

## **Rancho Bernardo Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee Annual Report for 2006**

Once again, the Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee (a committee compiled of members from the Community Council, Planning Board and some residents) was kept quite busy this year with various issues brought to us. Month by month, these issues included the following:

March ~ new procedures proposed by the City on ways of dealing with traffic calming requests, traffic congestion problems on Iberia Place due to the poor construction of the entrance/exit of the mini mall on the west side. A letter was sent to the City requesting red curbing be placed on the first block of the east side of Iberia so cars can pass those waiting to enter the mini mall on the west side. This request was fulfilled by the City. Parking issues between Woodcrest and Vista Bernardo residents was presented with a petition to limit parking hours, an update was given on pedestrian crossing at Bernardo Center Drive and Bernardo Plaza Dr., another update was given on the long project of exit/entrance on Acena by the Sav-On Drug store. The Town Center group has been uncooperative in this endeavor. We were also given an updated report on the repaving project on Pomerado Rd.

April ~ Several Escala Drive residents were present to discuss the increased traffic/speeding on their street while cars are being diverted there due to the Pomerado bridge work. Robin Kaufman communicated the concerns to Caltrans, who placed two speed reminder signs on the streets. Police were also contacted and obliged by increased presence. A resident on Villa Ladera complained of increased freeway noise since the construction started. An update on the Sav On exit/entrance was given. A letter was sent out earlier in the month with no response from the property owners.

May ~ a large group of residents attended regarding parking problems in Westwood since the conversion of Waterbridge Condo Complex. Waterbridge is not supplying sufficient parking for the condo owners, who then have to park their vehicles in the residential area of Westwood. That means crossing the busy intersection of West Bernardo Drive and attempting to find any open spaces on the streets. Residents of Westwood complained they no longer have any space available in front of their homes due to the condo residents parking on their streets. It was suggested they first contact the Westwood HOA and the Waterbridge owners to work out an arrangement and then come back to us with any other problems. Vehicles for sale along RB Rd. was also discussed and ways we can eliminate them. All way stop on Cloudcroft and Lofty Trails was approved as an alternate process procedure. Camino Del Norte sound wall improvements were started. Still no response on the Sav-On letter sent to the Town Center Property group in April. V-tech signs for Lomica as well as for Avenida de Lobos were placed at the top of the list for possible locations.

June ~ Numerous residents from Seven Oaks attended, complaining of speeding in their area. Residents were informed a V-tech sign has been approved to be placed on Lomica. We also encouraged them to report any vehicles speeding to their club as well as to RSVP. Committee will contact RSVP to place the portable V-tech trailer on Lomica. Other residents from Bernardo Heights complained of student parking on Paseo Lucido, even though there are adequate spaces in the RB High School parking lot. It was suggested we have the City install bike lanes which would not allow for parking on that street. As of mid-June, the Town Center Property group had yet to reply to the April letter. Therefore, another letter will be sent to them.

July ~ Ed Silva, President of The Trails HOA purchased a V-tech sign and installed it in the community without residents or city permission (which is presently in violation of City Code CVC 21465.. He also purchased two more signs to install, again without city or residents permission. Mr. Silva stated there was resistance from only one resident. We suggested he follow up on the paper work for making the already installed V-tech sign legal and contact residents of The Trails that we will be placing the item on next month's agenda. Gregory Canyon Landfill traffic impact was presented. A letter was received from the Town Center Property Group stating they considered the subject closed and they would not cooperate by sending us the information requested.

August ~ a resident had concern with the speed limit of 50 miles an hour on RB Road, past West Bernardo Drive intersection. Committee will look into the matter. Numerous residents from TheTrails attended the meeting in regard to a V-tech sign their HOA installed without permission from the residents or City. While this committee suggested last month that Mr.Silva file the proper paperwork to rectify the situation of the first installed sign, we were informed he has yet to complete the paperwork . The HOA was planning on installing two more signs, which many residents opposed. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a letter, designed by representatives on both sides of the issue, be sent to residents in the development to see if they were all in favor of the V-tech signs. It was also suggested once again that the HOA follow up on the City ordinances to make the present V-tech sign legal. Residents were reminded they do not live in an area which would warrant a lot of outside, through traffic and that speeding is occurring by the residents themselves.

September ~ several residents from Bernardo Hills asked for support in helping deter increased speeding traffic cutting through their residential area to avoid traffic lights on Pomerado/Espola intersection. Solution ~ to install all-way stops on Parish and Cresta Drive. Mr. Schulze, a resident of The Trails, attended as a follow up from the August meeting. As agreed at the last meeting, Mr. Schulze attended The Trails HOA meeting and asked the board President, Mr. Silva, about the wording for the survey to be sent to residents regarding the V-tech signs. Mr. Silva and the rest of the HOA board reportedly refused to discuss the

matter. It was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to City Code Compliance requested they have the illegal poles for the V-tech signs be removed at the HOAs expense (since they installed them) and that they follow up on the present illegal V-tech sign which was installed by the HOA board. Steve Denny, a representative from the City Traffic Department addressed no parking restrictions. An update on the parking problems between Waterbridge residents and Westwood residents was given. Bike lanes on Paseo Lucido, which would reduce parking problems, was discussed. An update on the Sav-On issue ~ City records indicate that the property owners are presently in violation of City Codes which state they cannot have an exit or entrance at that location. Steve Denny stated he would look into the issue. Due to all the traffic/congestion/parking problems, Robin Kaufman announced there would be a public forum next month in lieu of a regular meeting. Various City officials will be present to answer questions.

October ~ a public forum was held at the Westwood Club to discuss various traffic issues in our community. The event was well attended.

November ~ Decorative pavement design for reducing traffic issues on Paseo Lucido, researched by resident Tom Reid, was presented. All way stop on Cloudcrest and Lofty Trails will be completed in December.

December ~ due to the holiday season, the meeting was canceled.

January ~ Anne LeReverand, Meera Varigonda and George Cooke presented a pedestrian safety issue at Oak Valley Middle School. Vision Plan/Community Plan and responsibilities of the Joint Traffic Committee were discussed. Pomerado bridge is open again and there is noticeable decreased traffic once again on Escala (it had increased while construction took place).

February ~ Vision Plan/Community Plan was discussed again with recommendations on the role of the Joint Traffic Committee. RB High School installed an electronic sign with many complaints from residents. Being the same height and color of stop signs, residents feel it is a traffic hazard. The City will be notified. Update on the parking at Oak Valley School was presented.

As this year has shown, our community is continually dealing with numerous traffic issues. The City has worked with us in dealing with many of the issues. However, we have found it frustrating when we are turned down for many requests which we feel would improve the quality of life in our community.

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