

**MIRA MESA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Mira Mesa Library Meeting Room
Corner of Camino Ruiz and New Salem St.
7:00 PM, Monday, September 21, 2009

7:00 p.m. **Call to Order:** Attending: Mark Kornheiser; Rich Ragus; Erwin Rose; Ian Firth; John Horst; Jori Tulkki; Steve Esquilin; Bari Vaz; Linda Geldner; Sandy Smith; Marvin Miles; John Brand; Joe Frichtel; Bruce Brown; Phil Lisotta; Pat O'Donohoe

1. Adopt draft agenda – Action Item

Corrected item 5(a): Kinderhouse. The word “amendment” was struck from the draft agenda. Motion/second made by Joe Frichtel/Bruce Brown. Motion carried 13/0/2.

2. Approval of Minutes for June and August 2009 – Action item

Motion for approval of June 2009 minutes was made/seconded by Bruce Brown/Pat O'Donohoe. Motion carried 13/0/2.

Motion for approval of August 2009 minutes was made/seconded by Bruce Brown/Phil Lisotta. Motion carried 10/0/5.

(No meeting occurred in July 2009.)

3. Information Items

a. County of San Diego Treasurer-Tax Collector – Dan McAllister

Mr. McAllister presented statistics on County property tax collection as well as changed to the property tax bill soon to be sent out to County residents.

b. SD County Water Authority- San Vicente Pipeline Update by Randy Huber & Gina Molise.

11 mile pipeline is nearing completion to store water for emergency use. The west shaft (I-15/Mercy Rd.) should require construction activity until late Summer 2010.

Water authority will continue current consultation with neighborhood groups to determine how the area will look when construction is complete. To assist in this effort, the San Vicente Pipeline/Canyon Hills Subcommittee is being reactivated and chaired by Joe Frichtel.

Gina provided an update on continuing drought conditions regardless of expected El Nino-related rainfall this winter. The Water Authority is actively supporting

the desalination plant project in Carlsbad to alleviate the drought shortages.

See Appendix 1 for PDF versions of material provided to CPG.

c. CALTRANS – Update on upcoming work on I-15 by Antoinette Meier

Upcoming traffic changes: I-15 off ramp to Mercy Rd. is to be shut down for seven days sometime in mid-October. On ramp to southbound I-15 from eastbound Rancho Peñasquitos Blvd will be closing during an upcoming weekend. On ramp to I-15 southbound from Mercy Rd. possibly will close for one week in November. Outside southbound lanes on I-15 through Mira Mesa are almost complete. Ramp to northbound I-15 from eastbound Mira Mesa Blvd. should be done by the end of the year, with the ramp returning to two lanes from the current one lane.

See Appendix 2 for PDF versions of materials provided to CPG by CALTRANS.

d. MCAS Miramar – Juan Lias

Mr. Lias provided regular reminder on the upcoming air show and practices that will result in aircraft noise over the neighborhood.

e. Council District 5 Update – John Ly

Provided update on Salk Elementary. The school board and neighborhood are in agreement on moving forward with the school. The matter is docketed at City Council on October 6.

Carl DeMaio will hold a town hall meeting October 14th 6pm on city finances in light of retirement board decision.

f. Non- Agenda Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

Resident Donna Carter expressed concerned about usage of the Ned Baumer pool and its impact on water sports for Mira Mesa High School.

g. Announcements- 2 minutes per speaker

Pam Stevens announced Mira Mesa Street Fair to be held on September 26. A light bulb exchange at the fair will start at 10am to exchange old bulbs for more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.

4. Old Business

a. Information Item: Traffic Study results for removal of turn restrictions at and near Black Mountain Road and Capricorn. Ted Brengel presented results of

traffic studies showing nominal increase in traffic volume. An action item may be taken up in October 2009 to 1) permanently abandon the turn restrictions; 2) return the restrictions; or 3) do another study in 6-12 months. The restriping of Capricorn Ave in both directions at Mira Mea Blvd. may also be considered.

See Appendix 3 for PDF materials presented by Mr. Brengel.

5. New Business

a. Kinderhouse Montessori School, 6540 Flanders, Permitted for Kindergarten students Conditional Use Permit to add Elementary students. Presentation by Neal MacFarlane. Action item.

