

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT  
January 27, 2009

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*Manager's Reports*

ITEM I.1

Update on Entrance Improvement Project

*\*(the December report is being repeated here for the benefit of the new directors)*

During the month of November District staff was invited to meet with city officials to review the completed development plans for the proposed *Quiet Zone Project* at the RR grade crossing into Beach Road. It can now be confirmed that the scope of work proposed in the city's project will not overlap with any elements of the District's proposed Entrance Improvement Project with the exception that pedestrians emerging from Beach Road must exit into the intersection on the ocean-side of the area and at maximum distance from the RR tracks. With this new information it only makes sense to now try to get a single approval for both phases of our project at one time rather than stretch it out into the two phases we had been considering.

Staff then conducted a site meeting with both Metrolink and County officials to discuss a proposed "exchange" of easements with the County. In this proposed exchange, the County could sign over a small section of their Beach Park property adjacent to our entrance driveway in exchange for rights to a small portion of our northgate maintenance area. The fence and gate into the northgate area could be pushed back about 20 feet to allow for better visibility of pedestrians and bicyclists emerging into the intersection from the bike path by the volleyball courts and the state park.

The District's project engineer was instructed to provide a set of concept plans for the County officials to review. Our initial contact with the County is Leslie Ray, Harbors Beaches and Parks District Supervisor. Plans would be submitted to Ms. Ray who would take them to HBP Director Mark Denny. The County's initial reaction is positive and staff remains more than hopeful that an agreement can be reached.

***The District's project engineer will be meeting with County officials possibly as early as January 29<sup>th</sup> to submit our pedestrian safety lane proposal.***