

Rancho Bernardo Joint Traffic and Transportation

Annual Report for 2007

The Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee is a committee compiled of members from the Community Council, Planning Board and some residents at large. As in all years since the Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee was formed (early 1980's), it was kept busy with numerous issues impacting our community. Some issues covered included:

-The PTO of Oak Valley School, located in 4 S Ranch approached the RB Community Council in March, 2006, regarding assistance in safety issues in and around the school. They were not receiving support from the County or PUSD in regard to certain issues. The RB Community Council agreed to draft a letter of support in regard to a bus turnaround, a temporary school zone sign as well as entrance/exit by Ivy Gate. The letter was sent to PUSD, the County Supervisor, PTO President and the County Sheriff's department. Shortly afterwards, the issues were addressed, making the area in and around the school safer for the children.

-the first meeting for the Pilot Traffic Calming Program in Bernardo Hills was announced to be scheduled for May 21.

-After numerous meetings with residents from the Bernardo Hills area and representatives from the City Traffic Engineering Department, the Traffic Calming Pilot Program Implementation was agreed upon in August, 2007. A full report may be seen by clicking here: <http://rbcommunitycouncil.com/pdf-files/rbcc-traffic-report-20070822.pdf>

-A resident by the name of Ms. Ealia Henderscheid presented information regarding an alternative method of obtaining four way stop signs at the intersection of Florindo and Matinel after the request was turned down by the city. It was advised that Ms. Henderscheid obtain signatures from the majority of residents in and around the area and present it to the Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee. The Committee would then send the paperwork and recommendations to the City as an alternative method.

- In August, Kathy Keehan voiced her concern regarding the Planning Boards decision to change in their bylaws stating the Joint Traffic Committee would only be a Planning Board Committee after more than 20 years of existing as a Joint Committee between the Community Council and the Planning Board. The Planning Board approved the deviation in their By-laws at their July meeting without bringing the matter before the full Joint Traffic Committee. Those members not in favor of the deviation on the Planning Board were those who actually sit on the Traffic Committee. Those who never sat on the Traffic Committee voted for the deviation. The Committee will remain as a Joint Traffic Committee with two Chairs, one representing the Community Council and one representing the Planning Board, until such time as the City Council approves the

Planning Board's suggested deviations to their bylaws. As of the end of March, 2008, the City has yet to approve the Planning Board's newly suggested bylaws.

-A stop sign was requested by a resident on the corner of Chieftain and Matinel. The City Traffic Engineering Department approved the sign. The Traffic Department asked the Committee to review the situation. Seeing no problems, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the sign the City recommended.

-Due to the fires which struck Rancho Bernardo, the October meeting was canceled.

-Resident Margaret Espiritu approached the Joint Traffic Committee in November regarding a four way stop sign on Roca and Rios. While she and neighbors put together an alternative method petition with 40 signatures, it was suggested that she find out how many residents in the area would be impacted by the proposed stop signs as 40 signatures may not be enough to qualify for an alternative method. The resident was going to follow up on the issue and present at a later date.

-Resident Carol Terzakis presented information regarding a fatality on Pomerado Rd and Pomerado Court. She requested a stop light be placed at that corner. The Committee was advised the Traffic Department was doing a study on the situation. As March, 2008, the situation is still being discussed. The City is presently recommending a stop light to be placed on Pomerado Road and Grandee, but not Pomerado Road and Pomerado Court.

-Kathy Keehan, Executive Director of the San Diego Bicycle Coalition, presented information in January, 2008, regarding potholes along bicycle lanes which could possible cause a major accident. The issue was sent to the City where it was addressed.

-Residents Ann Ross and Connie Sakis presented information in January, 2008, requesting a 'no outlet' sign be placed on Parlange Place. 90% of the residents signed an alternative methods petition. Robin Kaufman presented the information to the City Traffic Department. As of March, the situation was being reviewed.

As this year has shown, there are numerous traffic and transportation issues affecting the community of Rancho Bernardo. As a volunteer group, the Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee has done an excellent job of dealing with these issues.

Respectively submitted by Robin Kaufman, Co-Chair of the Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee.