

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF**

**April 4, 2025 @ 9:00 AM**  
**5510 Overland Ave Room #271**  
**San Diego CA, 92123**

**Traffic Advisory Committee Members**

County of San Diego Fire Authority	Mr. Michael Neal
Board of Supervisors District 1 Representative	Mr. Michael Clowers
Board of Supervisors District 2 Representative	Mr. Justin Schaepli
Board of Supervisors District 3 Representative	Ms. Maryam Babaki
Board of Supervisors District 4 Representative	Mr. James Custeau
Board of Supervisors District 5 Representative	Mr. Matthew Wellhouser
California Department of Transportation	[ABSENT]
California Highway Patrol - San Diego	Lt. Will Dunn
California Highway Patrol - Oceanside	[ABSENT]
California Highway Patrol - El Cajon	Sgt. Mary Bailey
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of San Diego	Mr. Joe Hamilton
Pacific Safety Center	[ABSENT]
San Diego County Sheriff's Department	Lt. Viet Do
San Diego County Office of Education	Mr. Mike Czoberek
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition	Mr. Derby Pattengill
Department of Public Works	Mr. Ernest Bartley
Department of Public Works	Mr. Karel Shaffer

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Traffic Advisory Committee Secretary	Mr. Kenton Jones
Traffic Advisory Committee Staff	Mr. Benjamin Baker
Traffic Advisory Committee Staff	Mrs. Meghan Van Leeuwen

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## **MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Minutes**  
Motion: Custeau, Second: Neal; Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Absent-3, Vacant-0
- IV. Announcements / Public Forum**
- V. Items for Review**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AREA/ COMMUNITY GROUP</b>
<b><u>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1</u></b>		
<b>1-A. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE</b>	<b>QUARRY RD 950' E/O SWEETWATER ROAD TO CUL-DE-SAC</b>	<b>LA PRESA/ SWEETWATER CPG</b>
<b><u>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2</u></b>		
<b>2-A. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE</b>	<b>CAMINO MONTE SOMBRA 275' E/O CALLE DE LA SIERRA TO END CMR</b>	<b>LA CRESTA/ C-D-GH-HC CPG</b>
<b>2-B. INTERSECTION CONTROL</b>	<b>PEPPER DR &amp; MOLLISON AV/LINDENWOOD DR</b>	<b>EL CAJON/ LAKESIDE CPG</b>
<b><u>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4</u></b>		
<b>4-A. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE</b>	<b>WHITESTONE RD 130' N/O LAKE RIDGE CT TO CUL-DE-SAC</b>	<b>SPRING VALLEY/ SPRING VALLEY CPG</b>

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## **SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF:** April 4, 2025 **Item 1-A**

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 1

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Road Closure

**LOCATION:** Quarry Road, from a point 950' east of Sweetwater Road easterly to the cul-de-sac (a distance of 230 feet), LA PRESA (Thos. Bros. 1290-J7)

**INITIATED BY:** Traffic Engineering

**REQUEST:** Establish a temporary road closure

### **PROBLEM AS STATED BY REQUESTER:**

In 2023, this segment of Quarry Road was identified by the Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) as a location where serious and continual illegal dumping was occurring on a frequent basis. In 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a temporary 18-month road closure as a result of serious and continual criminal activity.

The resolution enacting the temporary road closure dictates this closure may be extended for a total of eight additional consecutive periods of not more than 18 months each. Also, prior to each extension, a public hearing is held and the same findings be made.

The Board of Supervisors, Law Enforcement Officials, and affected property owners supported Quarry Road's temporary road closure. This item would be the first proposed extension for an additional 18 months of the closure established in 2023.

### **DATA:**

#### **Existing Traffic Devices**

Quarry Road is a 28-foot wide, striped, two-lane roadway with no passing centerline. The road has a "\$1,000 Fine for Littering" sign in place. The roadway is unclassified on the County General Plan Mobility Element Network. The roadway does not have a posted speed limit.

#### **Discussion**

This item is a review to extend for an 18-month period an existing temporary highway closure on Quarry Road from 950' east of Sweetwater Rd to cul-de-sac in the unincorporated community of Sweetwater. The temporary road closure was established by the Board on January 24, 2024, due to serious and continual illegal dumping based on

a joint recommendation of the Sheriff's department and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and is supported by State Law.

