

# STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. **11**  
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: March 15, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Community Development and Transportation Department

**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ALL-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF COCO PALMS DRIVE AND CHERRYSTONE STREET, AND APPROVAL TO INSTALL THREE ROWS OF SPEED CUSHIONS BETWEEN EL CAMINO REAL AND CHERRYSTONE STREET ON COCO PALMS DRIVE**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing all-way stop controls at the intersection of Coco Palms Drive and Cherrystone Street, and approve the installation of three rows of speed cushions on Coco Palms Drive between El Camino Real and Cherrystone Street.

## **BACKGROUND**

Residents living on each side of Coco Palms Drive and on Cherrystone Street have requested traffic-calming in their area because of speeding vehicles and cut-through traffic. Staff attended a community meeting on January 12, 2006, to listen and discuss their issues. Staff received petitions from the residents in support for the installation of speed cushions and an all-way stop. The petitions show more than 90 percent of the residents along Coco Palms Drive in support of the speed cushions and other traffic calming such as all-way stops. The characteristics of Coco Palms Drive are as follows:

- Coco Palms Drive is approximately one-mile in length.
- Coco Palms Drive is a collector street with two senior communities on each side from El Camino Real to Cherrystone Street. There is a residential area from Cherrystone Street to Pala Road.
- It is used as a cut-through street from El Camino Real to Pala Road.
- Many accidents have occurred along Coco Palms Drive with vehicles damaging fencing and cement wall. Residents are afraid that vehicles will come through the cement wall into their homes on the other side.

## **ANALYSIS**

Engineering and field investigations took place from December 2005 through January 2006. The investigation identified the following findings:

- Speed prima facie 25 miles-per-hour (mph).
- There is a dip in the road, which is drainage for water.
- There is a bus stop at the corner of Coco Palms Drive and Cherrystone Street.
- A new elementary school is being built on Pala Road.
- Speeds and average daily traffic (ADTs) were taken for 4 days in January 2006.

The results are as follows:

- Coco Palms Drive – 2,213 vehicles
  - Same speeds

Max mph	Min. mph	95 percent mph
72-74 mph	5	48 mph
  - Handheld radar proved that 95 percent of the vehicles are traveling 44 to 48 mph.

The peak hours vary through the week.

After analyzing the information, the recommendations are as follows:

- Installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Coco Palms Drive and Cherrystone Street
- Install 3 rows of speed cushions from El Camino Real to Cherrystone Street
- Install a centerline and edging on Coco Palms Drive.
- Install 25 mph speed limit signs.

Monitor for six months.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The installation of the proposed all-way stop controls as recommended would cost approximately \$750. The cost for stops and speed cushions are covered within the Transportation Maintenance Operating Budget.

## **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Does not apply.

## **COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Transportation Commission reviewed and approved the proposed all-way stop and speed cushions at its February 21, 2006 meeting.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing an all-way stop controls at the intersection of Coco Palms Drive and Cherrystone Street, and approve the installation of three rows of speed cushions on Coco Palms Drive between El Camino Real and Cherrystone Street.

PREPARED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

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Cynthia R. Watson  
Project Manager

  
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Steven R. Jepsen  
City Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Michelle Skaggs Lawrence, Assistant to the City Manager

Frank Watanabe, Community Development and Transportation Director

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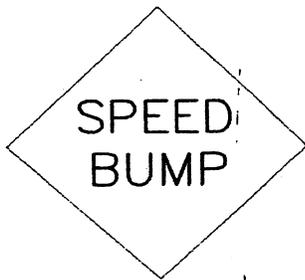
Exhibit A - Map  
Exhibit B - Petition