The Kinderhouse Montessori School is located in a prime industrial zone. Because it began before the new General Plan was adopted, it is grandfathered into the current zoning regulations. Thus it is permitted for up to 224 day care and kindergarten age children, but not for "school" age children. Under the new General Plan, day care is only allowed in industrial areas when run by an employer. "Schools" are not allowed in industrial zones.

Kinderhouse is asking for support for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) that will allow a mix of children, up to their current permitted limit of 224, including elementary age (6-12 years old) children. They presented documentation that they are not in an accident potential or hazardous materials zone.

A book containing letters of support from businesses and individuals in the community was presented to the CPG. Numerous parents of children served by the school spoke requesting the CPG to support the application for a CUP.

CPG discussion ensued. It was noted that there does not appear to be any substantive difference between having up to 224 day care age children and a mix of up to 224 elementary age and day care age children. There does appear to be a legal difference with respect to the age ground and what would be considered a "school" in a prime industrial zone. Concern was expressed for the precedent that would be set if the organization was allowed to disregard the distinction.

A motion was made to table the action item by John Horst and seconded by Steve Esquilin. The CPG would like to hear from Planning and the City Attorney's office. A question was raised as to whether or not there was something to vote on and it was observed that as an action item on the agenda it should either be voted on or tabled. The motion to table the item carried 16/0/0.

6. Reports (information items):

a. Report of Chair/correspondence – Linda Geldner

See Appendix 4. John Brand will study material and consider chairing a

reconstituted “Alexandria Tech Center” sub-committee.

b. DAR @ Hillary – Bari Vaz

Reached a point where substantial options are being discussed. The October meeting will be held at Qualcomm Bldg Q auditorium, 6-8pm.

c. Regional Transportation – presenter will vary

Bari Vaz went to COMPACT. “Move San Diego” non-profit funded to study mass transit improvement. Presented ideas about transit center to transit center public transportation designs. Will continue further studies.

d. Stone Creek Update – Jeff Stevens

No information

e. CPC- Pat O’Donohoe

No information

f. Mira Sorrento Substation and project – Phil Lisotta

See report of chair in Appendix 1.

g. Scripps Park West – Rich Ragus

No information. Subcommittee chair is currently seeking more info to be able to report.

h. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report – Pam Stevens

Pam Stevens reported on 9/17 meeting and conveyed a report of an illegal marijuana farm. Task force has confirmed new Advisory Committee members. Another meeting is needed to confirm subsequent new members. Pam will be staffing a booth at the Mira Mesa Street Fair for the Canyon Preserve committee.

See Appendix 5 for PDF material presented by Ms. Stevens.

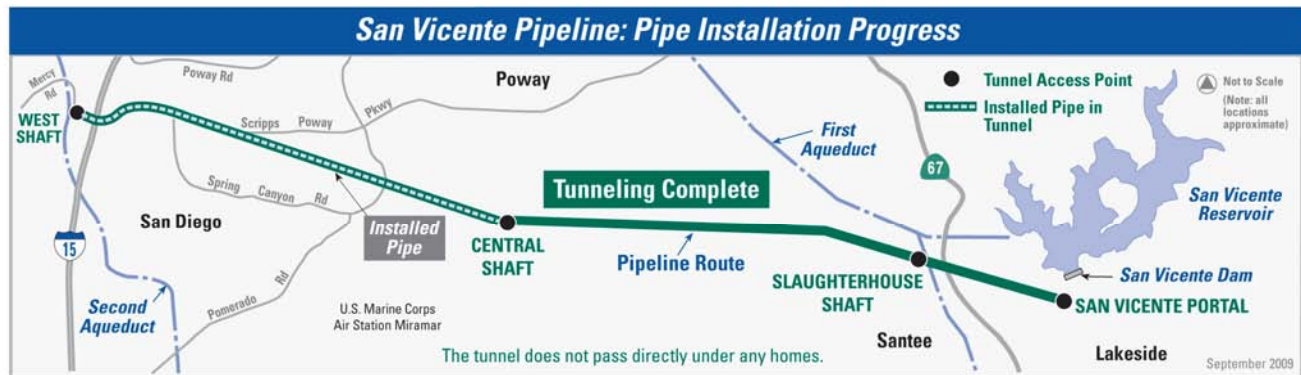
9:38 p.m. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made/seconded by Joe Frichtel/Phil Lisotta. Motion carried unanimously.

