

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
September 26, 2017

Security Reports

ITEM 6b

EVALUATION OF SPEEDING IN THE 600-BLOCK

Several months ago, homeowner Jeff Lurner had complained to the District that there were too many speed violators near his home in the 600-block and indicated that the District was liable for any accidents that might occur if nothing is done. Mr. Lurner suggested the install of another speed bump like the five black rubber units that are in service elsewhere along the road.

My first step in evaluating the incidence of speeding was to station both our security patrol officers and police officers in the area, at random times, to run radar and get a feel for traffic.

During the same period, a set of rubber bumps was temporarily positioned at 35615. The District is permitted by the OCFA to have only five sets of 'speed cushions' placed in service in our community due to the delay in response time for emergency vehicles caused by the need to slow for the speed bumps. Being at our permitted maximum, we installed a lower-profile test set.

We set up and observed for drivers' behavior on approaching this set of new bumps. Drivers' reactions were as expected: brake lights came on indicating that drivers were taking their foot off the gas and applying their brakes to slightly slow down. This had the desired effect of calming traffic, however Mr. Lurner complained again sometime later, reporting that the new bumps are not slowing traffic.

At this point, Director Masto instructed staff to collect a bit more speed data and interview nearby residents for their thoughts on speeding along this section of the road. The attached pages show the speed collection info from July 28 thru Aug 13 and email comments from nearby residents.

The Orange County Fire Authority is not going to permit the District to install another set of 'speed cushions' because of the impact to response time. Also, relocating an existing set of speed bumps is not recommended by traffic engineers because such changes tend to annoy and upset drivers who react by speeding more.

As a solution to calming the traffic, two special-colored 15 MPH SPEED LIMIT signs have been placed in that location on temporary sign stands and all the speed bumps will be striped in a bright noticeable color. With more noticeable signage and striping, drivers should react appropriately. This is an inexpensive option that could very well solve the issue.

SPEED VIOLATION LOG (2017)

2017	TIME	SPEED	C 631		DIV	res/guest/serv/retr/reitr	(gate)
DATE	LICENSE #	MPH	COLOR	MAKE/MOD	MODEL	ADDRESS - pass type	S/O
7/28	1150	9	WHT	SUV	N/B.	C 631	J
"	1213	12	SILV	"	S/B	"	J
"	1216	19	GRY	"	S/B	"	J
"	1217	9	BLK	FORD Focus	N/B	"	"
"	1217	7	WHT	FORD P/U	N/B	"	"
"	1221	12	-	TRASH TRK	S/B	"	"
"	1222	9	BLK	SUBARU	S/B.	"	"
7/31	1100	14	BLK	LAND CRUISER	N/B	631	M
"	1102	15	BLK	SENTRA	N/B	631	"
"	1105	19	SILVER	CARAVAN	S/B	"	"
"	1107	13	WHITE	STAKE BED	S/B	"	"
"	1108	10	WHITE	CHEVY VAN	S/B	"	"
"	1109	10	BLK	SUBURBAN	S/B	"	"
"	1104	12	BLUE	PILOT	S/B	"	"
"	1115	14	BEIGE	TUNDRA	N/B	"	"
"	1117	16	WHITE	ACADIA	S/B	"	"
"	1118	17	WHITE	JEEP	S/B	"	"
"	1120	17	BLACK	ACURA	S/B	"	"
"	1121	16	WHITE	CRV	S/B	"	"
"	1128	16	BLK	ESCAPE	N/B	"	"
"	1130	23	SILVER/BLU	LEXUS WAG.	S/B	"	"
"	1132	19	GRAY	TACOMA	S/B	"	"
"	1133	15	GRAY	VOLT	S/B	"	"
"	1136	16	BLACK	ACURA	N/B	"	"
8/3	1412	7	SILV	BMW	S/B	"	J
"	1417	12	BLU	SUBARU	N/B	"	"
	1421	13	GRY	NISSAN			
				C 611		611	
8/4	1438	14	RED	BUICK	N/B	"	J
"	1445	14	GRY	CAD.	S/B	"	"
"	1448	10	WHT		S/B	"	"
"	1450	31	GRY	HONDA	S/B	"	"
"	1459	14	WHT	CAD / SUV	S/B	"	"

2017 SPEED DATA COLLECTION @ 35615

Date:	Time:	Direction:	Speed:
8/2	0832	S	12
8/2	0834	S	18
8/2	0839	N	20
8/2	0839	S	17
8/2	0840	N	18
8/2	0840	S	17
8/2	0844	S	16
8/2	0846	S	17
8/2	0847	S	22
8/2	0848	N	9
8/2	0851	N	19
8/2	0851	N	14
8/2	0854	N	18
8/2	0854	S	14
8/2	0856	S	15
8/2	0858	N	20
8/2	0858	N	18
8/2	1554	S	13
8/2	1555	S	17
8/2	1557	S	14
8/2	1557	S	16
8/2	1559	N	17
8/2	1559	N	14
8/2	1559	S	19
8/3	0839	N	17
8/3	0844	S	14
8/3	0845	N	22
8/3	0847	S	14
8/3	0851	N	19
8/3	0851	N	16
8/3	0852	N	18
8/3	0852	N	17
8/3	0857	S	14
8/3	0857	S	21

