

CITY OF CORONADO
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

The regular meeting of the Traffic Operations Committee (T.O.C.) was held on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Scott Huth, Ed Walton, Lou Scanlon and Tony Peña. Rick Sitta represented the absent Kim Raddatz. Assistant Engineer Dave Johnson was also present.

1. Minutes of the July 26, 2007 Meeting – Mr. Scanlon moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Peña seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Oral Communications – None.

3. Recommendation Regarding a Request to Install a 60-Foot Red Curb Section at the Intersection of Fourth Street and B Avenue – Mr. Johnson said Mr. Ray Connelly, 345 B Avenue, requested a red curb zone be installed on the north side of Fourth Street, just east of the intersection with B Avenue. Mr. Connelly stated that he has difficulty exiting his driveway, which exits onto Fourth Street. Fourth Street is a very busy location with probably the highest traffic volume of any street in Coronado, upwards of 30,000 vehicles a day. Although the speed limit is 25 mph, speeds routinely exceed that. In addition, there is a geometric feature of that roadway that somewhat limits the visibility of oncoming eastbound traffic in the direction that Mr. Connelly needs to look to exit his driveway. Painting a red curb zone at this location would result in the loss of two existing parking spaces. In the past, Fourth Street did not have parallel parking. In 2001 Caltrans, in cooperation with the City, embarked on some traffic-calming techniques and one of them was to add parallel parking along Fourth Street and to reduce the travel lane widths from 12 feet to 11 feet. This situation wasn't an issue for Mr. Connelly before since there wasn't any parking there and he had a decent amount of sight distance to oncoming traffic. The staff recommendation is to put in a 60-foot red curb zone.

Mr. Johnson heard from one resident wanting to know the specific location of the red curb and the resident was OK with that. It's a pretty unique situation; there are probably only two or three other driveways east of Orange Avenue that exit onto Fourth Street, so we may be hearing from those property owners in the future after this is approved.

Mr. Walton said there are bulb-outs proposed at Fourth and B, but this action shouldn't preclude anything the City is doing as far as future capital improvements.

Mr. Scanlon inquired whether this would need Caltrans' approval and Mr. Johnson said the City would work with Caltrans on that.

Mr. Peña moved to approve the staff recommendation, Mr. Sitta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.