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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marshall Plantz, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Carlsbad

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DATE: May 21, 2008

RE: Summary of Public Comment at 5/19/08 Public Workshop

Below is a summary of the Public Comment received at the 5/19/08 Public Workshop held in the City of Carlsbad to collect input on the Draft Pedestrian Master Plan. Comments were received via flip charts at boards and via a comment card.

Comments Made at the Boards

Priority Area Boards

- There are missing sidewalks along El Camino Real.
- The Rancho Carlsbad senior population needs access to the shopping near SR-78.
- The lane drop on El Camino Real by La Costa Avenue causes drivers to swerve, putting pedestrians in danger.
- At El Camino Real and Cannon Road, drivers use the right turn pocket as a passing lane.
- Traffic calming is needed on Roosevelt Street and Madison Street. Drivers use these streets to avoid congestion on Carlsbad Village Drive. The drivers use residential streets to connect to Tamarack Avenue and access the freeway.

- No sidewalks on Garfield Street and Tamarack Avenue.
- Madison Street between Laguna Drive and Grand Avenue lacks pedestrian facilities.
- Parking near the Coaster Station blocks pedestrian travel.

Citywide Improvement Project Boards

- Connections must be upgraded near the school, at the intersection of Chestnut Avenue and El Camino Real.
- There are extremely wide lanes in the northwest quadrant and the Village, making it difficult for pedestrians to navigate the area.
- Sidewalks are needed on all arterials. The speed of cars can be intimidating.
- Trail connectivity improvements are needed throughout the city.
- Carlsbad Village Drive is too auto-oriented.
- Citizens recommend a pedestrian bridge over Aqua Hedionda Lagoon, currently it is open space.
- The city should look into European influenced design ideas for the Village and promote innovative re-design emphasizing pedestrian oriented design.
- State Street north of Carlsbad Village Drive has high traffic volumes.
- Analyze the land use code and place amenities adjacent to trip destinations to encourage pedestrian use.
- A Rail Trail would increase north/south connectivity.
- This plan should be a basis for discussion when updating the General Plan.
- Carbon footprint and sustainability need to be emphasized in the plan.
- Lighting should be solar generated when possible.
- There should be coordination between the pedestrian master plan and the bicycle master plan.
- Emphasize utilitarian trips particularly in areas that have land uses that facilitate this type of trip-making.

- Understand the link between pedestrian activity and pedestrian safety. This link should be used to form design criteria.
- Final maps should include the railroad corridor because the current maps do not.
- Pedestrian improvements are needed along Laguna Drive and Roosevelt Street.
- Major problems with bicycles on the sidewalk. Educational programs and increased enforcement is needed.
- Lack of pedestrian facilities on private roads in the northwest quadrant creates pedestrian safety issues. Planters could be a possible option for traffic calming.
- Animals such as water fowl and turtles cross on Jefferson Street. Warning signs are need to alert drivers about animal crossing.
- Signage is needed to discourage crossing boulevards at Buena Vista Lagoon.

Comment Card Comments

Figure 5-4:

More lighting is needed on the streets surrounding Garfield Avenue. Currently, there is too much foliage and it is too dark.

Chapter 7 page 74:

An under or overpass is needed at Chestnut Avenue and the rail corridor to connect the beach and community to the east.

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An underpass at Chestnut Avenue is needed to get past the railroad tracks. Sixty-five residents support this action which is documented in the La Colonia Plan.

Chapter 7 page 96:

Residents on Highland Drive have blocked the sidewalks creating pedestrian obstacles. Valley Middle School, Magnolia Elementary, Carlsbad High and Carlsbad Village Academy are in the area exposing the children to unsafe conditions. This may be a good time to address this.