



DATE: August 7, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A FIVE-MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING ZONE ON VIA RANCHO ROAD AND A REQUEST TO RESTRIPE VIA RANCHO ROAD BETWEEN VISTA ALEGRIA AND RANCHO DEL ORO DRIVE**

SYNOPSIS

Staff and the Planning/Transportation Commission recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing a "5- Minute Passenger Loading" zone on the north side of Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive, and approve the request to remove the bike lanes and restripe Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, the Vista San Luis Rey (VSLR) Community requested that the City establish the current street parking restrictions due to pedestrian and vehicular traffic by students as they are being dropped off and picked up.

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 to discuss issues regarding school vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Bus stops have been relocated, signage updated, and OPD has provided enforcement.

El Camino High School is on the south side of Via Rancho Road. In June 2012, VSLR residents requested that City staff replace the existing "No Parking" 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday zone with a "No Stopping" zone from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on Via de la Paz. They also requested that a "5-Minute Passenger Loading" zone be established on the south side of Via Rancho Road from Vista Alegria to Rancho del Oro Drive.

On November 5, 2012, the Planning/Transportation Commission discussed the parking restrictions within the VSLR Community and various residents spoke about the issues and concerns they have regarding the traffic. OPD also spoke on what they have observed in the past.

Staff recommended to deny the request from VSLR. If a change in the parking restriction in the VSLR Community is to take place, the change needs to be done throughout the community, not just on Via de la Paz as requested. In order to make changes throughout the entire community, additional petitions will be needed from residents on the other streets showing support for the parking restrictions. Restricting parking on Via Rancho Road would likely lead students to park in the next closest neighborhood. Subsequently, this would result in traffic issues shifting into another neighborhood.

At this meeting, the decision was made to have OPD take the lead in providing communication between the school and community residents to develop additional solutions to the community's concerns. OPD requested that the El Camino High School parking lot be available before and after school for student pick up and drop off, which the school has done, and OPD has been enforcing the no parking zones on Via Rancho Road within the existing five-minute passenger loading zone and Vista Entrada.

On March 25, 2013, staff returned to the Planning/Transportation Commission with the same recommendation to deny the VSLR Community's original request brought to the Planning/Transportation Commission on November 5, 2012. The Planning/Transportation Commission requested that City staff, OPD, El Camino High School staff, and VSLR Community attempt to meet again in order to find a solution that satisfies all. Three meetings were held where Traffic Engineering 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. With the new striping and established five-minute passenger loading zone, drivers will be more likely to drop off and pick up students on Via Rancho Road instead of within the VSLR Community.

ANALYSIS

The VSLR 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 five-minute passenger loading zone is being recommended on the north side of Via Rancho Road between Vista Alegria and Rancho del Oro Drive.

The proposed five-minute passenger loading zone will allow drivers to drop off and pick up students on Via Rancho Road instead of within the VSLR Community. Residents representing the VSLR Community home owners association agreed to staff's recommendation.

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROLS
4 WITHIN THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

5 (Five-Minute Loading Zone on Via Rancho Road between Rancho del Oro Drive and Vista
6 Alegria)

7 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Oceanside finds the public health, safety,
8 and welfare will be benefited by establishing certain traffic controls on particular streets within
9 the City of Oceanside.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

11 SECTION 1. There is an established five-minute loading zone, Monday through Friday,
12 from 6:30 am to 3:00 pm, on the north side of Via Rancho Road between a point
13 approximately 320 feet east of Rancho del Oro Drive centerline and a point
14 approximately 160 feet west of Vista Alegria centerline.