Appendix 1: San Vicente Pipeline Update

San Vicente Pipeline Project Update September 2009

The following project update is provided to keep the community groups informed of the San Vicente Pipeline construction progress.



The San Vicente Pipeline is an 11-mile tunnel and a large-diameter pipeline that will connect San Vicente Reservoir in Lakeside to the Water Authority's Second Aqueduct. The pipeline will function with other Water Authority facilities to provide water to the region in an emergency.

Tunneling Complete

All work to excavate the tunnel for the 11-mile-long pipeline is now complete. On September 22, the remaining tunneling machine connected the final two tunnel sections at the Central Shaft. This significant milestone is the culmination of three years of tunnel excavation work for the project. Over the next several weeks, crews will remove pieces of the tunneling machine from the Central Shaft. The Central Shaft is located south of the Beeler Canyon community within the StoneBridge Estates community.

Pipe Installation

With tunneling now complete in the eastern portion of the pipeline, crews are preparing to install steel pipe between the San Vicente Portal and Central Shaft. In Lakeside, the contractor will continue to use San Vicente Portal and Slaughterhouse Shaft to support the pipe installation activities.

The contractor has already installed five miles of pipe in the tunnel between the West and Central shafts. The grout work, which involves pumping grout to fill the space between the outside of the pipe and the tunnel walls to ensure the pipe remains in place and is protected from corrosion, will be completed soon. The final step in pipe installation is to apply a one-half inch thick, cement mortar lining to the inside of the pipe to further prevent corrosion.

The West Shaft is located west of Interstate 15 at Mercy Road. From now until the completion of the project, this will remain a busy construction site. The contractor will connect the new pipeline to existing water facilities at this location and will complete grading, fencing and road improvements to restore the area.

All work for the pipeline is scheduled to be complete in late summer 2010.

The Purpose of the San Vicente Pipeline

The 11-mile-long San Vicente Pipeline is a key component of the San Diego County Water Authority's Emergency Storage Project. The pipeline will create a water supply link between San Vicente Reservoir and the Water Authority's Second Aqueduct, allowing water to be delivered to agencies in the southern portion of the county in an emergency. The project will also improve the Water Authority's ability to move large quantities of water into storage, when it is available.

If you have additional questions or would like to receive more information about the San Vicente Pipeline Project or the Emergency Storage Project, please contact Gina Molise, Water Authority senior public affairs representative, at (858) 522-6706. You can also call toll free **(877) 426-2010**, email **ESPinfo@sdcwa.org**, or visit the website at **cip-esp.sdcwa.org** (click on "San Vicente Pipeline").

Appendix 2: CALTRANS Materials

South Segment: Mercy Road Advisory

Southbound Interstate 15 Off-ramp to Mercy Road Temporarily Closed

Please be advised that the southbound off-ramp to Mercy Road/Scripps Poway Parkway will be closed for approximately one week in October. This temporary closure is necessary to reconstruct the off-ramp as part of the ongoing Interstate 15 (I-15) Express Lanes Project. Motorists trying to access Mercy Road/Scripps Poway Parkway from southbound I-15 will be detoured south on I-15 to Mira Mesa Boulevard to north on I-15 onto Mercy Road/Scripps Poway Parkway. Detour signs will be in place to direct motorists.

This work is part of constructing the South Segment of the I-15 Express Lanes project. The South Segment will cost approximately \$481 million. Once completed in 2012, there will be four express lanes in the median of the freeway at Mercy Road/Scripps Poway Parkway.

