

Rancho Bernardo Traffic/Transportation Joint Committee Annual Report for 2005

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Mission Statement

The Rancho Bernardo Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee is made up of representatives from the Rancho Bernardo Community Council and Planning Board. The Committee acts as a sounding board and receptor of issues pertaining to traffic safety from residents, businesses, schools and other institutions in the Community and works to assist residents and businesses to resolve issues associated with speeding, parking violations, pedestrian and bike safety, freeway access and any other issue involving traffic safety.

The Committee also seeks to maintain a dialogue with other public and private agencies concerned with transportation problems, their potential impact and mitigation in a more regional context.

The Committee works with the City Traffic Department, the San Diego Police Department, Caltrans and the office of the City Council member representing Rancho Bernardo to mitigate traffic related issues that impact on safety and the quality of life.

Accomplishments in 2005

Residents from the Westwood area requested installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Azucar at Duenda. The Committee expanded the request to include stop signs at Azucar/Matinal Circle and Poblado/Pueblo Vista based on a Traffic Calming study prepared by members of the committee. The committee approved a motion to install the stop signs and in turn presented the motion to the Planning Board and Community Council. The Boards approved the motion and the stop signs were installed.

Steve Denny of the City Traffic Department was a guest speaker at a meeting and discussed the standards used by the City to evaluate items such as stop sign installation.

Sergeant Dan Hollister in charge of the motorcycle police officers in our area was a guest speaker and discussed the rules relative to the enforcement of speeding violations.

A member of the Committee made a presentation at the Palomar Council(PTSA) and distributed a toolkit to be used to improve traffic flow and safety in the vicinity of schools.

Residents of the Marbella Development requested installation of stop signs at the intersection of Camino Ramillette and Calle Esteopona as a traffic

calming measure where residents have to cross Camino Ramillette on the walking path through the Development.

City Traffic had reviewed this request and stated that the intersection did not qualify for a three way stop. The Committee made a request to the District's Councilmember for special consideration of the request which ultimately resulted in the installation of the three way stop signs.

Representatives of the Committee met with Dr. Donald Phillips, Superintendent of the PUSD and members of his staff, to review the ongoing efforts to mitigate the parking issues within the community in the vicinity of the Rancho Bernardo High School.

A representative of the Masters Hill Homeowners Association requested the parking restrictions in the streets surrounding the RB High School also be installed on Corte Sabio. A motion was approved to have the signs installed and forwarded to the Planning Board and Community Council which approved the request . The City Traffic Department has scheduled installation of the signs.

The Manager of Bernardo Vista del Lago requested the Committee to assist in the elimination of trucks parking overnight on Paseo Monte Battalla. A request was forwarded to the City Traffic Department and "No Parking 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM" signs were installed.

Members of the Committee are working with the Principal of the new Oak Valley Middle School and the Management of the 4S Development to eliminate safety hazards which exist in the vicinity of the School. A student on a bicycle was hit by an automobile in a crosswalk adjacent to the school. Residents living on Bernardo Oaks Drive submitted a petition to install stop signs on Bernardo Oaks Drive at the intersections of Francisco Drive and Bernardo Oaks Court. A motion to approve the request was forwarded to the Planning Board and Community Council and the signs were installed.

The Committee approved a motion to install parking restriction signs on Via Tazon to eliminate overnight parking by trucks and trailers belonging to Jakobson Trucking. The vehicles were parking on West Bernardo Court until restricted parking signs were installed on that street. The motion will be forwarded to the Planning Board and Community Council for approval.

Residents living on Greens East Road requested the Committee approve installation of stop signs at the intersection of Campillo Drive and Greens East Road. The City Traffic Department investigated the installation of stop signs at this intersection and determined that it did not meet City standards. A motion to install the signs was passed and forwarded to the Planning Board and Community Council. If approved, it will be sent to Councilmember Maienschein's office for special consideration.

Jeff King, Principal of the Rancho Bernardo High School, addressed the Committee on the subject of student parking in the vicinity of the school. He described the actions taken by the School to mitigate this problem and the limits on the school to act on this issue.