15 SECTION 2. Staff is directed to effect the foregoing controls as soon as possible.

16 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
17 this _____ day of _____, 2013, by the following vote:

18 AYES:

19 NAYS:

20 ABSENT:

21 ABSTAIN:

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23 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

24 ATTEST:

25 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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27 CITY CLERK

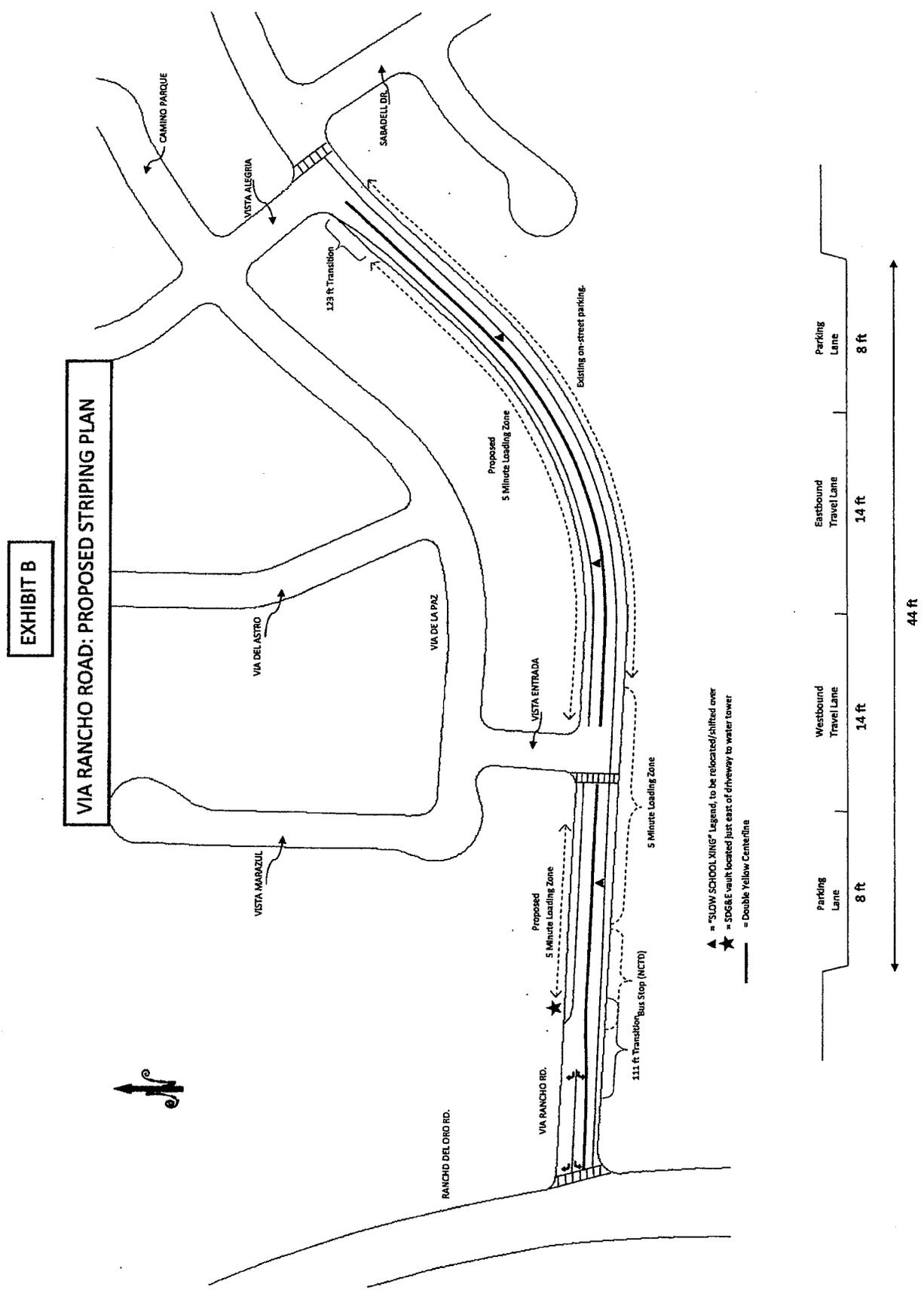
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CITY ATTORNEY



PROJECT

Vista San Luis Rey Community

EXHIBIT
A



City of Oceanside*Office of the City Manager***Memorandum**

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Peter A. Weiss, City Manager 

Date: February 7, 2012

Subject: **Parking at El Camino High School**

Councilmember Felien has been contacted by constituents regarding parking at and around El Camino High School. Councilmember Felien raised several questions. The following are Councilmember Felien's questions and Staff's response.

1. Is the on-site parking lot full prior to and throughout the school day?

Based on site visits by Staff, there is additional capacity in the on-site lot.