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) allows for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations for a temporary road closure if specific conditions are met. The conditions are as follows: (1) The local authority finds and determines that, based upon the joint recommendation of the sheriff's department and the CHP, either serious and continual criminal activity or serious and continual illegal dumping exists along the portion of the highway recommended for closure; (2) the highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial street, or, if the road is so designated, the local authority, in conjunction with law enforcement and traffic engineers, has determined that a temporary closure may be accomplished without significant impact on the normal flow of traffic; (3) vehicular or pedestrian traffic on the highway contributes to the concern of serious and continual criminal activity or illegal dumping; and (4) the closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the area of the highway proposed to be temporarily closed.

A joint recommendation from the CHP and the Sheriff had been received supporting the 18-month extension of the closure of this dead-end portion of the highway. Both the CHP and Sheriff have confirmed numerous service calls for subject segment regarding reckless driving, speeding, and illegal dumping. Vehicular traffic was identified as a source of criminal activity. There has been no reported evidence that the closure has affected traffic flow or safety on the adjacent streets or surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the area.

The Board previously established a temporary road closure on Whitestone Road to eliminate serious and continual criminal activities at the request of the CHP and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. In the past, area residents noted numerous instances of illegal dumping and criminal activity at the Quarry Road cul-de-sac.

Due to the homicide and dumped body found, the Sheriff representative asked that the road not be reopened and for a continued closure of the road to vehicles. The Bicycle Coalition Representative mentioned that this is a widely used cut through connector path. The current design of the road closure allows for equestrians and cyclists to pass through.

The TAC recommended extending the closure of 18 months on Quarry Road in Sweetwater from 950' east of Sweetwater Rd to cul-de-sac in the unincorporated community of Sweetwater based on serious and continual criminal activity and illegal dumping and State law which allows for a temporary road closure if specific conditions are met.

The Sweetwater Community Planning Group was provided with the opportunity to review this item and did not provide input.

**Recommendation**

The TAC recommended extending the closure of 18 months on Quarry Road in Sweetwater from 950' east of Sweetwater Rd to cul-de-sac in the unincorporated community of Sweetwater based on serious and continual criminal activity and illegal dumping and State law which allows for a temporary road closure if specific conditions are met.

Motion: Schaepli

Second: Wellhouser

Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Absent-3, Vacant-0

**Necessary Board Action**

Adopt Traffic Resolution 3323 amending resolution 2663 relating to temporary road closures extending Item 5 for an additional 18 months.

## **SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF:** April 4, 2025 **Item 2-A**

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 2

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Road Closure

**LOCATION:** Camino Monte Sombra, from a point 275 feet east of Calle de la Sierra easterly to the end of County maintenance (a distance of 475 feet), CREST (Thos. Bros. 1252-E4)

**INITIATED BY:** Traffic Engineering

**REQUEST:** Extend the Temporary Road Closure for an additional 18 months

### **PROBLEM AS STATED BY REQUESTER:**

In both 2001 and 2018, this segment of Camino Monte Sombra was identified by the Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) as a location where serious and violent criminal activity was occurring on a frequent basis. In 2001 and 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved a temporary 18-month road closure and subsequent extensions as a result of serious and continual criminal activity.

The resolution enacting the temporary road closure dictates this closure may be extended for a total of eight additional consecutive periods of not more than 18 months each. Also, prior to each extension, a public hearing is held and the same findings be made.

The Board of Supervisors, Law Enforcement Officials, Crest-Dehesa Community Planning Group and affected property owners have consistently supported previous extensions of Camino Monte Sombra's temporary road closure. This item would be the fifth proposed extension for an additional 18 months of the closure reestablished in 2018.

### **DATA:**

#### **Existing Traffic Devices**

Camino Monte Sombra is a 28-foot wide, striped, two-lane roadway with a parking prohibition along both sides in advance of the closed segment. The closed segment has a "\$1,000 Fine for Littering" sign in place. The roadway is unclassified on the County General Plan Mobility Element Network. The roadway does not have a posted speed limit.

**Discussion**

This item is a review to extend for an additional 18-month period an existing temporary highway closure on Camino Monte Sombra from 275 feet east of Calle de la Sierra to the end of County maintenance in the unincorporated community of El Cajon. The temporary road closure was established by the Board on October 10, 2001, due to serious and continual illegal dumping based on a joint recommendation of the Sheriff's department and the CHP and is supported by State Law.

