August 2007

Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

August Meeting to feature Banner District, Safe Routes to Schools and 4th of July Parade Awards
by Jeff Stevens

We have three main items on the agenda for the August meeting. First is a presentation on the proposed banner district. For several years, MMTC has been pursuing formation of a banner district that will place community-oriented banners along Mira Mesa Blvd. Last year the banner district received grants from our County Supervisors' offices to fund the initial cost of the district, and also received Planning Group approval. On P. 2 is a status report from the Banner District Committee. Below are some proposed banner designs that will be presented at the August meeting.

The second agenda item is a presentation on the "Safe Routes to Schools" program by Lita Eatmon-Ponciano. This is a Federal program that encourages parents to get their children to school by walking or biking. Because of fears of traffic accidents, most parents don't let their children walk or bike. The advantages of walking or biking are traffic abatement reduced gasoline usage, cleaner air, less frustration, and healthier kids. By providing safer routes to school, we also encourage alternate means of transportation and help our next generation adopt a healthier lifestyle.

The third agenda item is presentation of the 4th of July parade awards. See Pam Stevens' article on P. 11.

Proposed Banner Designs

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meetings

Town council meetings provide a public forum for community issues relating to civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement in the area. Regular meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month at the Mira Mesa Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m., with no meeting held in July.

Agenda for the **August 6, 2007** meeting:

- Banner District Presentation
- Safe Routes to Schools Presentation
- 4th of July Parade Awards
- Reports from government representatives
- MMTC committee reports

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, Sept. 10**. Note that this is the **second** Monday.

The MMTC would like to thank the Mira Mesa Shopping Center, LLC for their continuing support in provyiding postage for the MMTC newsletter.

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MMTC Banner District Committee Update

We are pleased to inform all Mira Mesa Town Council members and other interested parties that we are progressing nicely in our banner district project. We were successful in obtaining grant extensions out to March 1, 2008. These grants were awarded by Supervisors Ron Roberts' and Pam Slater Price's offices to the MMTC for the specific purpose of covering the expense of the design and installation of the banners.

Khoa Nguyen, Legislative Analyst for Councilman Brian Maienschein, reports that the Development Services Department has signed off the repeal of the old ordinance and enactment of the new ordinance for the banner district and it has been passed to the City Attorney's Office for approval. From there it will be forwarded for final approval to the City Council. We then move on to obtain approval of the bracket design by the Street's Division of the Engineering Department and a liability insurance policy naming the City of San Diego as beneficiary.

Three designs for the initial banners will be presented at the MMTC meeting on August 6, 2007. We are excited about the quality of design and message these banners display! The final choice of the design will be decided by the MMTC Banner District Committee. We welcome your feedback.

Stay tuned……..more to follow.

Linda Goycochea
Co-Chair, MMTC Banner District Committee

Clean and Green Day a Success

In a letter to the Town Council, the City reports that on Clean and Green Day last month. A total of 59.54 tons of waste were removed from the neighborhood; consisting of 19.60 tons of non-recyclables and 39.94 tons of recyclables. Thanks to Mike Davis for organizing the very successful event!

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Want to help your community, but don't know how?

Mira Mesa is made up of people just like you who are looking for ways to get involved in the community. Whether you are interested in local planning, parks and recreation, community appearance, family events or something completely new, there's a place for you.

Ongoing community groups include:

- **Community Planning Group**
- **Community Pride Committee**
- **MMTC Street Fair Committee**
- **Maintenance Assessment District Committee**
- **Recreation Council**
- **HEROES**
- **Fourth of July Committee**
- **Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)**

Come to a Mira Mesa Town Council general meeting or contact one of our directors for more information. Also see page 6 for specific meeting times and locations.

4th of July Committee to Present Parade Awards at Aug. 6 MMTC Meeting
by Pam Stevens

Mira Mesa Community 4th of July Committee president Debbie Vincent will present this year's parade awards at the Mira Mesa Town Council meeting on Monday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Library.

Corporal Shannon Evans, a member of the military police, provost marshal's office at MCAS Miramar, was the Grand Marshal of the 2007 Mira Mesa 4th of July Parade, which had as its theme, "A Salute to the Military." Dignitaries in the parade included the MCAS Miramar Executive Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Koffel; San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders; Congressman Brian Bilbray; San Diego City Councilmember Brian Maienschein; City Attorney Mike Aguirre; and San Diego School Board Members Mitz Lee and Sheila Jackson. "Uncle Sam," 2006 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year Chuck Sweet, waved to the crowd from the Mira Mesa Town Council car, driven by MMTC president Jeff Stevens, along with MMTC secretary Beth Davis.

