

## CITY OF CORONADO

### TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

The regular meeting of the Traffic Operations Committee (T.O.C.) was held on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Paul Crook, Tony Peña, Kim Raddatz and Ed Walton. Kim Godby represented the absent Scott Huth.

1. Minutes of the April 27, 2006 Meeting – Mr. Peña moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Raddatz and Ms. Godby abstaining.

2. Oral Communications – Bernie Schmidt, 1607 Sixth Street, says he's a big fan of roundabouts and traffic circles. He first used them in Australia and New Zealand in 2001 and drove them for three months in Germany in 2002. He is completely convinced that Coronado really needs to look closely at installing some true roundabouts. In 2003 Encinitas installed roundabouts on three streets. He's looked at the ones recently installed at Birdrock in La Jolla and he highly recommended that the committee members look at and drive through them. It's about time Coronado looked seriously at this. Some facts from a meeting in Encinitas are that roundabouts are far safer than normal intersections, they work better than four-way stop signs and they cost about \$600,000 each. There are no traffic lights and no electricity for lights. In Coronado there are a couple of near roundabouts; there's one at Star Park Circle with one-way traffic which is close to being a true traffic circle, but there are stop signs instead of yield signs. The international sign is blue with three circles chasing each other. The other is at Bay Circle and it is strange because there's a circle with one-way inside and the opposite direction on the outside. That is one that needs to be converted right away. He offered his services as a civilian and a citizen of the City to do whatever needs to be done; he'll help with studies and surveys if asked.

Mr. Peña noted that the Planning Commission was interested in this subject as well. Mr. Walton gave a presentation to the Commission a few weeks ago as part of a traffic calming discussion.

Mr. Schmidt shared a website address that is very informative: [www.roundabouts.net](http://www.roundabouts.net). The person who runs it was hired by Encinitas to help with their roundabouts. Encinitas' engineer is Brian Knoll at (760) 633-2793, but it's been three years and the number may have changed.

Mr. Walton said that the Planning Commission did show some interest in roundabouts. They were specifically looking at trying to implement one at Seventh, Pomona and Adella. That's something that will be looked at to see if it would be a good application. Mr. Walton said the traffic engineer could look at Bay Circle to see if it makes sense to convert it to a one-way circle. He asked if Mr. Schmidt would write a letter to the Engineering Department stating exactly what he'd like to be looked at.

3. Recommendation Regarding the Request to Install a Handicap Blue Curb Zone in Front of the Professional Offices Located at 1317 Ynez Place – Mr. Peña moved to approve this item on consent, Mr. Raddatz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

4. Recommendation Regarding the 2005 Annual Traffic Report – Mr. Walton moved that the Committee accept the recommendation to forward the report to Council with a change that there is a typographical error on page two where it says that the Strand traffic has increased by 33%; that should be 12%. Mr. Peña seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.