corner of Cuvier and Prospect) into a 20-room hotel expansion of the existing Orly Hotel

## Main Proposal

The developer is requesting approval for:

- **Three valet parking spaces** on Prospect Street
- **A bulb-out (street extension)** at the corner of Cuvier and Prospect Streets

## Key Details

### The Building

- Former nurses' quarters for Scripps Hospital
- Previously known as Manchester residence and later housed a cosmetic surgery practice
- Currently in escrow to be converted into hotel rooms
- Will be an expansion of the existing Orly Hotel (located on Draper Ave., across the street from the rec center)

### Parking and Traffic Flow

- Hotel will have 21 parking spaces in a separate building behind 464
- Proposed valet system: guests drop off at Prospect Street, valet takes car around to Scripps Lane, then to garage behind the building
- When guests need their car, valet retrieves it and brings it back to Prospect Street pickup
- Valet service will be contracted through a professional company (not hotel employees), operating 24/7

### The Bulb-Out

- Public improvement project (not private) paid for by the developer

- Will create better sight lines for drivers and pedestrians
- Shortens crosswalk distance from current length to 40 feet (city standard)
- Includes two decorative trees/bushes with small signage
- Addresses traffic safety concerns at the intersection

## Technical Issues Discussed

### Parking Impact

- **Current situation:** Proposal would eliminate one existing parking space
- **Net effect:** Converting existing 2-hour public parking spots to valet-only spaces
- **Debate:** Whether they could fit additional parking spaces with proper engineering

### Regulatory Compliance

- **Daylighting requirements:** 25-foot clearance from corners for visibility
- **Confusion:** Initial misunderstanding about whether 25-foot rule applied to both sides of corner or just the side approaching the intersection
- **Clarification:** Rule only applies to parking spaces leading up to the intersection, not spaces facing away from the intersection

### Street Closure Context

- Cuvier Street (where it divides Bishop's School and LJ Rec Center) is planned to be closed as part of a separate project
- This closure is already approved and moving forward independently
- The bulb-out design proposed for the Orli Hotel accommodates this future street configuration

## Board Discussion Points

### Support for the Project

- Board members generally liked the bulb-out for pedestrian safety
- Recognized that the city wouldn't pay for the bulb-out, so developer funding is the only way to get this improvement
- Appreciated the connection between valet parking and public improvement

### Concerns Raised

- **Unused valet spaces:** Board has experience with approved valet spaces that later go unused
- **Parking loss:** General concern about losing public parking spaces in the area

- **Three vs. two spaces:** Question about whether three valet spaces are necessary for a 20-room hotel

#### Engineering and Approval Process

- Plans need to go through city engineering review
- Potential for design modifications during the engineering process
- Recognition that final design may differ from preliminary drawings

## Final Decision

The board moved to approve both the valet parking request and the bulb-out as a connected proposal, recognizing that:

- The valet parking alone wouldn't be desirable without the bulb-out
- The bulb-out provides significant public benefit for pedestrian and traffic safety
- The developer needs both components to make the project work operationally
- The arrangement can be reviewed and modified if the valet spaces go unused

The approval was contingent on the understanding that the project would proceed through proper city engineering review and that adjustments might be needed during that process.

**Vote:** To approve the request for valet zone (3 spots) at the Orli Hotel at 484 Prospect Street that must include the implementation of a bulb out.

**First:** John Bauer

**Second:** Bill Podway

## Vote: 5-1 motion approved

Ross Rudolph opposed because it is taking away two public parking spots and not replacing them

## **Action Item: Tides of Creativity (LJSA event)**

Request for letter for the closure of the 2200 block of Avenida de la Playa on June 21st from 9am to 4pm

**Presented by:** John Pierce

### **Event Details:**

- **When:** Saturday June 21st, 10 AM to 3 PM
- **What:** Free community event featuring local authors and artists
- **Activities:** Pony rides, face painting, bounce houses, and a raffle
- **Funding:** Organizers are covering all costs for the community

### **Key Discussion Points:**

**Street Closure Request:** The organizers needed approval for a street closure to accommodate the event. They're working with the local business association, whose name is on the permit due to special events requirements.

**Business Community Support:** The organizers have been collaborating with someone named Darren and the local business association. All businesses in the affected area are supportive and have contributed to the event raffle. The organizers are trying to create mutual benefit by promoting local businesses and driving foot traffic to the area.

**Traffic Concerns:** Board members acknowledged significant traffic issues in the area, with mentioning two recent accidents in the past three weeks and describing weekend traffic as "insane." However, they still supported the event.

**Board Sentiment:** Generally positive reception. Public comment noted that while traffic is always an issue in the area, the event could actually help by drawing families with school children away from Kellogg Park, potentially reducing congestion there.

**Administrative Note:** At the end, there was a question about when an approval letter would be needed, with the organizer indicating they need it immediately ("now").

**Vote:** To approve the request for a letter for the closure of the 2200 block of Avenida de la Playa on June 21st from 9am to 4pm

**First:** Ross Rudolph

**Second:** Bill Podway

**Vote: 6-0 motion approved**





## **Procedural Process: Nomination from the floor for Officers for La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary**

Nominations from the floor for positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.  
Election of officers to take place at the meeting in July.

**Presented by:** Erik Gantzel

Due to the entire board not being present and suggesting that some board members may be interested in an officer role it was determined to carry this process over to the next board meeting.

**Action:** To move the nomination of officers to the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Traffic and Transport Board meeting

**Vote: 6-0 motion approved**

**Adjournment: 5:44pm**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

**Respectfully Submitted:** John Bauer, Secretary