The CVC allows for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations for a temporary road closure if specific conditions are met. The conditions are as follows: (1) The local authority finds and determines that, based upon the joint recommendation of the sheriff's department and the CHP, either serious and continual criminal activity or serious and continual illegal dumping exists along the portion of the highway recommended for closure; (2) the highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial street, or, if the road is so designated, the local authority, in conjunction with law enforcement and traffic engineers, has determined that a temporary closure may be accomplished without significant impact on the normal flow of traffic; (3) vehicular or pedestrian traffic on the highway contributes to the concern of serious and continual criminal activity or illegal dumping; and (4) the closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the area of the highway proposed to be temporarily closed.

The Board previously established a temporary road closure on Camino Monte Sombra to eliminate serious and continual criminal activities at the request of the CHP and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. In the past, CHP and Sheriff reported issues with serious and continual criminal activity including underage drinking, illegal dumping, drug use, loud music, DUI, vandalism, and stolen property.

A joint recommendation of the CHP and the Sheriff had been received supporting the 18-month extension of the closure of this dead-end portion of the through highway. Both the CHP and Sheriff have confirmed the number of service calls for the closed segment have significantly decreased since implementation. Vehicular traffic was identified as a source of the criminal activity. There has been no reported evidence that the closure has adversely affected traffic flow nor that the closure has affected safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles.

The TAC recommended extending the closure of 18 months on Camino Monte Sombra from 275 feet east of Calle de la Sierra to the end of County maintenance in the unincorporated community of El Cajon based on CVC conditions.

The Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon CPG was provided with the opportunity to review this item and did not provide input.

**Recommendation**

The TAC recommended extending the closure of 18 months on Camino Monte Sombra from 275 feet east of Calle de la Sierra to the end of County maintenance in the unincorporated community of El Cajon based on CVC conditions.

Motion: Kenney

Second: Custeau

Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Absent-3, Vacant-0

**Necessary Board Action**

Adopt Traffic Resolution 3323 amending resolution 2663 relating to temporary road closures extending Item 2 for an additional 18 months.



## SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF:** April 4, 2025 **Item 2-B**

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 2

**SUBJECT:** Intersection Control

**LOCATION:** Pepper Drive and Mollison Avenue/Lindenwood Drive,  
EL CAJON

**INITIATED BY:** DPW Traffic Engineering

**REQUEST:** Traffic Control Signal

### **PROBLEM AS STATED BY REQUESTER:**

The intersection of Pepper Drive and Mollison Avenue/Lindenwood Drive has been identified by Traffic Engineering as meeting 3 warrants – 1, eight hour vehicular volume warrant, 2, four hour vehicular volume warrant, and 3, peak hour warrant – of the 9 traffic signal warrants as described in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), Chapter 4C, therefore a traffic control signal should be considered.

### **Existing Traffic Devices**

Pepper Drive is a striped two-lane undivided highway with 30 to 36-foot pavement width. The roadway is striped with no-passing centerline, and white edgeline. The road is stop controlled in the eastbound and westbound directions at the intersection with Mollison Avenue and Lindenwood Drive. Pepper Drive is classified as a Light Collector on the County General Plan Mobility Element Network. The road is posted with a 35 MPH, radar enforced, speed limit.

Mollison Avenue is a striped two-lane road with a 36 to 50-foot pavement width. The roadway is striped with a no passing centerline. The road is stop controlled in the northbound direction at the intersection with Pepper Drive. It is classified as a Light Collector on the County General Plan Mobility Element Network. The road has no posted speed limit.

Lindenwood Drive is an unstriped two-lane road with a 28-foot pavement width. The road is stop controlled in the southbound direction at the intersection with Pepper Drive. Lindenwood Drive is unclassified on the County General Plan Mobility Element Network. The road has no posted speed limit.

<b><u>Average Daily Traffic Volumes</u></b>	<b><u>12/24</u></b>
Pepper Drive:	
W/o Mollison Av	6,542 EB
E/o Mollison Av	5,857 WB

Mollison Avenue:

Pepper Dr  
& Mollison Av/Lindenwood Dr

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S/o Pepper Drive

1,875 NB

Lindenwood Drive:

N/o Pepper Drive

531 SB

### **Collision Data**

There have been 3 reported collisions, 1 of which involved injury within a past 5-year period (2020-01-01 to 2024-12-31). These collisions produced an intersection accident rate of 0.11 collisions per million vehicles entering the intersection. The statewide average of similar four-legged intersections with four-way stop is 0.39 collision per million vehicles entering the intersection.

### **Discussion**

This item is a review requested by area residents to evaluate the intersection for roadway safety. The TAC recommends the intersection of Pepper Drive and Mollison Avenue/Lindenwood Drive in El Cajon be placed on the County's Traffic Signal List for design and construction due to CA MUTCD traffic signal volume warrants being met.