The award-winning entries in the 2007 Mira Mesa 4th of July Parade, "A Salute to the Military," are:

Judges' Choice Theme Award Perpetual Trophy: Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church, "A Tribute to the Fallen, as Well as Those Who Serve" float featuring a cross draped with military dog tags and topped with a helmet; designed by Tom Kubow, driven by Patrick Hubbard.

$200 Cash Prize Float Competition: Filipino-American Retirees Association, "Aircraft Carrier"

Decorated Float: Praise Fellowship, "Pirates of the Caribbean Pirate Ship"

Marching Band: Mira Mesa High School Sapphire Sound Band and Color Guard

Marching Team: Falun Dafa

Decorated Vehicle: Free Fright on Halloween Night

Car Club: Bugs R Us

Comic Entry: Red Hat Society

Commercial Entry: McDonald's

Non-Marching Band: Community Bible Church

Filipino-American Retirees Association, "Aircraft Carrier"

The Mira Mesa Community 4th of July Committee is a volunteer non-profit group that raises the funds to put on the fireworks display, parade, and Fun Day completely through donations, as well as plans and hosts the day's events. This year's celebration cost approximately $30,000, with $17, 600 for the fireworks and the rest for the parade, Fun Day, and associated permits, insurance, etc. The Committee traditionally does not meet in August, but starts planning for the following year in September. If you'd like to join the fun of helping host one of Mira Mesa's biggest events, contact 4th of July Committee secretary Joan Reder, catmom1@att.net, for more information.

Anyone who would like to make a donation to help support Mira Mesa's 4th of July fireworks and activities can mail it to: Mira Mesa Community Fourth of July Committee, PO Box 261264, San Diego, CA 92196.

For photos from this year's 4th of July celebration, see http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/fourth_of_july_2007.htm

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"Community Pride" Volunteers Perform Unique Service to the Community
by Arlette C. Ballew

The members of the Community Pride Committee of the MMTC perform a little-known service in Mira Mesa: removing illegal signs, stickers, and graffiti. The members of this committee rarely meet, but its chairman, Jim Brown, and members Orlando Vernacchia, Marvin Miles, Bruce Brown, and Brad Buffett spend lot of their own time serving as Neighborhood Code Compliance volunteers. All have received training from City of San Diego's NCC volunteer coordinator. Jim, Orlando, and Brad primarily remove illegal signs and stickers, while Marvin and Bruce primarily paint over graffiti.

Jim has been doing this for 25 years, and Orlando for 20 years. Both of them are also members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP). Jim says that most of the problem used to be graffiti. Now there are many more illegal signs, and some of the graffiti has been replaced by stickers (which are stuck onto street signs and utility boxes).

Jim tries to talk to many of the people who put up illegal signs and gives them a copy of the City ordinance. The ordinance says, in brief, that any sign in the right of way (generally from the curb to 15' inward, although this varies) is illegal. This includes a- frame (sandwich-board) signs, those stuck into the ground, and those posted on utility poles and stop signs. Offenders can be fined $100 per sign.

Although the businesses that put up illegal signs should know better, Jim finds that most people don't know the regulations regarding yard-sale signs. Technically, only one sign (in the yard) is permitted for yard/garage sales. Although the committee members realize that people will continue to post such signs at street corners, they say that the major problem is that many people don't have the courtesy to take the signs down after their sales are over with. The old signs become eyesores and, if they fall down, litter the streets. The hard-working committee members ask that you be thoughtful enough to remove your yard-sale signs – and please remove the tape, too!

If you are interested in joining the Community Pride Committee, you may contact Jim at 858-566-4858. He has a form that you can fill out to apply for the brief training program.

Mira Mesa Woman's Club Now Open to All Ages

The Mira Mesa Junior Women's Club, formed in 1974, is now the Mira Mesa Women's Club, as president Dyanna Smith reported at the May meeting of the Mira Mesa Town Council. The values and standards of the Junior Women's Club will continue as the Mira Mesa Women's Club now welcomes members of all ages. The club is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. The club fosters friendships among its members, who are women with a variety of backgrounds, education, and interests but who share a common goal to improve the quality of life in our community. They support projects and programs that serve children, seniors, and families in need. The club also contributes to the community thru a variety of service projects, including:

- Comfort pillows for breast-cancer patients
- The Monarch School for homeless children
- Support for libraries and schools
- The Storefront (runaway teen shelter)
- Pennies for Pines
- A battered and abused women and children's shelter
- Homemade quilts and turtle pillows for Paul Newman's Painted Turtle Camp
- Adopt-a-family programs
- Support for the Fire and Police Departments
- Support for orphans in Tijuana
- A Bloodmobile program
- Operation Christmas Child
- The Heifer Project
- Blankets made for children on dialysis and chemotherapy

The club members invite women in the community to visit their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church, 8081 Mira Mesa Blvd. For more information, call Margery at (858) 442-7124 or Dyanna at (858) 578-1416.