Date:	Time:	Direction:	Speed:
8/4	0912	N	9
8/4	0919	S	14
8/4	0921	N	15
8/4	0922	S	11
8/4	0926	S	4
8/4	0930	S	8
8/4	0932	S	18
8/4	0935	S	8
8/6	1337	S	18
8/6	1338	S	20
8/6	1340	N	11
8/6	1343	S	18
8/6	1343	N	9
8/6	1343	S	16
8/6	1344	S	18
8/6	1345	S	18
8/6	1345	N	15
8/6	1347	S	16
8/6	1348	S	15
8/6	1352	N	16
8/6	1353	N	19
8/6	1353	N	19
8/6	1357	N	17
8/6	1357	N	20
8/6	2005	S	19
8/6	2006	N	15
8/6	2006	N	15
8/6	2010	N	15
8/6	2011	N	16
8/6	2012	N	15
8/6	2015	N	16
8/6	2017	N	16
8/6	2018	S	15
8/6	2028	N	16

Date:	Time:	Direction:	Speed:
8/7	1527	N	9
8/7	1529	S	15
8/8	1531	S	12
8/7	1542	N	16
8/7	1543	S	15
8/8	1435	S	16
8/8	1441	N	14
8/8	1446	N	16
8/8	1450	S	11
8/8	1858	N	14
8/8	1911	S	16
8/8	1926	N	18
8/9	0807	N	16
8/9	0807	S	15
8/9	0810	N	13
8/9	0817	N	14
8/9	1333	N	12
8/9	1341	N	17
8/9	1342	S	18
8/9	1343	S	16
8/9	1343	N	14
8/9	1347	S	19
8/9	1347	N	8
8/9	1348	N	20
8/9	1351	S	17
8/9	1351	S	14
8/9	1352	S	19
8/9	1356	S	16
8/9	1839	S	14
8/9	1840	N	13
8/9	1842	N	15
8/9	1843	N	13
8/9	1843	N	11
8/9	1846	S	16

Karen Morris

35585


From: Love Flower <loveflower91@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 6:56 PM
To: Karen Morris
Subject: Re: Capo Bay Inquiry Concerning Speeders near your Beach Road Home

Hi Karen

The biggest problem is construction

Pick up trucks that block the way park badly and speed through.

The other problem is the Renters traveling too fast.

The drivers of the tricycles are a huge problem but can be solved with large 

Sincerely yours
Laurie and David

Karen Morris

35595

From: harris corwin <harriswinthrop@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 7:26 PM
To: Karen Morris
Subject: Re: Capo Bay Inquiry Concerning Speeders near your Beach Road Home

Hi Karen,

Nancy and I believe pretty strongly that the speed limit is appropriate. There are too many kids and dogs and people on bikes to move any faster.

For what it's worth, that's how we feel.

Best to Matt and your mom,

Nancy and Hank

On Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:58 PM, Karen Morris <cbd@capobay.org> wrote:

Karen Morris

35635

From: Joseph Perez <joey@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 9:24 PM
To: 'Karen Morris'
Subject: RE: Capo Bay Inquiry Concerning Speeders near your Beach Road Home

Hi Karen,

I think most of the residents abide by the speed limits, it's the non-permanent residents/renters that I find have a tough time staying under the limit. Same holds true for some of the workers on Beach Road.

Admittedly, I've found myself needing to be more conscientious of the speed limit at times too but I will continue to be extra safe on Beach Road.

Take care,
Joe

Speed Data Inquiry Near 615

August 3, 2017

35641

Paul Arranaga gave verbal feedback on Thursday, August 3, 2017 about speeders in the neighborhood. He does not really see speeders as a real issue. There are a couple of vehicles by him that do speed, but that is about it.

August 6, 2017

35605

Frank Trimboli gave verbal feedback on Sunday, August 6, 2017 about speeders in the neighborhood. He believes the speeders are more consistently guests and /or renters. Folks who do not know the etiquette on Beach Road.

35567

Karen Morris

From: coyotewm@gmail.com on behalf of William Matthies <wmatthies@coyoteinsight.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Karen Morris
Cc: Bonnie Matthies
Subject: Re: Capo Bay Inquiry Concerning Speeders near your Home

Hi Karen,

Bonnie and I had a different take on what you and the board want to know. She believes you are asking us to identify specific vehicles or individuals who repeatedly disregard the speed limit. I think you want to know to what extent we see speeding on the road as a problem.

It is a major problem that gets worse south of the turnaround as a result of the mile long slow drive to get to that point. And that includes residents, visitors, and service people. I do recognize some individuals but I'm not going to accuse anyone, specifically; that is the responsibility of law enforcement on the road.

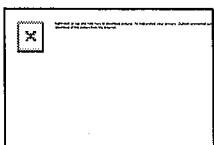
While this is about speeding the focus should be on all driving behavior including failing to stop at the turnaround stop sign and failing to yield to outgoing traffic. Both are as much a problem as is speeding.

I recall Don saying in a meeting that only about 12 speeding tickets are issued a year. I asked one of the law enforcement officers how many he gives and his answer supports what Don said. Rarely if ever. I am certain one could easily issue 12 tickets *a day* during peak traffic time, even allowing for 5 mph speed forgiveness, and probably 6 a day if no tickets were issued unless someone was driving 10 mph over the limit.

Unless there are drastic changes to rules and law enforcement things will only get worse including injury to pedestrians.

Bill

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