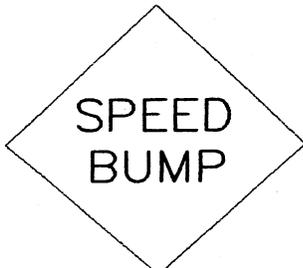


## SPEED CUSHION EVALUATION

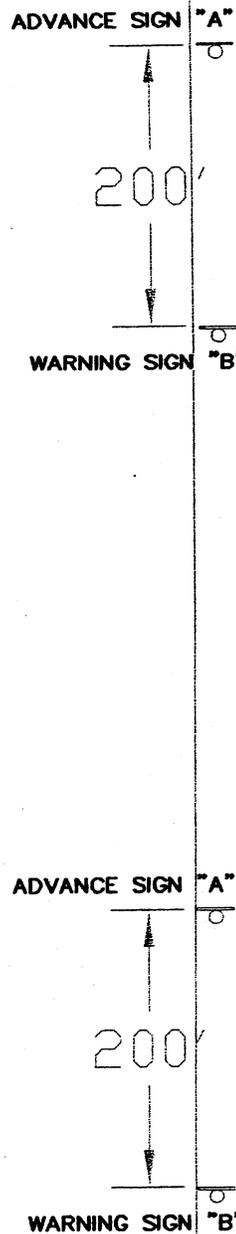
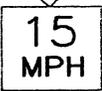
STREET <i>Coco Palms Drive</i>			DATE	
CONTACT <i>Cindy Watson</i>			Prepared by: <i>CRW</i>	
PHONE <i>858-361-5486</i> <i>760-435-3529</i>			Revised 11/12/04	
	<b>Field Data</b>			
DESCRIPTION	Data	unit	Pts	Points
<b>1. Street Classification</b>				
a) Arterial Roadway	Arterial		NO	NO
b) Collector Street +10	Residential Collector		10 pts	10
c) Local Street +5	Local		5 pts	
<b>2. Average Daily Traffic</b>		ADT		
1,000 to 3,500 vehicles +5 pts		ADT	5 pts	5
3,500 to 4,500 vehicles +10 pts		ADT	10 pts	
Over 4,500 vehicles - NO SPEED CUSHIONS	NO		NO	NO
<b>3. Number of travel lanes (1 lane +5 pts, 2 lanes -5 pts)</b>		lanes	5/5 pts	5
<b>4. Street width (greater than 40 ft +5 pts)</b>		lanes	5 pts	
<b>5. Street grade (slope &lt; 6% +5 pts)</b>		Feet	5 pts	
(Slope is greater than 6% - NO SPEED CUSHIONS)	NO			NO
<b>6. Street length btw intersections (greater than 1,320 ft)</b>		%	10 pt	10
<b>7. NCTD Transit Route (-5 pts)</b>		Feet	(-5 pts)	
<b>8. Bike lanes (-5 pts)</b>		Route	(-5 pts)	
<b>9. Truck corridor (-5 pts)</b>		Route	(-5 pts)	
<b>10. School Route (+10 pts)</b>		Route	10 pts	10
<b>11. No paved shoulder or sidewalk (+10 pts)</b>			10 pts	
<b>12. Posted Speed limit</b>		MPH		
Speed Radar (greater than posted by 5-10 MPH)		MPH	10 pts	
Speed Radar (greater than posted by 10-20 MPH)		MPH	20 pts	20
<b>14. Accidents (5 accidents in 3 years 5 pts or 1 pt per)</b>			5 pts	5
<b>OTHER:</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			65
	Add 10 pts for special conditions			10
	<b>TOTAL</b>			75
<b>CITY OF OCEANSIDE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION</b>	<b>If GREATER THAN &gt;70 pts (YES)</b>			YES



ADVANCE SIGN "A"  
(30"x30")

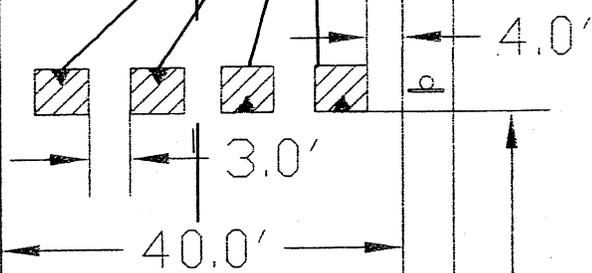


WARNING SIGN "B"  
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BUMP  
AHEAD