Highlights of the June 4, 2007 MMTC Meeting

Submitted by Beth Davis

Board Reports

President's Report (Jeff):

Jeff reported that there was a meeting regarding the abandoned shopping cart problem on May 9. The retrieval number is ineffective. Progress towards a solution has been slow.

We need a volunteer for newsletter editor, which is currently vacant.

Treasurer's Report (Alan):

Account balances: Checking $20,854.82; Savings $29,732.00; Street Fair $22,488.87; CD $11,775.68

Police Report

Police Department (Officer Paul Lennon):

- The storefront has been painted.
- Miguel Azario is the new Captain.
- 5/4, 10100 Mesa Rim Rd.: LBA Realty had their copper stolen and around $50,000 in damages, including flooding. Copper theft is surging.
- 5/13, 8300 New Salem, a car theft with a short pursuit. Police recovered the car and took the suspect into custody.
- 5/14, Edwards Cinemas was robbed at gunpoint at 1:20AM.
- 5/14, 11100 Acacio Way, a neighbor notice a young male climbing through a window and called police. A 15-year-old male was taken into custody.
- 5/21, Calle Cristobal, a fatal motorcycle accident.
- 5/29, 10100 Drumcliff, two shots were fired in what was apparently a gang retaliation. There were no injuries.
- 6/3, 11200 Camino Ruiz, at 12:50AM, people who were eating outside the 7-11 were robbed by 5 Hispanic males driving a silver gray Lexus SUV.
- 6/4, Challenger Middle School, a false bomb alert was called in and the school was evacuated. A 12-year-old female student was expelled.
- If you see taggers scrawling graffiti, call 911. This is taken seriously because it usually involves gang members and is considered felony vandalism. If you choose to paint over graffiti, please report it first.

Elected Representative Reports

City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):

- $400,000 community block funding was approved for ADA upgrades.
- The next community clean up will be in June 30 at Mira Mesa High School. Be sure to get the word out to friends and neighbors.
- 511 is up and working for traffic information and roadside assistance. Their website is: www.511sd.com
- Brian voted against the ordinance to ban box stores like Wal- Mart.
- An environmental review is being done on the Trail Walk.
- The Graffiti Task Force line is 619-525-8522 or go to sd.gov/graffiti to report on-line.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister):

- The follow-up on Blackwater won't come before the board for another 3 to 4 years.
- There has been a food recall of certain ground beef. For more information go to: www.foodsafety.gov
- The County of San Diego is suing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for money owed since 2002 for Medicare payments. Since 1966, San Diego was assigned rural status, which drastically reduces the amount paid to doctors.
- Sarah will e-mail Allied Waste, the contractor for our landfill and waste management, to be on the lookout for copper.

State Assemblyman George Plescia (Sarah Sykes):

- The Assembly is working on the budget and is pleased with Governor Schwarzenegger's new revisions that include more money for law enforcement.
- AB 758, regarding on-line traffic school system, passed. This will help the DMV have more uniform rules and regulations for the state.

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State Senator Christine Kehoe (Andrew Kennerly):
- June 8 is the deadline for all legislation to pass the Senate.
- SB 494 cleared the Senate. This calls for half of all new passenger vehicles to use alternate energy by the year 2020.
- State Route 241, the San Onofre Toll Rd. will not be exempt from state laws.
- SB 754 will allow the Hillcrest DMV office to be rebuilt
- SB 404 passed in May. This would require hearings before a transmission line could be built across designated wilderness areas.

Open Forum

Rajy Abulhosa, from the Sandburg Elementary School Foundation introduced himself. The foundation is trying to fill the gap between what the government gives to the school and what the students need. Their current projects are beautifying the campus and upgrading the library and computer labs.