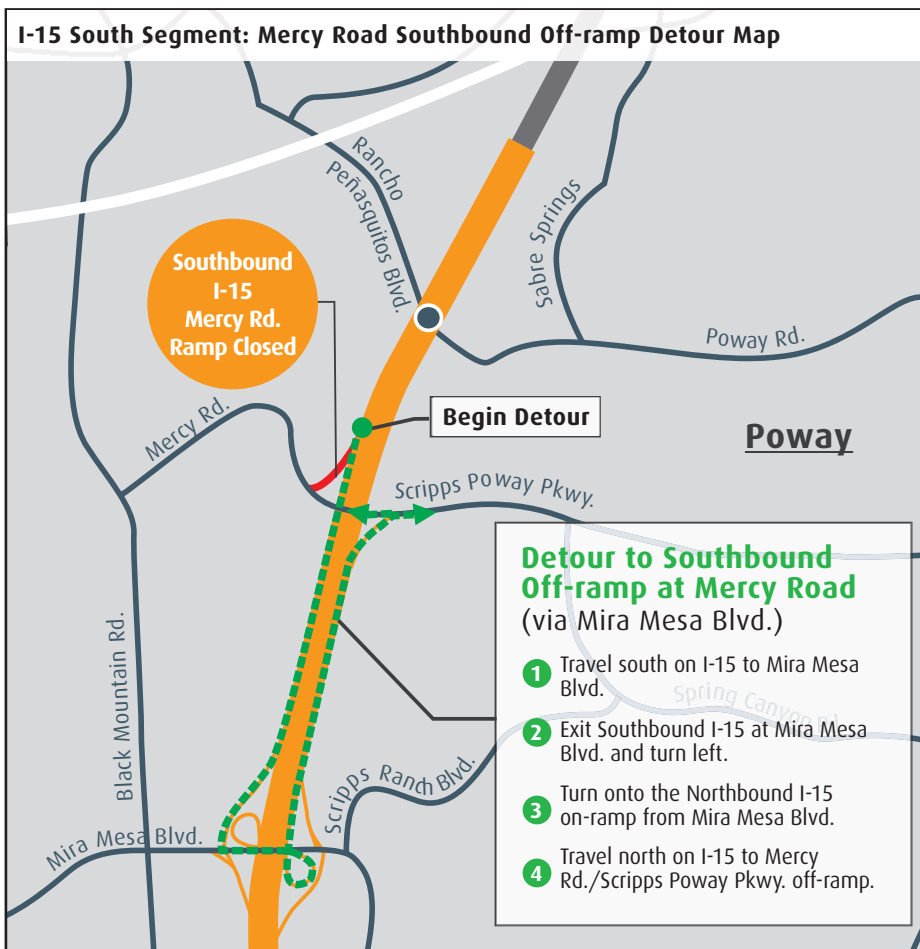
How to Stay Informed

For more information, please contact:

- ▶ **Project Hotline**
(866) 890-1397
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(858) 668-3368
- ▶ **Website**
www.keepsandiegomoving.com

Overview

The I-15 Express Lanes Project is being constructed in three segments: North, Middle and South. The construction in the South Segment began in 2008 and is expected to be completed by 2012.



South Segment: Rancho Peñasquitos Boulevard

Southbound Interstate 15 On-ramp from eastbound Rancho Peñasquitos Boulevard Closed for One Weekend

Please be advised that the Interstate 15 (I-15) southbound on-ramp from eastbound Rancho Peñasquitos Boulevard will be closed for a weekend in October. This temporary weekend closure will allow construction crews to complete reconstruction of the on-ramp without impacting the weekday commute.

Detour signs will be in place to direct motorists around the closure. Please see the map below for detour instructions.