2. Why are cars parked on the street?

In 2002, the City striped a portion of Via Rancho Road adjacent to the high school to accommodate pick-up and drop-off parking on the south side of Via Rancho. That action also eliminated the center turn lane on Via Rancho.

In 2003, Via Rancho Road from Rancho del Oro Drive to Vista Algeria was restriped to allow for pick-up/drop-off parking and student parking. Then in 2004, the pick-up/drop-off zone was temporarily converted to additional student parking while construction activities were taking place on the school's campus. Although, it appears not all of the parking had been converted back to the previous pick-up/drop-off zone after the school construction was completed.

ATTACHMENT

- 2.A Do students not qualify for a parking pass or is there not enough room in the parking lot?

Staff has no answer in regards to whether the students parking on the street qualify for a parking pass or not. There does appear to be sufficient room in the parking lot to accommodate the additional vehicles.

3. Can the drop-off zone be expanded on Via Rancho north of the high school?

Eliminating the student parking on the south side of Via Rancho would provide additional pick-up and drop-off opportunities. However, with the existing parking, there is not sufficient space along Via Rancho to add additional pick-up and drop-off areas.

4. What is the process to implement new parking regulations near the high school?

The process would depend on the type of new parking regulations desired and the issues needing to be addressed. Converting the student parking along Via Rancho back to pick-up/drop-off would require discussion with and advance notice to the school and students.

However, eliminating the student parking on Via Rancho would likely result in additional student parking in the adjacent neighborhoods. Several of the adjacent neighborhoods currently have parking restriction in place to prevent student parking on the public streets in the neighborhoods.

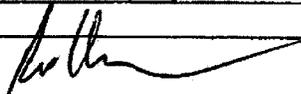
September 16, 2011

City of Oceanside
Attn: Paul Pace
300 N. Coast Highway
Oceanside, California 92054

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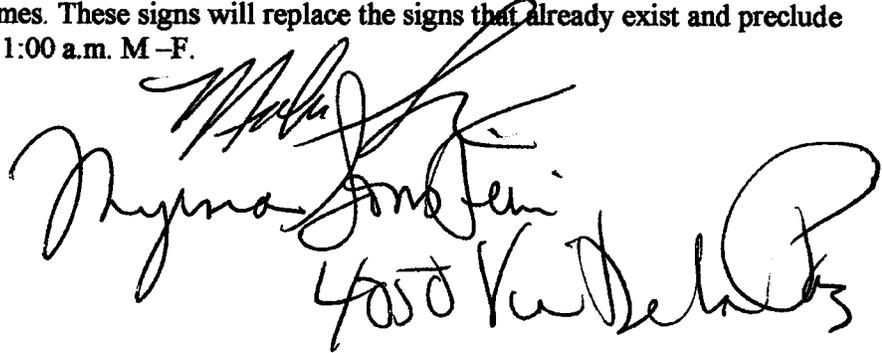
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Sincerely,

Name Bob Warnemunde
Address 4023 Via De La Paz
Oceanside CA 92057
Signature 

MEMORANDUM

Due to the gridlocked traffic, multiple moving and parking violations, loitering, littering, vandalism, trespassing, increase in home break-ins, etc caused on our street on a daily basis we are asking the city to post no stopping M-F 7:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. on Via De La Paz. There are only 15 places to park to pick up students on the north side of campus next to EL Camino High School for 3000 students to be picked up. The school has signs in front of their parking lot saying "No student pick up or drop off" so they are left in our neighborhoods and we cannot get into or out of our own homes. These signs will replace the signs that already exist and preclude parking from 9:00a.m.to11:00 a.m. M-F.


Myrna Jones
4050 Via De La Paz

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Oceanside Ca 92057
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Sincerely,

Name

Address

Signature

William C White
9057 VIA DE LA PAZ, OCEANSIDE, CA
WILLIAM C WHITE

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Name Karen Gold
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Oceanside 92087
Signature Karen Gold

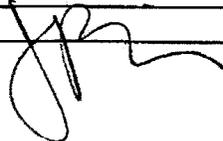
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Sincerely,

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Address

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