

Rancho Bernardo Joint Traffic/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes May 22, 2006
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Co-chair Richard Katz. The following Committee members were present: George Cooke, Dick Walker, co-chair Robin Kaufman, Richard House, Jerry Coats, Andrea Thomas, Kathy Keehan, and Alethea Altenbern. Also present were Community Guests: Hal Altenbern, Brad Thorson, Jim Steinberg, Norman Borgen, Marie Borgen, Joan Childers, Joey Childers, and Jean Adamo. The meeting was held in the 2nd floor conference room at the San Diego National Bank.
2. The minutes from the April 24, 2006 meeting were approved, with the note that Irving Sherman had also attended the meeting.
3. Residents Remarks – Westwood Parking - A group of residents from Westwood presented a growing problem with parking on residential streets in the vicinity of Poblado and Botero. Jim Steinberg served as spokesperson for the group. The problem appears to be the result of overflow parking from Waterbridge on West Bernardo Drive, which is a recent Condo Conversion from apartments. A price sheet from “Waterbridge in Rancho Bernardo” was distributed, which showed that most of the two-bedroom floor plans come with only a single parking space provided. Since there is gated access to the parking area, and residents have more cars than allotted spaces, the overflow parking is going onto nearby neighborhood streets including Poblado, Botero, and Oculito. It was also reported that there are 174 empty parking spaces in the secured parking area, because residents are restricted to their own spaces. Following discussion with committee members, it was suggested that the group first carry this issue to their Homeowners Association in Westwood, and contact the management at Waterbridge to see if a solution can be found. If not, they can bring the issue back to the Traffic Committee at a future time, and measures such as overnight parking restrictions can be reviewed.
4. Residents Remarks – Failed Ordinance for Cars for Sale on RB Road – Dick Walker reported that the proposed ordinance to prohibit cars for sale on Rancho Bernardo Road has failed at the City. There were two reasons it failed – first because there was no funding for the \$65,00 required for signs, and second because of a question of constitutionality. The problem is growing worse all the time, and now several RV’s For Sale were reported parked on RB Road east of Acena. The cars parked there all seem to be cars for sale, and if any residents use those spaces, they are jay-walking to get across the street to their cars.
5. All-way Stop Proposal for Cloudcrest / Lofty Trail at Turtleback Lane – Committee member George Cooke and Resident Brad Thorson presented a proposal for an all-way stop and crosswalks on Cloudcrest Drive / Lofty Trail

Drive at Turtleback Lane. There is a long standing problem of speeding at this location, making it unsafe for neighborhood pedestrians and school children. The following reasons were given in support of the proposal: (1) High incidence of speeding at this location, (2) previous efforts (RSVP, speed trailer, enforcement, yard signs, etc.) have not solved the problem, (3) limited line of sight due to the crest on the hill and the curve in the road, (4) pedestrian crossing for students walking to Turtleback Elementary School, (5) pedestrian crossing for students walking to the Lofty Trail bus stop, and (6) pedestrian crossing for children walking and bicycling to the nearby soccer field and to the High Country West Community Center. The High Country West Board of Directors endorsed this proposal at its meeting on May 22. Steve Denny of City Traffic Engineering reviewed the proposal together with Dave DiPierro at an on-site inspection, and determined that it does not meet the warrant due to limited volume of traffic. Accordingly, this proposal is to follow the Alternative Process, and ask for RB Planning Board approval at its meeting on June 15. Photographs were passed around which illustrate the location. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously to endorse this proposal and take it to the June 15 RB Planning Board meeting.

6. Camino Del Norte Update – George Cooke reported that Mike Rust of Newland Communities had attended the May 10 High Country West HOA meeting. At that time he gave an update on Camino Del Norte improvements and the planned sound wall. Now that Caltrans has finished up on the bridge, Newland will be going through with the improvements and expansion on Camino Del Norte itself. Also, work on the sound wall on both sides of Camino Del Norte near the freeway will proceed.
7. Sav-on Update – This on-going issue was discussed again. There is no response yet to the April 3 letter from the Town Center Property Management group. Kathy Keehan raised the possibility that access could be closed off in both directions. If development plans for the Garden Center next to Savon come to the RB Planning Board that might offer an opportunity to explore this further. Hal Altenbern expressed frustration that this item seems to go on and on with no resolution.
8. Update on pedestrian crossing time on Bernardo Center Drive at Bernardo Plaza Drive – George Cooke and Jerry Coats reported that they met with City Traffic Signals engineer Frank Yates on May 17. The crossing issue was demonstrated first hand. Follow up will be needed to see what the result may be. Countdown signals are a possibility, but funding would be needed.
9. V-Calm update – George Cooke and Dick Katz gave an update based on their recent on-site inspection with Dave DiPierro and Courtney Smith. The list of sites was visited and reviewed in light of new factors provided by Dave DiPierro. On Monterro Road, there is very low volume of traffic at times other

than the brief periods when school is beginning or ending. On Maturin Drive, there is local traffic only. Lomica looks like a better candidate because it is a residential street that carries a lot of traffic. Avenida de los Lobos looks good because of a lot of cut-through traffic, which is expected to increase when the Bernardo Center Drive – Carmel Valley Road connection is made later this year. Poblado has a line of sight problem, and the sign can not be seen soon enough on the right hand side of the street. There are no homes fronting the suggested streets in either Bernardo Heights or Oaks North. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to move Lomica and Avenida de los Lobos to the top of the list.

10. Update on Bernardo Heights Freeway Noise Impacts – George reported that after he had pulled the requested information together, the resident from the prior month's meeting stated that he was no longer interested in receiving it.
11. Other Items – George Cooke passed along comments from Camino Bernardo resident Anne LeReverend about the effect of the new double right turn lanes from Camino Del Norte onto southbound I-15. Kathy Keehan gave a SANDAG update.
12. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Monday, June 26, 2006, in the 2nd floor meeting room at the San Diego National Bank, located at 16789 Bernardo Center Drive.