SPEED CUSHIONS



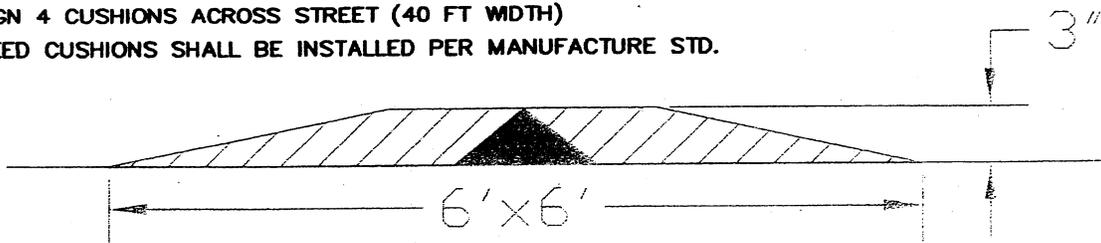
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STREET A

Min. 500'

**CONSTRUCTION NOTES**

1. AVOID DRIVEWAYS AND WINDOWS WHEN LOCATING SITE
2. PAINT 4" WHITE RING AROUND EACH SPEED CUSHION
3. BOLT TO THE PAVEMENT EACH SECTION OF CUSHION
4. SPEED CUSHIONS WILL BE 6'x6' AND MADE OF RECYCLED RUBBER
5. ALIGN 4 CUSHIONS ACROSS STREET (40 FT WIDTH)
6. SPEED CUSHIONS SHALL BE INSTALLED PER MANUFACTURE STD.



TRANSPORTATION DIVISION PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	DATE: 3/28/2005	CITY OF OCEANSIDE STANDARD DETAIL PLAN
DESIGNED BY: CYN R WATSON	SCALE: NO SCALE	
APPROVED BY: FRANK WATANABE, C56235 <i>Frank Watanabe</i>	TR STD No. 1	<b>SPEED CUSHIONS</b>



We the undersigned residents of Rancho San Luis Rey mobile park would like your help in the following matter.

In the past seven years the increase of speeding and drag racing has become a major problem along Coco Palms Street

We have had six [6] incidents of vehicles crashing through our retaining walls which border Coco Palm Street. These have occurred both night and day and all were caused by excessive speed. There is a slight turn in the road with a dip that is always wet from a storm and run-off drain that contributes to a loss of control with excess speed. Besides the six [6] that went through the concrete walls there have been several others that spun around or slammed into the curbs..

This is definitely very disturbing as several of those going through the walls have happened anywhere from mid-night till 3 am. As have many that managed to stop just before hitting the walls after spinning around and hitting the curbs.

Each day and especially weekends some of the drivers use the long straight portion of the road as a raceway. Motorcycles as well

We have called for police patrol and have presented this problem before to the city council. They in turn gave it to the Street Dept. The answer we were given was that speed bumps we had asked for would interfere with emergency vehicles. But yet another went through the wall recently.

We ask again for either speed bumps to slow down traffic or at least a strong deflector fence to deter vehicles from crashing through the retaining walls... We are all concerned that someone will be in their back yard when one comes crashing through and seriously injure or even kill someone...

Please consider this problem so that we can all enjoy our later years without the stress and disturbance of squealing tires and crashes that we have had for the last several years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name

Space number

Jerry & Charlie Booker — #397 — Wall destroyed  
outdoor carpet destroyed

Fred & Margaret Damire — #398 — Wall destroyed

Alan & JOHN Smith #402 Disturbing

Mary & Dale Foster #401 disturbing

Margaret E. Fry #396 on three sides of my  
fence they have kicked down  
the walls. am I next?

Oral G P

Robert & Mattie Milam #395 — Wall destroyed &  
strawberry bed destroyed.

<sup>2.7 yrs.</sup> Jerry Martin #392 — can't rest - very noisy.

Ezell Fay #391

Robert B. Birch #390

Grace E. Brock #389

Wayne Sparks #388

very scary to hear them  
racing by  
Wall destroyed

Bill Clark #386

P. L. Currier #385

PLEASE! control  
the speeding!!

Abraham H. Haberman #384 — Wall destroyed

Fred M. Constock #383 — needed badly

Helen M. Johnson Spc. #382 — we need help right NOW

Name

Space number

Daniel Arzola #400

Robert C. Meyers #399

Yoshi Patterson #399 Please Control

Mary Frías #380

Mary Jean Heller #355

The Speed of Cars  
my wall Postoried

Belle Casey #354

Estuete Kedd #353

speeding ! ! !