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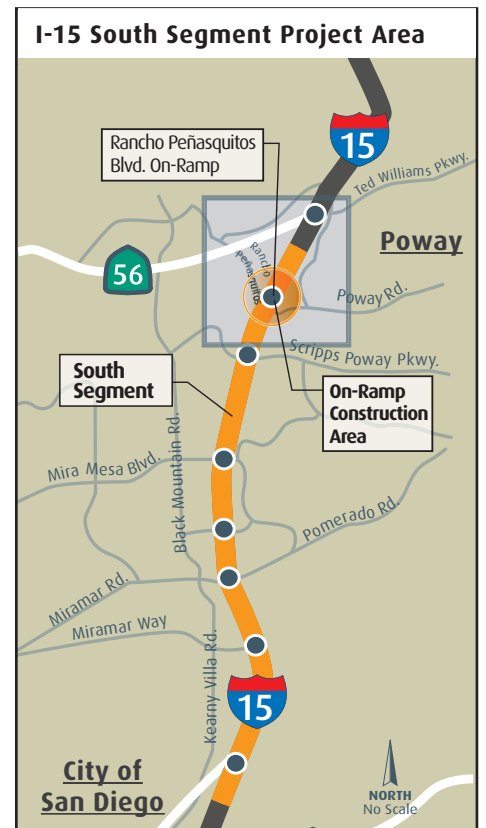
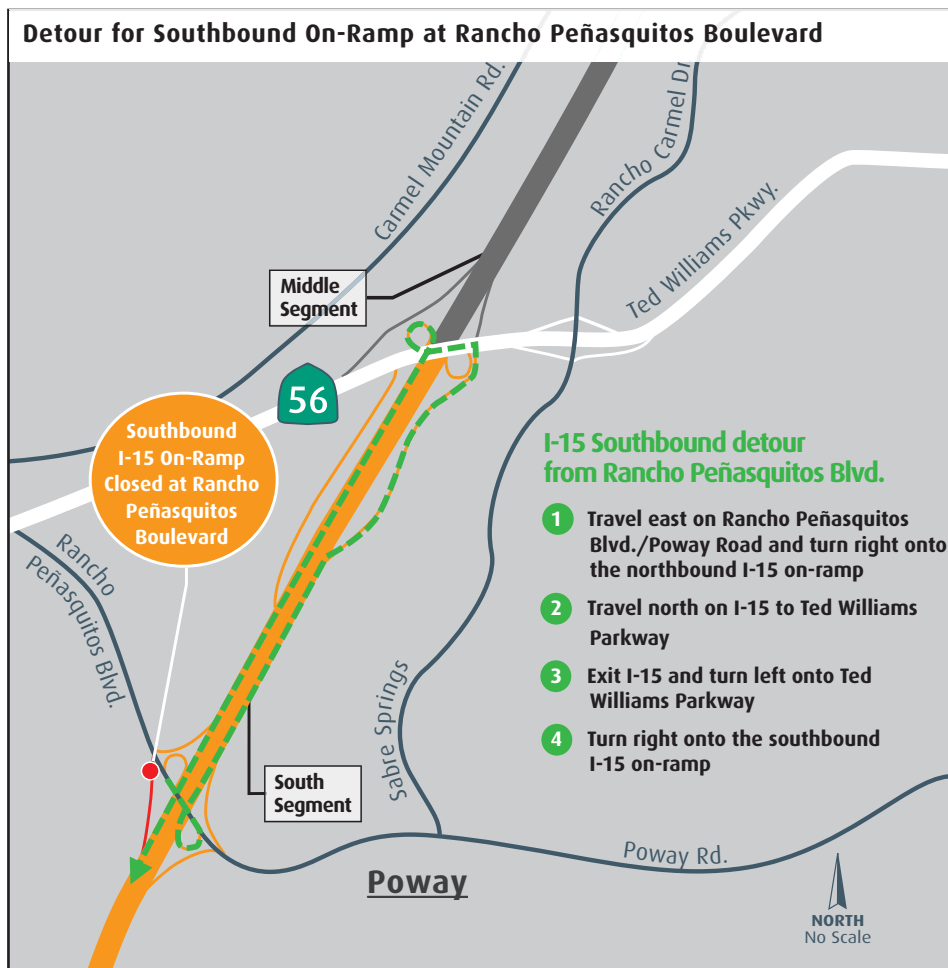
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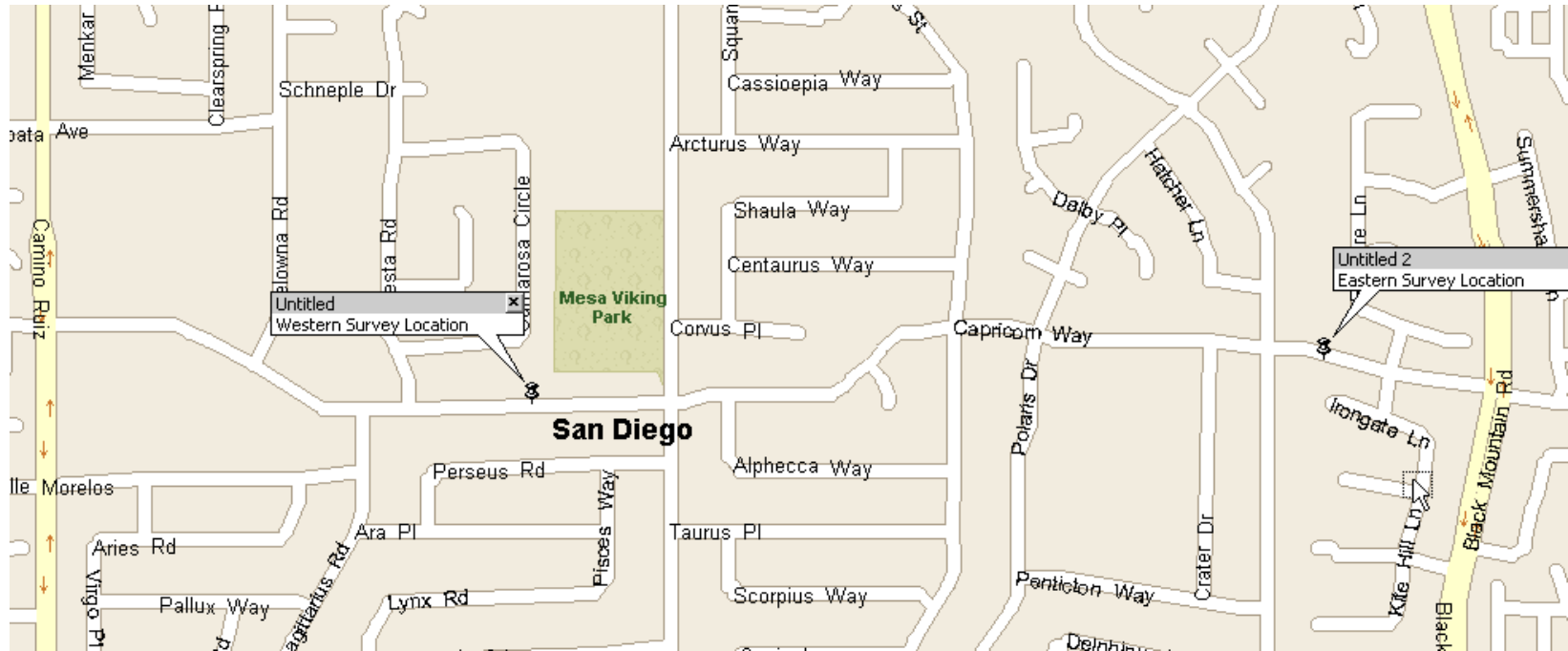


