



Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting

January 12th, 2021 Draft Minutes

(Pending approval.)

Current Committee Roster:	In Attendance:
Mandy Havlik (Chair) (B)	X
Margaret Virissimo (B)	Absent
Eva Schmitt (B)	X
Nicole Burgess (C)	Absent
Paul Grimes (C)	X
Matt Schalles (C)	Absent
ATTENDED BY:	
Dan Phinn (Community member)	

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:09 pm

ADJOURNED: 6:41 pm

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

Yea 3 Nay 0 Abstain 0

Reasons for abstentions:

MINUTES MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

Yea 2 Nay 0 Abstain 1

Reasons for abstentions: Eva Schmitt- absent from meeting

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEM #1: Letter of recommendation for Cape May and Froude to review the intersection for traffic safety calming measures or stop signs. Community led initiative.

Mandy received an email from residents in the neighborhood who commented on the crosswalk on Cape May Ave. and Froude, in between Newport Ave. and Voltaire.

Mandy reminds the subcommittee that there are no stop signs along Froude between Voltaire street and Newport, and people are using it as a bypass.

In November, at the Traffic and Transportation meeting for the OB planning board, members of the OB side of the neighborhood went to the planning board. They approved a traffic safety mitigation by authorizing a four-way stop sign. The mainboard tabled the proposition. The intersection is shared, so the OBPB mainboard wanted to confirm that the Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee is in agreement with the proposal.

Mandy shared emails provided by a neighbor, she read the letters to the committee.

The letters are in regard to a new stop sign on Froude and Cape May. Froude is unique because it has no stop sign from Abbott to Venice, which leads to increased speed by people looking to avoid stop signs. A stop sign would make the street safer, and Dan and Casey Fin hope that the community group can get a sign placed.

Mandy shares and reads a second letter.

The letter is in response to the dangerous vehicle speed occurring in the neighborhood on Froude speed. The letter states the situation has worsened in recent years. High-speed levels in the morning and evening and increased traffic stemming from Sunset Cliffs, have caused great concern for street safety. The neighborhood is used as a thoroughfare towards Highway 8 during dusk, the worst visibility hours. The main problem is the speed of the vehicles. There are cases of speaking cars becoming air-borne at the next intersection due to the rates at which they travel. The letter stated that this is an issue for pedestrian's safety.

Mandy shares and reads a third letter.

The letter states that he has seen Spawar increase traffic dramatically. Cars bottom up at the dip where the Froude street narrows at Brighton. A stop sign would both protect the kids at OB elementary, and also help drivers from damaging their cars.

Mandy shares and reads a fourth letter.

Her neighbor is working on getting a four way stop sign. She believes that this will be a smart idea, as she often witnesses hazardous events on a regular basis, and visibility is difficult at this intersection. The combination of high speed and low visibility is a dangerous mix. The neighborhood also has a lot of children that play outside, and a four way stop would make the area much safer.

Mandy reads the motion that was approved through the OBPB Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee.

This motion is to install a four way stop at Froude and Cape May based on community member requests and asks the city to consider traffic calming measures along the entire stretch of Froude from Voltaire to Newport.

Eva stated that she thinks the subcommittee should honor the communities request for a four way stop sign. She believes this is a reasonable request, since the surrounding streets do have multiple stop signs, and there are many families that live in the area that would benefit from the stop sign. She is ready to make a motion to approve this request and would like to discuss it further.

Dan Phinn, one of the neighborhood advocates, joins the meeting.

Mandy reads aloud a letter from the Peninsula Community Planning Board advocating for the installation of a four way stop sign and a flashing speed indicator sign at Froude and Cape May.

The PCPB would additionally ask the city of San Diego Traffic and Transportation department to consider reviewing the stretch of Froude in between Voltaire and Newport to install additional traffic calming measures.

Dan originally asked the city to put in a stop sign, but they denied the request because the intersection does not meet the city councils traffic engineering policy for the city.

Gary Pence advised Mandy that any mitigations would have to take the form of a letter.

Mandy asks the subcommittee if there are any additional requests that should be included/added to the letter.

Eva clarifies that the OBPB Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee's motion was for a four way stop, but did not include the request for a flashing speed indicator.

Mandy wrote in the letter that the speed indicator would be at the mentioned Froude and Cape May intersection.

Eva recommends that the letter should mirror the same request as the original letter, so that the requests are in agreements.

Paul shared that there is a long stretch of street without a stop sign, nor is there a stop sign on Santa Monica, so adding a stop sign halfway up the stretch on either Cape May or Brighton seems like a good solution.

Paul notes that even if the individual criteria of the street doesn't fit the city council's criteria, the issue of many consecutive streets in a row lacking traffic calming measures leads to a situation that should qualify for a stop sign.

Dan states that either Brighton or Cape May would work for a stop sign. He proposed Cape May, however, because it is at the top of a peak before a hill and it affects his direct neighbors,

whom he has talked to and gathered support from. Dan worries that the city would opt for a flashing speed sign as opposed to a city, and this would not be the best solution.

Mandy thinks the subcommittee should send the letter as is, but without the request for a flashing speed sign.

Mandy re-reads the updated letter.

Eva makes a motion to approve the letter to the city as is, in support of installing a four way stop sign at the intersection of Cape May and Froude and to have the city evaluate the stretch of Froude between Voltaire and Newport for other traffic calming mitigations.

Paul states that the subcommittee should emphasize the fact that it is a six-block stretch lacking a stop sign.

Mandy will add verbiage to the letter to note the length of the stretch (.44 miles) lacking a stop sign. She will state in the second paragraph, that there are not stop signs along this stretch of 230 feet.

Mandy seconds the motion. The motion went to a vote and passed.

The letter will be taken to the main board.

Mandy will print out the letters from the community members/neighbors and include them as attachments with the main letter. The second page of the letter will include these testimonies.

INFORMATION ITEM #1: Discussion of proposed traffic safety mitigations in the form of a letter & next steps regarding traffic safety mitigations along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and the surrounding neighborhood area.

Moved to next meeting.