AGENDA NO. 5

PLANNING COMMISSION **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: June 24, 2013

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Planning/Transportation Commission

FROM: Development Services Department/Transportation Section

SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO RESTRIPE VIA RANCHO ROAD BETWEEN VISTA ALEGRIA AND RANCHO DEL ORO DRIVE; AND TO ESTABLISH A 5-MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF VIA RANCH ROAD BETWEEN VISTA ALEGRIA AND RANCHO DEL ORO DRIVE**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the Planning/Transportation Commission approve the request to remove the bike lanes and restripe Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive; and to establish a "5- Minute Passenger Loading" zone on the north side of Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive.

BACKGROUND

In June 2012, staff was contacted by residents from the Vista San Luis Rey (VSLR) Community requesting that the existing "No Parking" zone from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, be replaced with a "No Stopping" zone from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday on Via de la Paz; and to have the south side of Via Rancho Road from Vista Alegria to Rancho del Oro Drive be a "5-Minute Passenger Loading" zone only. The current parking prohibition from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, was originally established in 2004 due to concerns accumulating over students parking and being dropped off/picked up within the VSLR Community. This parking prohibition currently encompasses the entire VSLR Community.

Over the past few years, Traffic Engineering staff, Oceanside Police Department (OPD), North County Transit District (NCTD), and the El Camino High School staff have met a handful of times to discuss school vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Bus stops have been relocated, signage updated, and OPD has been providing enforcement.

The request to change the no parking restrictions within the VSLR Community, and to have the "5-Minute Passenger Loading" zone extended on the south side of Via Rancho Road, was brought to the Planning/Transportation Commissioners on November 5, 2012, with staff's recommendation to deny the request. At that meeting, various residents spoke about the issues and concerns they have with the El Camino High School traffic coming into the VSLR Community. Officer Moore of the Oceanside Police Department (OPD) spoke on what he has observed in the past and recommendations he has suggested to help improve the school traffic issues.

At the conclusion of November 5, 2012, Planning/Transportation Commission meeting, it was decided that OPD would take the lead in providing a platform for communication between the school and residents of the community in hopes to develop additional solutions to the community's concerns. OPD met with Principal, Bob Rowe, in late December 2012, and requested that the school begin to open the staff parking lot before and after school to allow student pick up/drop off, which the school has done. Also, OPD has been enforcing the no parking/red zones on Via Rancho Road and Vista Entrada.

On March 25, 2013, staff returned to the Planning Commission with the same recommendation to deny the VSLR Community's original request brought to the Planning/Transportation Commission back on November 5, 2012. The Planning/Transportation Commission requested that City staff, OPD, El Camino High School staff, and Vista San Luis Rey Community attempt to meet again in order to come up with a solution that satisfies all. Three meetings were successfully held where staff presented the concept to restripe Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive, and to install a "5-Minute Passenger Loading" zone on the north side of Via Rancho Road.

ANALYSIS

The Vista San Luis Rey Community is located on the north side of Via Rancho Road and east of Rancho del Oro Road. (See attached Exhibit A.) There are five residential streets within the community. On the south side of Via Rancho Road is El Camino High School.

The proposed restriping project would require that the existing bike lanes be removed on Via Rancho Road from Vista Alegria to Rancho del Oro Drive. (See attached Exhibit B.) The existing "5-Minute Passenger Loading" zone and parking zone will remain on the south side of Via Rancho Road. The establishment of an additional 5-minute passenger loading zone is being recommended on the north side of Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive.

With the establishment of a 5-minute passenger loading zone on the north side of Via Rancho Road, drivers will be more likely to drop off and pick up students on Via Rancho

Road instead of within the Vista San Luis Rey Community. Residents representing the Vista San Luis Rey Community home owners association agreed to staff's recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT

To remove existing striping and re-stripe Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive will cost approximately $5,000.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning/Transportation Commission approve the request to remove the bike lanes and restripe Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive; and to establish a 5- Minute Passenger Loading Zone on the north side of Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive.

