

**REGULAR MEETING  
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Thursday, October 23, 2003**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Operations Committee (T.O.C.) was held on Thursday, October 23, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the temporary Council Chambers at the Police Facility Emergency Operations Center. Present were Robert Hutton, Tony Peña, John Traylor and Ed Walton, with Dave Brazier representing the absent Scott Huth. Also present was Jim Benson, Director of Engineering & Project Development; Dave Johnson, Assistant Engineer; Elizabeth Brett, Traffic Sergeant; and Steve Easterday, Capital Projects Coordinator.

1. Minutes of the September 25, 2003 Meeting – Mr. Traylor moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Walton. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Oral Communications – None.
3. Discussion Item – Safe Route to School – Mr. Johnson said that prior to this Monday, the Coronado Unified School District (CUSD) had discontinued school bus service and a parents' committee, Kids in School Safely (KISS), requested the City look at a Safe Route to School (SR2S) from the southern part of the City. Mr. Johnson said he did a survey on Wednesday and observed 14 bicyclists coming up from the Strand. He will be meeting with CUSD on Monday, October 27, to see about making a Safe Route from the bike path to the five points intersection and from there to the existing Safe Route on Sixth Street. The floor was opened for public comment.

Marilyn Wheeler, CUSD Superintendent, said that she is here to support whatever kind of study is needed.

Tracy Stickel, 50 Blue Anchor, said she echoes Mr. Johnson's comments on the addition of the SR2S. She wondered how to handle driver awareness, in spite of the addition of buses. She would like the five-point intersection addressed – it's difficult for child and adult bike riders. Sometimes kids will stop in the middle of the intersection. Could there be some type of information or awareness for kids? She would like to endorse a blinker at NAB for school day and weekend bike riders.

Cleopatra Thomas, 117 Rendova Circle, said it's difficult crossing at NAB; cars will continue when the arrow is turning. It would be helpful if there was something to make it clear for drivers to look.

Ms. Stickel said that in Del Mar there is a really cool crosswalk that is activated by sensors. There is a sidewalk sensor that blinks a real good caution marker when someone is going across the crosswalk. Ms. Wheeler said she is a resident of Del Mar and familiar with that crosswalk. They are fine when the sun's not in your eyes, but they can create a

false positive. They're great at night, but she wouldn't want kids to feel they're safe if it's not the case.

Mr. Johnson explained SR2S. It's where school districts can work with local agencies to start a process to identify a safe route to school. Dr. Wheeler has notified the City that she would like the City to look at this. The program has already been developed so this would be an addendum. A committee will be formed to make recommendations on an SR2S. A suggested route will be developed by the committee and then specific traffic control devices that would be appropriate along that route will be looked at. The committee will be composed of CUSD personnel, parents and City staff. An addendum to the existing SR2S would have to be approved by the Traffic Operations Committee and the City Council.

4. Recommendation Regarding Pavement Delineation of the Truck Loading Zone in the Alley of Block 4 – Mr. Johnson said that City Council approved a parking plan for what is currently Chu Dynasty at their August 16, 2003 meeting. As part of the plan, the developer gave the City some parking spaces in the alley of Block 4. This alley is heavily used as a loading zone. The south side is a designated loading zone from Adella on the south side to B Avenue on the north side. The concern is that if loading is going on adjacent to parking spaces, they will be virtually unusable. The developer angled the parking to help with ingress and egress, however, there is still concern that the ingress/egress might be hampered by loading operations. The Council wanted some way to let trucks know not to hamper parking vehicles. He checked with other agencies and most use only signage, but some use pavement markings in areas of concern. The staff recommendation is to delineate the south side of the alley, adjacent to the La Avenida Hotel, as a loading zone with crosshatching and the wording "Loading Zone" so trucks have the least impact on parking vehicles.

Mr. Hutton noted that it's a one-way alley and that a driver's door would not be able to be opened without sufficient clearance. Mr. Johnson responded that the alley is 20' wide and he is recommending a 10' delineation. With the widest trucks being 8'6", this should give an 18" clearance on the driver's side. Mr. Peña asked if a truck could be cited for being over the line and Sgt. Brett responded that a rule of thumb is whether fire trucks can get through. If it's only 2" over it would not be cited. Mr. Benson said if larger vehicles, like an Excursion, parked in the parking stalls it would be difficult to avoid a conflict. Mr. Johnson responded that, based on the dimension of the parking stalls, it would be difficult for SUV's to park there. Mr. Walton said he reviewed the plans and standard vehicles could get in and out, but larger vehicles would have trouble. He thinks this is worth a try. If it works out, it could be applied to the east end of the block where there have been problems. Mr. Peña moved to approve the staff recommendation to install pavement markings on a portion of the alley of Block 4 to delineate a commercial loading zone. The motion was seconded by Mr. Traylor and passed unanimously.

5. Recommendation Regarding the Temporary Reconfiguration of D Avenue Parking Due to Phase II Library Construction – Steven Easterday, project manager for the library expansion and renovation, explained the request. The reconfiguration is needed

due to the move from Phase I to Phase II construction. There is a need to temporarily relocate two handicap spaces and green curb parking. The library director, Christian Esquevin, has indicated that he would like less green curb parking during the temporary reconfiguration. The contractor will be blocking off the parking lane on Orange Avenue from the entrance of the library to Seventh Street. He has applied for a Caltrans permit to do so. The staff recommendation is to relocate the two handicap spaces adjacent to the service drive and relocate the green curb parking to the middle of D Avenue on the library side. The remainder of the block is recommended to be two-hour parking to facilitate turnover. He said that Mr. Johnson had told him that the red curbing needs to be addressed because, as it's currently configured at the corners, it's less red curb than elsewhere in the City. The timing will be approximately the second week in December.

Sgt. Brett asked how the two-hour parking will be designated and Mr. Easterday said the signs from Orange Avenue would be temporarily relocated. Sgt. Brett sees this being an issue with parking for the school since it's already so congested with parking by students and wondered what the duration would be. Mr. Easterday responded that it would be from December to August. Dr. Marilyn Wheeler, CUSD Superintendent, said she felt two-hour parking would be a challenge because the high school building will be occupied in December. Mr. Walton asked if the school's construction fence would move and that side of D Avenue would be available for parking and she responded that it would.

Mr. Hutton asked if the lawn bowling area would be freed up in December and Mr. Easterday said it would still be occupied by trailers and subcontractor storage until the end of the project. Mr. Brazier asked if the area north of the Winn Room would be blocked and Mr. Easterday said no, the only area impacted would be from the handicap spaces to Seventh Street. Mr. Hutton asked if the two-hour parking limit would be in effect for 24 hours and Mr. Easterday responded that it would be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Benson noted that without restrictions, those spaces would be taken before the library opens and throughout the day.

Mr. Walton moved to accept the staff recommendation to temporarily relocate the two handicap spaces to D Avenue on either side of the service drive and the green curb parking to the library side of D Avenue with the remainder of the block having a two-hour parking limit between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. He included in the motion to investigate the red curb on that block to determine the proper length of red curb stand-off at the curb return adjacent to the tennis courts and delineate it as required. Mr. Traylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other: Mr. Walton noted that the next meeting falls on Thanksgiving and the one in December falls on Christmas. He suggested canceling the November meeting and arranging a special meeting, if needed, sometime in December. The committee agreed with his suggestion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.