Coco Palms Community Mtg 1-4-06

Name	Address	Phone #
John Christensen	# 352	754-7079
Shirley A. Booker	# 397	722-3642
Jerry J. Booker	# 397	722-3642
Margaret E. Fry	# 396	439-4852
Henry Pulliam	# 423	529-9649
Jeanne Meyer		858-2530
Maggie Danise		722-3040
Fred Danise		722-3040
Robert Meyer		722-5094
Edna Meyer		722-5094
Robert + Mattie Milam		232 7240
Rod Braswell	Laguna Vista #121	231-6588
GAYLE MEKELBURG	" " #76	721-9344
CARRIE MERRIFIELD	#92	754-8420
FRANK MERRIFIELD	92	754-8420

*Jan 1/06*

We the undersigned residents of Laguna Vista Mobile Estates, would like your help in the following matter.

For several years now speeding and drag racing has increased to become an intolerable situation along Coco Palms Street, from Cherry Stone to El Camino Real. We have experienced several vehicle crashes through the boundary wall along the street, while others spin around crashing into the curbs. They occur both night and day all due to excessive speed. Wet conditions during the winter rains also contribute to the loss of control with the resulting crashes. Several of these crashes have occurred in the early morning putting sleeping residences at risk. We are concerned that serious injuries can and will occur if we do nothing.

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ALFRED C GOULD

*Alfred Gould*

SPACE 150

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Thank you for your consideration.

*Norman Hendren*  
*Judith Hendren*  
# 88

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*Henrietta J Callum*  
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*Haye Merli #84*  
*Jo Merli*

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*Mary Joan Bowler #68*

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Dorothy Knauf  
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*Caroline Frazier*  
*Robert Frazier*

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 KAREN HASEMANN SP. 149  
 KURT HASEMANN SP 149

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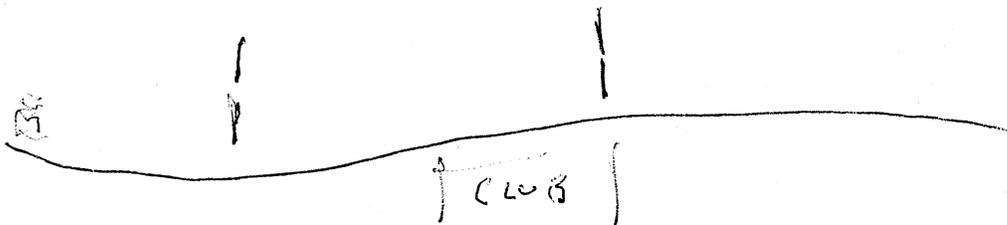
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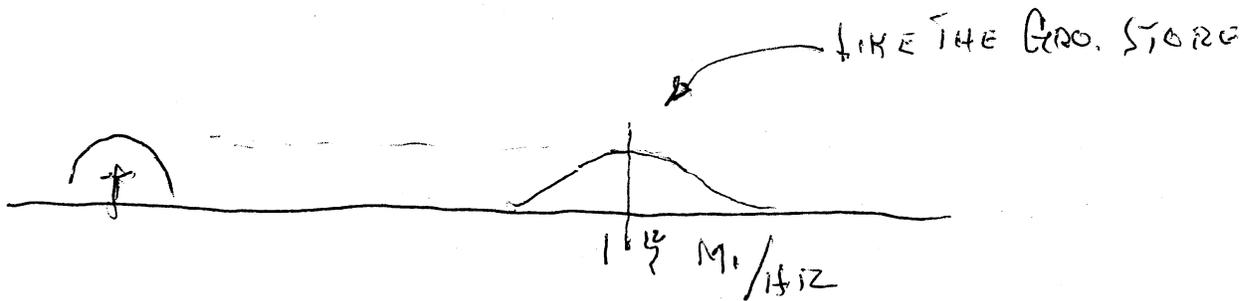
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NOTE: TWO WOULD BE ENOUGH TO DISCOURAGE  
DRAG RACE. PLEASE MAKE IT PLEASANT  
FOR LADQUINA RES.  
AS WE TRAVEL AT SPEED (15 MPH) BUT DANGER  
\$50 OR 60



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*Mr & Mrs La cell Johnson  
We think having the speed bumps in Coco Palms  
would help the speeding somewhat I have reported  
it last summer it was very bad the noise*

*#73*

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*N. L. Reynolds* 12/29/05

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*Karen Lupovich #65*

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*Anita Field* 79

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Rancho San Luis Rey MHP  
mtg. 1/4/06 5:00pm Weds.

