

**CITY OF CORONADO
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, August 26, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Traffic Operations Committee (T.O.C.) was held on Thursday, August 26, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the Police Facility Emergency Operations Center. Present were Robert Hutton, Ed Walton, Tony Peña, Kim Raddatz and Scott Huth. Also present were Dave Johnson, Assistant Engineer and Sgt. Elizabeth Brett.

1. Minutes of the June 24, 2004 Meeting – The minutes were approved as written, with Mr. Huth abstaining.
2. Oral Communications – Jerry McDonald, General Manager of the Coronado Cays Homeowners Association, stated that some residents would like to relocate the newspaper stand on Grand Caribe Causeway in front of the Fire Station to the far west end, near the cul-de-sac.
3. Recommendation Regarding a Request to Install Yield Signs at the Intersection of Eighth Street and Cabrillo Avenue – Mr. Johnson reviewed the staff report stating that based upon volume and unusual conditions, the intersection does qualify for the installation of yield signs at the intersection of Eighth Street and Cabrillo Avenue. Mr. Peña moved the staff recommendation; Mr. Raddatz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
4. Recommendation Regarding a Request to Install a Stop Sign on the Entrance Road to Bahama Village – Mr. Johnson reviewed the staff report and based on his research, the recommendation is to not install a stop sign on the northbound side of the Bahama Village entrance road, but the Committee may want to consider installation of a yield sign as many motorists are not aware of their responsibilities at uncontrolled intersections.

Andy Shriver (address unknown) stated that the issues here are speed and child safety. The number of young families has increased considerably in the past few years and we don't want to wait for an accident to happen to consider the stop sign. Cars are going way too fast. Lisa Lawrence, 7 Bahama Bend, stated that she has two children, 10 and seven, and her main concern is the safety of the kids. They run out on the street after a ball or try to get to the other side and it is not safe. The cars are going way too fast.

Michelle Peterson, 32 Catspaw Cape, is also concerned about speeding cars. The entire street is a circle, like a track – a speedway. Children are going to the park and it is not safe. The traffic is going too fast.

Jerry McDonald stated that the Coronado Cays is like its own city with more and more young families moving in. Teenagers are racing up and down the streets. We don't want to wait until a child gets hurt.

Mr. Peña suggested that the residents be made aware of this situation with a safety campaign as most of the people using the street are residents. Mr. McDonald said they

have a newly formed security committee of 10 members and they are working on several projects. He said that three or four months ago there was police presence. That helped a lot and he thanked Chief Hutton. He feels that more police presence would help. Mr. Huth asked if they have a newsletter. Mr. McDonald said yes they have a one to two page newsletter and also a quarterly newsletter; the next one will come out in September and it goes to all residents. Mr. Huth said that would be a way to notify residents as the majority of people using the streets are living there. Mr. McDonald said that people don't read the newsletter, especially the young people. He said that police presence and more traffic control are needed.

Mr. Walton said that there is conflicting importance – child safety and the proper way to control right-of-way movement. He said that the streets do not meet the warrants for a stop sign and he would recommend a yield sign. He also stated his concern about the lack of adherence to unwarranted controls. Mr. Hutton stated that from personal experience, if a stop sign goes in, it will work for two months but without enforcement, people will treat it as yield sign or not stop at all.

Mr. McDonald suggested speed bumps. Mr. Peña stated this street may not qualify for speed bumps. Mr. Raddatz is against speed bumps because of the damage to emergency vehicles. Mr. Hutton said that this street does not have a high enough volume of traffic to consider a stop sign. Mr. Huth suggested a yield sign on a trial basis – get feedback from the residents and in six months see if it is working out.

Mr. Peña made a motion to support the staff recommendation of installing a yield sign on the northbound side of the Bahama Village entrance road. Mr. Walton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. McDonald asked what would happen now. Mr. Hutton stated the recommendation goes to City Council and it has to be approved by them. Their next meeting is September 21. Mr. McDonald asked that he, Mr. Shriver, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Peterson be notified of the Council's decision.

5. Recommendation Regarding a Request to Install a Marked Pedestrian Crosswalk at the Intersection of Coronado Cays Boulevard and the Entrance to Bahama Village –

Mr. Johnson reviewed the staff report and, based on the collected traffic data, this intersection does not qualify for a marked pedestrian crosswalk. Therefore, it is recommended that no additional traffic control be installed at this intersection. Mr. Johnson stated that a study done by the City of San Diego several years ago on locations with uncontrolled marked crosswalks vs. uncontrolled unmarked crosswalks concluded that a marked crosswalk gives a false sense of security, often resulting in injuries.

Michelle Peterson, 32 Catspaw Cape, stated that usually there is enough time to get to the median strip but with two other lanes to cross it is not safe. The car in one lane might stop and the car in the other lane speeds by. She can't believe that this intersection does not qualify under Section A "General Condition of the Intersection." There are more families and it is a busy crosswalk with kids and pets. Mr. Huth made a motion to support the staff recommendation that no additional traffic control be installed at this intersection. Mr. Peña seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Andy Shriver (address unknown), stated that he feels guilty for bringing this to the Traffic Operations Committee because after hearing the staff report, he agrees with the recommendation.

6. Recommendation Regarding Installation of a Green, 12-Minute Parking Zone in Front of Village Kindergarten/Preschool, 201 Sixth Street – Mr. Johnson reviewed the staff report and it is recommended that a 220' green, 12-minute parking zone be installed in front of Village Kindergarten/Preschool. Sgt. Elizabeth Brett stated that the busiest time is between 8:00-9:00 a.m. for drop-off and 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for pick-up. Mr. Walton asked if this would help with parking for the volunteers. Bill Cass said yes it would and recommends that the 12-minute parking zone be from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Raddatz made a motion to accept the recommendation to install a green, 12-minute parking zone in front of Village Kindergarten/Preschool to be in force from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and that signs be posted at the beginning and the end of the green zone advising of the effective dates and times. Mr. Huth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item: Use of SR-75 Bike Path – Mr. Raddatz recommended continuing this discussion at the next meeting and taking no action at this time. Mr. Peña seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.