

LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Regular Meeting, September 16, 2025

Members Present:

Erik Gantzel, BRCC
Patrick Ryan, BRCC
Tom Brady, LJCPA
Jason Peasley, LJVMA
Bill Podway, LJVMA
Ross Rudolph, LJSA
Mike McCormick, LJSA
Mary Soriano, LJTC.

Members Absent:

Dave Abrams, LJCPA
John Bauer, LJVMA

Approve Minutes of August 19, 2025, meeting: Bill Podway moved to approve, Tom Brady seconded the motion. Approved 8-0.

Chairperson's Report:

At the last meeting, there was a public comment and discussion regarding the La Jolla Shores pedestrian promenade, and the discussion ended with Erik's statement that the promenade's parking-related issues were likely to be on a future T&T board agenda. After the meeting, additional information was obtained, reflecting that the city had formally approved the plan to replace parking lost to the promenade. Specifically, the addition of 11 new parking spaces along a widened section of Camino del Oro, adjacent to the Kellogg Park parking lot. Accordingly, the promenade replacement-parking issue is not expected to be on a future T&T meeting agenda unless the parking plans change or new issues arise.

Public Comments:

Mike McCormick: La Jolla Shores has no passenger drop-off zones, and this is a hazard and a potential liability for the city. Vallecitos is dangerous because vehicles drop off passengers and then back up into the intersection of Vallecitos and Camino del Oro.

Kathleen Neil: We're still working with the city regarding the Torrey Pines Road guardrail replacement project. Foliage is intruding on the bike lane on the east side of the road, so people are encouraged to submit Get It Done requests to the city, asking for the foliage to be trimmed so the bike lane is clear.

Other comments: Discussion regarding the responsibility/authority of Bird Rock Maintenance Assessment District (MAD), vis-à-vis the LJ T&T and City of San Diego. Specific focus on maintenance of ocean overlooks at the end of streets. The consensus is

that the City of San Diego would be responsible for maintaining coastal overlooks, and they're outside the purview of LJ T&T and the Bird Rock MAD.

Agenda Item 1: La Jolla Presbyterian Fall Festival -Trunk or Treat – Request to close streets and parking spaces for festival scheduled for October 29, 2025. (Lizzet Fitz)

Action Item

Lizzet Fitz: The event will be on October 29, 2025, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Neighboring businesses, i.e., the Orli Hotel and LJ Women's Club, support the street closure for the event and will be participating. Street closure is requested from 3 pm until 8:30 pm. The event, which is on a Wednesday, will be open to all.

Patrick Ryan asked whether no-parking signs would be placed at least 72 hours in advance of the road closure, and Lizzett confirmed that the church owns the signs and definitely will put them out. Erik noted that the same event came before T&T in 2016 and 2018, and he asked about any significant changes in this year's event. Lizzet stated that there would not be large structures such as bouncy houses this year, and the event would be more "low key" than the previous events. However, the road and parking closures will be the same.

Motion to approve the street and parking closure on Draper Ave on October 29, 2025: Tom Brady, seconded by Patrick Ryan. Vote 8-0 in favor.

Agenda Item 2: Speeding on Nautilus Street – Discussion regarding speeding, and possible approaches to slowing, traffic on the upper section of Nautilus Street. (Mira and Francis Costello) **Discussion Item**

Francis Costello: We've lived on (upper) Nautilus for 9 years. Nautilus is a residential corridor with housing on both sides, and a total of five schools located on the ends. Since 2016, there have been at least 13 accidents that have stopped traffic, caused tow truck calls, police, etc. We're at the bottom of the curve, which is the worst spot, with close calls all the time and the sounds of squealing tires nightly. Most of the 13 accidents involved cars crossing the bike lane and sidewalk.

(A slide show was presented. It provided details regarding the 13 accidents and included video footage and photographs of several crashes. It also contained a matrix in which Nautilus was compared to similar streets around La Jolla. Upper Nautilus has a 40 mph speed limit, no calming devices, is uninterrupted by stop signs, cross walks, or traffic lights, and has no curve warnings. No comparable street in La Jolla has a 40 mph speed limit. Recommend reducing speed limit to 35 mph, improving signage and bike lane markings, and add traffic calming devices. AB 43 provides an opportunity to lower the speed limit.)

Discussion regarding what would help reduce speed and make Nautilus safer. In addition to lowering the speed limit to 35, ideas included adding rumble strips, narrowing the

roadway by adding a raised center median strip, adding flexible pylons between vehicle and bike lanes, and adding signs to warn of the curve.

Speakers discussed the lack of police presence or enforcement. Erik will assist with a sample petition that can be circulated to area residents in support of a 35 mph speed limit, and assist with submitting traffic calming and signage improvement requests via the city's Traffic Service Request web portal.

Agenda Item 3: Passenger Loading Zone on Eads Avenue – Discussion of parking in the vicinity of Pearl Street Pet Hospital, 801 Pearl Street. (Julianna Wilcox)

Discussion Item

At the July 2025 meeting, Dr. Wilcox requested a passenger loading zone on Eads Ave., to facilitate the drop-off of pets by clients with reduced mobility, and for emergencies. This time, a 15-minute parking space is requested, and supported by evidence of 15-minute parking spaces fronting businesses throughout La Jolla.

Dr. Wilcox explained the current parking situation, including employee spots in the garage and limited spaces in the alleyway.

(Dr. Wilcox presented a slide show that included correspondence between Dr. Wilcox and the property manager, Barbara Fischer, regarding the addition of commercial parking spaces. Building management agreed to re-stripe spaces to bring the total number of spaces available to the pet hospital to 6; with 4 on the alley [Bishops Lane] and 2 inside the garage. However, building management will not install technology that would allow customer access to the parking garage due to concerns about security for residents and liability for the building. The slide show also included multiple photographs of 15-minute parking spaces fronting businesses throughout La Jolla, including in front of a veterinary business at 7520 Fay Ave.)

Board discussion regarding the two, 15-minute parking spaces on the west side of Eads Ave, in front of Dick's Liquor and other businesses at 737 Pearl Street, and whether the businesses served by those spaces would support moving one of the 15-minute spaces to the east side of the street, in front of the vet hospital. Erik agreed to provide Dr. Wilcox with a petition form that could be used to document the businesses' support for moving one 15-minute parking space from the west side of Eads Ave to the East side of Eads Ave. T&T board members expressed support for such a parking space "swap."

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 21

Respectfully submitted: Erik Gantzel