New Business

Scholarship Award Presentations (Beth Davis): This year's scholarship committee included: Beth Davis, Robin Stutsman, Pam Stevens, Sandy Smith , and Arlette Ballew. Six high school seniors were chosen to receive $500 scholarships from the Town Council. Congratulations to the following recipients: Corbin Dean (MMHS), Nicholas Mantione (MMHS), Natasha McCoy (SRHS), Christy Milani (MMHS), John Tat (MMHS), and Kathy Truong (MMHS). These students were presented with their checks and spoke about their future plans and their favorite volunteering experience.

Banner District (Stephen Sluyter): The committee received some designs via e-mail. Linda asked the designer to enhance his design and come up with another. The Town Council would like a full report at the August meeting.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

Fourth of July Committee (John Daley): June 5th is the last day to have applications postmarked. They will be meet every Wednesday at 6:30PM at the Senior Center.

RSVP will be recruiting in front of local stores.

Street Fair meets on the 4th Thursday at 6:45PM at the Senior Center. Several committee members went to the recent Rancho Bernardo street fair. One new idea was to possibly have a car show.

Planning Group: Last month's meeting was about the Salk school site. All parties involved are in agreement and the process is moving forward. They hope to have construction by the year 2010. A special thanks to Khoa for pulling together the School Board, Fish & Wildlife, and the City.

Recreation Council: The Miramar pool will be closed from Jun 9 to Jun 18 for cleaning.

The Banned Book Club will meet on Monday, June 11 to discuss the book Native Son by Richard Wright. The club does not meet in July or August so the September meeting will be to get acquainted and pick books for the next 10 months.

Mira Mesa High School Foundation: The school site committee met to prioritize and eliminate classes. Five to 12 classes are on the list to be eliminated due to enrollment. Among them are the vocal music and orchestra classes. Although they have been on the list in past years, they have never been cut. A motion was passed for the Town Council to write a letter expressing concern that the school maintains a comprehensive music department. The foundation is actively seeking more board members with a financial and/or legal background. So far this year, the Foundation has raised over $11,000.

CERT: The mayor has moved this from the Fire Department to Homeland Security but CERT would like to see it move back to the Fire Dept.

H.E.R.O.E.S. painted the outside of the Epicenter on May 19. Many thanks to Frazee Paint for donating the paint and to local, professional painter Rich Burns. HEROES will return to Sandburg Elementary School to stain/paint several items and help landscape the front entrance. Mike is trying to get a Goodwill truck to be at the Clean & Green event and hoping to make this an annual event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN September

September 3—Labor Day
September 10—MMTC Meeting (on the Second Monday!)
September 23—First day of Autumn
September 29—Mira Mesa Street Fair!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

These groups meet regularly on the days shown (subject to change).

1ST WEDNESDAY / August 1	**KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
1ST SATURDAY / August 4	**FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS BOARD MEETING**—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 9:00 AM
1ST MONDAY / August 6	**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / August 7	**GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT** — 1st Tuesday, — Mira Mesa Senior Center— 7:00 p.m. (subject to change)
2ND WEDNESDAY / August 8	**KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE** — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m.
2ND SATURDAY / August 11	**FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS ASSN** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ August 12	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
2ND TUESDAY / August 14	**GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10 am **RECREATION COUNCIL (PARKS)** — 2nd Tuesday —Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 7:00 p.m. **BLACK MOUNTAIN MASONIC LODGE #845 F.&A.M** — 2nd Tuesday — Mission Valley Scottish Rites Center — 7:30 pm **BUSINESS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm
3RD WEDNESDAY / August 15	**KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** —3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. **HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE** — 3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.
3RD THURSDAY/ August 16	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 p.m. (normally the second Thursday) **COMMUNITY PRIDE** — 3rd Thursday — 8605 Pagoda Way — 6:30 p.m. **LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** —3rd Thursday, bimonthly (odd-numbered months) — Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, — 7 p.m. **SR CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS**— 3rd Thursday— Mira Mesa Senior Center **MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD** — 3rd Thursday — Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 6:30 p.m. (Board), 7:00 p.m. (General) **Black Mountain Democratic Club**-3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1)
3RD MONDAY / August 20	**COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
3RD TUESDAY / August 21	**GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB (MM BRANCH)** —3rd Tuesday - Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church — 7:00 p.m. **TEEN CENTER (THE EPICENTRE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — 3rd Tuesday, bimonthly (even-numbered months) -- Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7 p.m.
4TH WEDNESDAY / August 22	**KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **STAKE HOLDERS** — 4th Wednesday, every other month —Mira Mesa Library, small conference room — 6:00 p.m. (no June meeting) **BUSINESS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO**—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Holiday Inn (Murphy Canyon Road) — 6:30 pm
4TH THURSDAY/ August 23	**Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 6:45 PM.
4TH TUESDAY / August 28	**GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **BUSINESS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm

Mira Mesa Schools to be the focus of the September 10 Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

Do you want to know what's going on in Mira Mesa's schools? Mark your calendar now for the Mira Mesa Town Council's "Education Night" at the September 10 Mira Mesa Town Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Library. (One week later than normal due to the Labor Day holiday September 3.)

