

Rancho Bernardo Joint Traffic/Transportation Committee  
Meeting Minutes February 27, 2006  
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Co-chair Richard Katz. The following Committee members were present: George Cooke, Richard House, Jerry Coats, Jim Denton, Dick Walker, Kathy Keehan, Meera Varigonda, Myrna Reese, Stan Robbins, Robin Kaufman, Hal Altenbern, and Althea Altenbern. Also present were Community Guests: Patti Perna (Vista de Bernardo), Randall Kruntz (Tierra del Sol), and Donna Hartings (Pomerado News). The meeting was held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at the San Diego National Bank.
2. The minutes from the January 23, 2005 meeting were approved, with a correction to the spelling of Jerry Coats' name noted.
3. Parking Issues in Woodcrest Heights and Vista de Bernardo – Jim Denton gave some background remarks concerning these parking issues in Bernardo Heights. A group of residents had attended last month's meeting and were to come back after clearing up the petition process. Patti Perna addressed the committee on behalf of the Vista de Bernardo Owners Association. She distributed a memo dated March February 16 which was to Vista de Bernardo owners and occupants from the Vista de Bernardo Parking Committee. It describes the petition process which is underway for residents in that community, and follows the procedures described by Steve Denny of City Traffic Engineering. The City has advised the residents group that they may restrict parking to partial sections of the street, without needing to restrict the entire street. Accordingly, their new proposal is for restrictive (no parking 2 am to 6 am) on Calle Vivienda from Avenida Venusto to Corte Guera. Restrictive parking would be on the east side of the street only (in front of their homes). The opposite side of the street, (Tierra del Sol's) would remain available for general parking. In addition, parking would be restricted from the beginning of Vista de Bernardo (lot 41) to Corte Guera. They are using the City's petition form to collect signatures, and are canvassing their entire area. 51% approval is required. Based on pre-petition canvassing, they are currently running at 70% in favor, 5% opposed, and 5% abstaining. 20% have not yet been available. When they complete the petition, they will give a copy to the RB Traffic Committee and forward it to the City for review and recommendations. They were told by the City to expect the process to take 120 days. Randall Kruntz, Vice President of the Tierra del Sol Home Owners Association, also addressed the committee. He said that the average number of cars parked out there now is only about four, and that his group is not in favor of the parking restrictions. Considerable discussion ensued with committee members. The residents will complete their petition, and should have it ready to present at next month's RB Traffic Committee meeting.
4. Update on the pedestrian crossing on Bernardo Center Drive at Bernardo Plaza Drive – George Cooke and Jerry Coats reported on their on-site inspection at the intersection a few weeks ago. They indicated that, based on their observations,

the problem is not so much one of timing, but rather the fact that oncoming vehicles from both directions on Bernardo Plaza Drive need to yield to each other for left turns, and pedestrians do not have a dedicated crossing time. This situation is exacerbated by the fact that there are no left turn arrows on Bernardo Plaza Drive. A motion was made by Jim Denton, and seconded by Stan Robbins, to ask the City to review this intersection for implementation of dedicated pedestrian crossing time, similar to the pedestrian crossing on Bernardo Center Drive at Lomica Drive. A letter will be sent to City Traffic Engineering from the committee co-chairs requesting this evaluation.

5. Update on two-way exit/entrance behind Savon off Acena – Althea Altenbern gave an update on this long-standing issue. She had sent a letter to Donna Hartings for some possible news coverage. The last correspondence from the Town Center group's representative was in October. There was reference to whether a site study is required, and some research needs to be done to determine if the one-way access was an original requirement of the development. Robin Kaufman is going to talk with Ron Bamberger about this. A side benefit of this proposal is that it could also lead to an all-way stop on Acena at Obispo, eliminating a current safety issue due to visibility limitations for vehicles turning left from Obispo onto Acena.
6. Appointment of SANDAG/COMPACT representatives – Following, Richard House said that he will continue to attend and/or monitor the COMPACT meetings in the interim. Also, Kathy Keehan will go to the SANDAG meetings and give regular reports to the RB Traffic Committee.
7. Other Items – Kathy Keehan gave some updates from SANDAG. They are looking for infrastructure funding and the border issues have been a focus. They are looking at a Regional Transportation Plan for the next five years. Bicycle and Pedestrian projects are expected when funding can be found, including bike lanes on Bernardo Center Drive and West Bernardo Drive, as discussed in previous years. The Lake Hodges bicycle bridge needs \$2 million, and with some potential funding to fill in, construction could begin as soon as this year. A new city wide traffic calming plan is being developed, which would change the procedures for requesting traffic calming projects, and provide some funding. Kathy asked to put this on next month's agenda. Robin suggested that an ad hoc committee could be set up to identify potential traffic calming projects. Jim Denton gave an update from the Land Use Committee and said they are prioritizing traffic infrastructure needs citywide. Jerry Coats asked about the process for requesting mid-road striping on a portion of Rios Road where there is a visibility problem at the crest of a hill. He will call City Traffic Engineering to request this.
8. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Monday, March 27, 2006, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room at the San Diego National Bank, located at 16789 Bernardo Center Drive.