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Attachments:
1. Location Map (Exhibit "A")
2. Proposed Striping Plan (Exhibit "B")

ATTACHMENT 1

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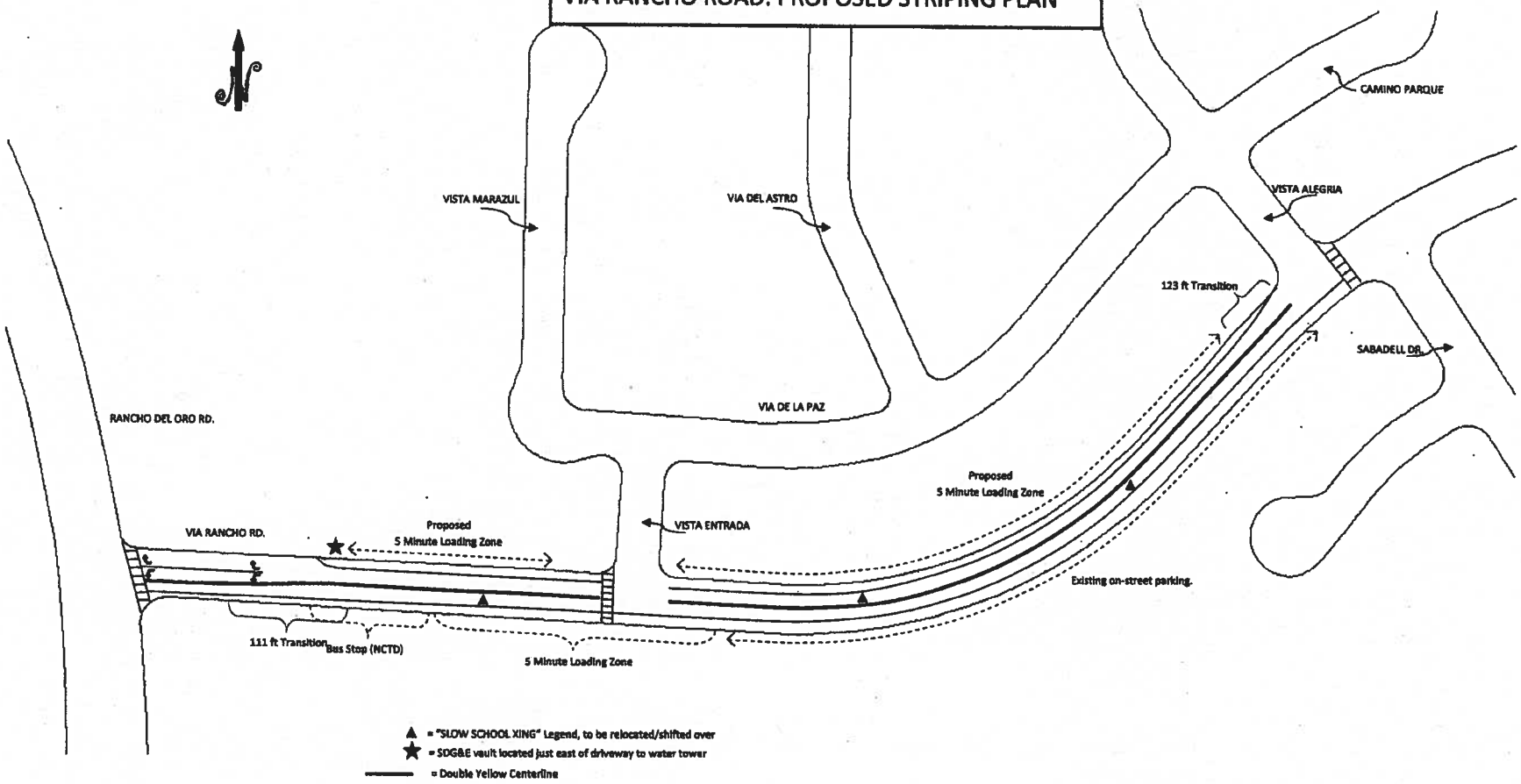
PROJECT		EXHIBIT
	Vista San Luis Rey Community	**A**

EXHIBIT B

VIA RANCHO ROAD: PROPOSED STRIPING PLAN



ATTACHMENT 2