Gayle Mekelburg  
Sp. 76

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*Mary L. Brandt  
Laguna Vista age 75*

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For several years now speeding and drag racing has increased to become an intolerable situation along Coco Palms Street, from Cherry Stone to El Camino Real. We have experienced several vehicle crashes through the boundary wall along the street, while others spin around crashing into the curbs. They occur both night and day all due to excessive speed. Wet conditions during the winter rains also contribute to the loss of control with the resulting crashes. Several of these crashes have occurred in the early morning putting sleeping residences at risk. We are concerned that serious injuries can and will occur if we do nothing.

We are asking the city for help in the form of speed bumps in the roadway. This is a proven method of slowing the traffic. Realizing that these bumps will also slow the emergency vehicles, we feel that we senior citizens are entitled to enjoy our later years without the stress and disturbance of squealing tires and crashes that we have had for the last several years.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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Mayor Jim Wood  
City council members:

Sept. 2005

We the undersigned residents of Rancho San Luis Rey mobile park would like your help in the following matter.

In the past seven years the increase of speeding and drag racing has become a major problem along Coco Palms Street

We have had six [6] incidents of vehicles crashing through our retaining walls which border Coco Palm Street. These have occurred both night and day and all were caused by excessive speed. There is a slight turn in the road with a dip that is always wet from a storm and run-off drain that contributes to a loss of control with excess speed. Besides the six [6] that went through the concrete walls there have been several others that spun around or slammed into the curbs..

This is definitely very disturbing as several of those going through the walls have happened anywhere from mid-night till 3 am. As have many that managed to stop just before hitting the walls after spinning around and hitting the curbs.

Each day and especially weekends some of the drivers use the long straight portion of the road as a raceway. Motorcycles as well

We have called for police patrol and have presented this problem before to the city council. They in turn gave it to the Street Dept. The answer we were given was that speed bumps we had asked for would interfere with emergency vehicles. But yet another went through the wall recently.

We ask again for either speed bumps to slow down traffic or at least a strong deflector fence to deter vehicles from crashing through the retaining walls... We are all concerned that someone will be in their back yard when one comes crashing through and seriously injure or even kill someone...

Please consider this problem so that we can all enjoy our later years without the stress and disturbance of squealing tires and crashes that we have had for the last several years.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Jerry Booker*  
Cell 505-0589  
Home 722-3642

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Space number

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outdoor carpet destroyed

Fred & Margaret Damire # 398 - Wall destroyed  
Alex & John Smith # 402 - Disturbing

Mary & Dale Foster # 401 disturbing

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fence they have kicked down  
the walls. am I next?

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PLEASE! control  
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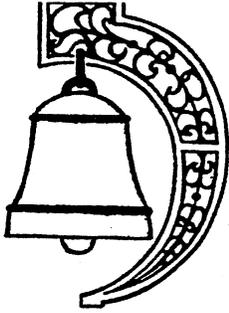
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Billie Casey	# 354	
Estelita Kedia	# 353	speeding ! ! !



# Rancho San Luis

**MOBILE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

200-434 N. EL CAMINO REAL  
OCEANSIDE, CA 92054

*Andy  
Coco Palms?  
Status.*

September 18, 2005

Mr. Frank Watanabe  
300 N. Pacific Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054

Dear Mr. Watanabe:

On behalf of the residents here at Rancho San Luis Rey Mobile Home Park, I would like to bring to your attention a situation that has been on-going in the park for several year and has recently gotten worse.

Part of the park backs up to the city street, Coco Palms and vehicle travel at excessive speeds on this street. There is a bend in the road with a dip that is wet from a storm and run-ff drain and with this condition and the combined excessive speed we have had vehicles hit the wall. This is a safety hazard for the residents and an added expense for the owners who have had to repair the fence.

I am enclosing a petition that was circulated and signed by all those concerned.

I would appreciate it if you would look into this matter and advise me as to what measures can be taken in the future to eliminate the problem.

Sincerely,

Carrie Merrifield  
Home Owners President  
200 N. El Camino Real #92  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
e-mail: [CFM3@cox.net](mailto:CFM3@cox.net)

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