Appendix 3: Capricorn Avenue Traffic Study Material

Capricorn Way Turn Restrictions

Data for the Mira Mesa Community
Planning Group

Capricorn Way Traffic Volume Survey



Pegasus to Haverfield Way

Date	Dir	Speed	Volume	Average Speed	Average Daily Trips
6/1	Eastbound	36	7,507	35.5	13,749
6/1	Westbound	35	6,242		
6/2	Eastbound	36	7,820	35.5	14,323
6/2	Westbound	35	6,503		
6/3	Eastbound	36	7,743	35.5	14,325
6/3	Westbound	35	6,582		
6/4	Eastbound	36	7,757	35.5	14,212
6/4	Westbound	35	6,455		
6/5	Eastbound	35	8,264	35.0	15,128
6/5	Westbound	35	6,864		

Ganesta to Westonhill

Date	Dir	Speed	Volume	Average Speed	Average Daily Trips
6/1	Eastbound	25	3,656	26.0	7,207
6/1	Westbound	27	3,551		
6/2	Eastbound	26	3,769	26.5	7,436
6/2	Westbound	27	3,667		
6/3	Eastbound	25	3,737	26.0	7,365
6/3	Westbound	27	3,628		
6/4	Eastbound	26	3,731	26.5	7,338
6/4	Westbound	27	3,607		
6/5	Eastbound	26	4,081	27.0	7,984
6/5	Westbound	28	3,903		

Traffic Volume

Ganesta to Westonhill

Pegasus to Haverfield Way

With Turn Restrictions

Date	AM (7-9)	PM (4-6)
1/5	1,203	1,790
1/6	1,162	1,883
1/7	1,186	1,732
1/8	1,164	1,704
1/9	1,197	1,838
Average	1,182	1,789

