

**OCEAN BEACH PLANNING BOARD
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM / Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 6:04 PM

Adjourned: 6:40 PM

Current Committee Roster:	In Attendance:
Tracy Dezenzo (Chair) (OB)	X
Andrea Schlageter (OB)	X
Craig Klein (OB)	
Bev McCalla (OB)	X (joined meeting at 6:23 PM)
Susan Booth (Secretary) (OB)	X
Julie Klein – Community member	
Kevin Hastings – Community member/OB PB	
Denny – OB Mainstreet Association	
Nicole Burgess – Community member/Peninsula PB	
Matt Schalles – Community member/Peninsula PB	

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

Yea Nay Abstain No call for modifications or approval.

Reasons for abstentions:

MINUTES MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

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NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ACTION ITEM #1: Discuss AB-43 Traffic Safety and determine if we can utilize it to lower speed limits in Ocean Beach on certain roads or during certain times.

Discussion:

Community and Board Member comments and general discussion of this topic.

TD: AB-43 gives cities opportunity to lower speed limits on certain roads to reduce accidents. Ocean Beach resident Peter Sickels (PS) reached out to OB Town Council wondering if this

might be applicable to Ocean Beach and if it might be applied during certain times of day especially at night to reduce accidents.

PS: There is very limited lighting at night in OB because so many street lights that are not working. This makes driving at night dangerous and wonders if it would be possible to have lower speed limits at night. Another options might be to use glow-in-the-dark paint used to paint slower speeds on posted speed limit speed that would only be visible at night.

SB: Wondering if it would be possible to post speed limit signs with two different speeds, one for daytime and another lower speed for night? Another option might be to post occasional road signs stating bicyclist and pedestrians have the right-of-way, as a reminder to motorists.

AS: It's more about giving local control.

TD: Concerned that San Diego is a large area and OB is not it's own municipality. AB-43 has a section stating that a local authority can't deem more than 1/5 of their streets as safety corridors. This may limit OB to just one or two streets, not all of OB. We have to think about what street(s) we might want to request this for.

SB: We need to look at statistics of where the most accidents are happening as well as the designated bike routes around OB to see what streets might be considered for this. For example, people tend to drive a little slower on Ebers because of the drainage dips at most intersections, while Bacon Street probably has more bicyclists.

PS: Voltaire Street might be a good candidate for this because of recent accidents with skate boarders and pedestrians.

AS: We have to decide specifically what we want to ask for and ask for the entire 1/5 at once.

TD: We should pull traffic accident/incident reports for accident rates and knows where to get this information. We will not have a motion at this time and will table this until we get the accident data and then discuss at a future meeting.

ACTION ITEM #2: Does the Planning Board want to suggest/write a letter to the City asking them to replace all our electric powered street and traffic lights with solar powered lights?

Discussion:

TD: This subject was previously brought up to the OB Town Council by Peter Sickels.

PS: Not quite what he was asking, but he wondered if we could put small solar panels and lights at/near intersections on existing sign posts like speed limit signs, stop signs, etc. that don't have any lights to make pedestrians more visible at night. The lights could be small and pointed down just to bring more attention to these areas for safety where people might be out at night.

BM: Thinks this would be a great idea.

SB: The Port District installed solar-powered, motioned sensor lights at Shelter Island that come on when a person approaches and then turns off again when the person is out of range as an example of lights that use less power and create less light pollution.

AS: There is a concern about light pollution.

TD: We can research areas that need extra lightning and add this to the list of items we request from Jen Campbell's office. We will hold on a motion until we do more research on this.

BM: Might want to ask Nicole, who probably knows where all the darkest areas around OB are.

IDEAS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

AS: Can put in a request to SANDAG about a presentation on the flexible fleet but will do it for a future OB Planning Commission meeting, not just the Transportation Board.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meetings are held every other month on the 4th Monday. Next meeting will be via zoom on January 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourns: 6:40 PM