Kathy Madsen, MMTC first vp/program chair, and Pam Stevens are lining up speakers for a program that covers a variety of topics in education at the kindergarten through twelfth grade level. Are middle school students making the grade? Following last June's concern about possible MMHS budget shortfalls that could cause a number of classes to be cut, combined, or turned into after-school clubs, what is the status of the Mira Mesa High School schedule of classes offered this fall? What is the latest news about plans to build the future Jonas Salk Elementary School in southwest Mira Mesa?

Plan now to attend this informative program! Are there any questions about K-12 education in Mira Mesa you'd like to see answered that night? Can you help Kathy and Pam spread the word about the meeting to parents of school-age children in Mira Mesa during the last week of August/first week of September? If so, please contact Kathy Madsen, rmadsen1@san.rr.com, (858) 578-4110; or Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com, (858) 566-2261.

Mark your calendars for the 2007 Mira Mesa Street Fair on September 29!

The 2007 Mira Mesa Street Fair will be held on the last Saturday in September, which is **September 29, 2007.** The Street Fair committee is actively working to organize and prepare for the event, under the leadership of Street Fair Committee Chair Robin Stutsman. Mira Mesa Street Fair 2007 is hosted by the Mira Mesa Town Council (MMTC) and will take place on Camino Ruiz, north of Mira Mesa Blvd. to New Salem Road. It is "A Neighborhood Celebration" that brings together neighbors, businesses, schools, and community groups in a fun-filled festival atmosphere.

Last year's attendance was over 15,000 and this year's is expected to be even greater. A perfect mix of booths for arts & crafts, businesses, food and non-profit/public service exhibits will line the street. In addition, there will be plenty of entertainment, including kids' rides, activities and stages with lots of local performers. Parking will be available at the adjacent Mira Mesa malls.

The Street Fair offers an excellent economical and educational opportunity to introduce non-profit or business organizations to Mira Mesa and the surrounding communities. The Street Fair application is available online at http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira_mesa_street_fair.htm. **The 2007 application deadline is August 18, 2007**.

Book Sale Aug. 11: Book lovers are invited to browse for bargains at the Friends of the Mira Mesa Library Book Sale on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St. Members of the Friends of the Mira Mesa Library will be admitted at 9 a.m., a half hour earlier than the general public. Anyone who'd like to join or renew their membership can find applications at the library. For more information, call the Mira Mesa Library, (858) 538-8165.

HOV Direct Access Ramps onto I-15 EIR in Progress

CalTrans has requested input on the scope of the EIR to be written for the proposed HOV direct access ramps onto I-15. Proposed locations are at Hillery and Galvin. CalTrans requested input from the Mira Mesa Town Council and other groups, and also held a scoping meeting at Walker Elementary School on May 19th. The Mira Mesa Town Council submitted the following letter: This letter is in response to the request for scoping information sent to the Mira Mesa Town Council on February 24, 2007, regarding the proposed direct access ramps onto I-15. We would like to bring the following issues to your attention for discussion in the EIR:

1. For the Hillery location, what are the traffic impacts on Hillery and surrounding streets? The following areas in particular currently have poor levels of service, and severe problems at rush hour: 1) Hillery west of Black Mountain Road; 2) the east end of Mira Mesa Blvd. between Black Mountain Road and I-15; 3) the intersection of Black Mountain Road and Mira Mesa Blvd.; 4) the intersection of Westview Parkway and Black Mountain Road, and 5) the intersection of Black Mountain Road and Gold Coast.
2. For the Galvin location, the same question except that we would expect reduced impact on Gold Coast and on Hillery.
3. For the Hillery location, the Mira Mesa Market Center was designed to allow good pedestrian access from Miramar College. The DAR would go through this access. What would the impact be, and how would equivalent pedestrian access be provided?
4. For the Galvin location, there is an approved residential project with a development agreement at that location that is planned for construction in the near future. Is a DAR feasible at that location given the prior approvals for this project? In addition to the specific question, the DAR would reduce the amount of housing designated in the Mira Mesa Community Plan and this impact should be addressed. There would also be an impact on FBA fees, which would indirectly impact park and recreation projects in the community.