Date	AM (7-9)	PM (4-6)
1/5	2,141	3,205
1/6	2,242	3,263
1/7	2,163	3,336
1/8	2,231	3,284
1/9	2,286	3,376
Average	2,213	3,293

Without Turn Restrictions

Date	AM (7-9)	PM (4-6)
6/1	1,485	1,913
6/2	1,439	1,967
6/3	1,512	1,837
6/4	1,477	1,887
6/5	1,464	2,056
Average	1,475	1,932

Date	AM (7-9)	PM (4-6)
6/1	2,634	3,636
6/2	2,652	3,634
6/3	2,674	3,717
6/4	2,694	3,574
6/5	2,641	3,680
Average	2,659	3,648

Data Summation

- Between Ganesta Road and Westonhill Drive
 - With turn restrictions
 - 85th percentile speed is 23.5 MPH
 - Daily Volume is 6,400 average daily trips (ADT)
 - Without turn restrictions
 - 85th percentile speed is 26.4 MPH
 - Daily volume is 7,500 ADT
- Between Pegasus Avenue and Haverfield Way
 - With turn restrictions
 - 85th percentile speed is 32.75 MPH
 - Daily volume is 12,600 ADT
 - Without turn restrictions
 - 85th percentile speed is 35.4 MPH
 - Daily volume is 14,300 ADT

Conclusions

- Without turn restrictions 85th percentile speed increased by an average of 2.8 MPH and traffic volume increased by an average of 1,400 vehicles per day.

Appendix 4: Report of Chair & Correspondence

Appendix 1
Mira Mesa Community Planning Group
Correspondence/Report of Chair
September 2009

Announcements

Street Fair 26 Sep – Need volunteers for our booth.

Light bulb exchange same day

Mira Mesa Street Fair Information:

http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira_mesa_street_fair.htm

Correspondence

By Regular Mail:

- CD with draft supplemental EIR for amendment to the Land Development Code Environmentally Sensitive Lands regulations comments due by 30 Oct
- Qualcomm response to first assessment letter
- Alexandria Tech Center Response to first assessment letter
- SDG&E Advice Letter to Public Utilities Commission. Subject is “Notice of Proposed Construction of the Carroll Canyon Relocation in the City of San Diego” It is actually notification they will reconfigure gas and electric lines relative to construction at I-805 and new portion of Carroll Canyon Road.

E-mail:

- 7-Eleven on Flanders is withdrawing their request to upgrade liquor license since they did not have SDPD support.
- If City Traffic analysis shows stop signs are required. The stop sign(s) will be installed without coming back to MMCPG. This is a safety issue.
- SDG&E's Advice Letter 2104-E. Subject: **Notice of Proposed Construction of the Carroll Canyon Relocation in the City of San Diego**. The document will also be accessible on SDG&E's website: http://www.sdge.com/regulatory/tariff/advice_index.shtml.

- CPC agenda w/link and separate chair report.
- LU & H Subcommittee agenda
- SDG&E start up of substation project. Several e-mails and a discussion. Would like to go to PUC in Nov/Dec timeframe. Need subcommittee members.
- Request for input on the draft Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance Amendments. The proposed changes include: clarifications to the development regulations for sensitive biological resources, the establishment of three development scenarios under which a deviation from the sensitive biological resources regulations may be approved outside of the Coastal Zone (including vernal pools) - Essential Public Project Option, Economic Viability Option, and Biologically Superior Option , and revisions to the Biology Guidelines to establish criteria for each development scenario against which the already adopted deviation findings will be evaluated. The proposed changes are shown in strikeout and underline format. The draft code language can be reviewed on the attached PDFs or on the City web page under "Amendment Projects in Open Public Comment and Review Period":
<http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/landdevcode.shtml#amend>
- 14 e-mails from parents in support of Kinderhouse CUP

Report of Chair

No new items added

Work still in process:

- City Planning – call in to Tim/Tait relative to Airport Overlay
- Subcommittee List

Future agenda items to follow up on:

- FBA discussion
- SANDAG – Smart Growth/Regional planning
- Transportation workshop – In prep for Master Plan update
- Miramar College – their master plan and update on construction plans
- City Schools - update on construction and repairs to schools
- MCAS Miramar on new aircraft AICUZ...subcommittee