Pepper Drive is a striped two-lane undivided through highway and Light Collector providing access to residential roads and local driveways. Pepper Drive is stop controlled in the westbound and eastbound direction with Mollison Avenue/Lindenwood Drive.

Mollison Avenue is a striped two-lane undivided highway with a no passing centerline providing access to local driveways. The road is a Light Collector Road. The road is stop controlled in the northbound direction at the intersection with Pepper Drive.

Lindenwood Drive is an unstriped two-lane undivided highway that provides access to residential roads and local driveways. The road is stop controlled in the southbound direction at the intersection with Pepper Drive.

Staff presented the results of an operational review of the intersection. The intersection meets Warrant 1 (eight-hour vehicular volume), Warrant 2 (four-hour vehicular volume), and Warrant 3 (peak hour) of the CA MUTCD traffic signal warrants.

The Traffic Engineering Representative started the discussion by stating that a long list of residents requested for this light to be placed on the agenda. Then mentioned that the County has multiple signals designed per years and the same amount are being installed and if this is approved by the Board of Supervisors, there will be funding for this signal to be designed in the budget.

The TAC recommends the intersection of Pepper Drive and Mollison Avenue/Lindenwood Drive in El Cajon be placed on the County's Traffic Signal List for design and construction due to CA MUTCD traffic signal volume warrants being met.

The Lakeside Community Planning Group was provided with the opportunity to review this item and did not provide input.

### **Recommendation**

The TAC recommends the intersection of Pepper Drive and Mollison Avenue/Lindenwood Drive in El Cajon be placed on the County's Traffic Signal List for design and construction due to CA MUTCD traffic signal volume warrants being met.

Motion: Bartley

Second: Schaepli

Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Absent-3, Vacant-0

**Necessary Board Action**

File this report.

## **SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF:** April 4, 2025 **Item 4-A**

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 4

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Road Closure

**LOCATION:** Whitestone Road, from a point 130 feet north of Lake Ridge Court northerly to the end of County maintenance (a distance of 100 ft), SPRING VALLEY (Thos. Bros. 1291-E2)

**INITIATED BY:** Traffic Engineering

**REQUEST:** Extend the Temporary Road Closure for an additional 18 months

### **PROBLEM AS STATED BY REQUESTER:**

In 2018, this segment of Whitestone Road was identified by the Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) as a location where serious and continual criminal activity and illegal dumping was occurring on a frequent basis. In 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a temporary 18-month road closure and subsequent extensions as a result of serious and continual criminal activity.

The resolution enacting the temporary road closure dictates this closure may be extended for a total of eight additional consecutive periods of not more than 18 months each. Also, prior to each extension, a public hearing is held and the same findings be made.

The Board of Supervisors, Law Enforcement Officials, Spring Valley Community Planning Group and affected property owners supported Whitestone Road's temporary road closure. This item would be the fourth proposed extension for an additional 18 months of the closure established in 2018.

### **DATA:**

Whitestone Road is a striped two-lane roadway that measures 40-64 feet in width with a two way left turn median and parking on both sides of the road. Whitestone Road from 130 feet north of Lake Ridge Court northerly to the end of County maintenance, is a portion being proposed to be closed. The segment is a 40-foot wide residential roadway with parking along both sides. Whitestone Road is unclassified on the County General Plan Mobility Element Network. The road does not have a posted speed limit.

**Discussion**

This item is a review to extend for an additional 18-month period an existing temporary highway closure on Whitestone Road from 130 feet north of Lake Ridge Court to the end of the Cul-de-Sac in the unincorporated community of Spring Valley. The temporary road closure was established on February 27, 2019, by the Board due to serious and continual criminal activity and dumping based on a joint recommendation of the Sheriff's department and the CHP and is supported by State Law.

The CVC allows for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations for a temporary road closure if specific conditions are met. The conditions are as follows: (1) The local authority finds and determines that, based upon the joint recommendation of the sheriff's department and the CHP, either serious and continual criminal activity or serious and continual illegal dumping exists along the portion of the highway recommended for closure; (2) the highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial street, or, if the road is so designated, the local authority, in conjunction with law enforcement and traffic engineers, has determined that a temporary closure may be accomplished without significant impact on the normal flow of traffic; (3) vehicular or pedestrian traffic on the highway contributes to the concern of serious and continual criminal activity or illegal dumping; and (4) the closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the area of the highway proposed to be temporarily closed.

The Board previously established a temporary road closure on Whitestone Road to eliminate serious and continual criminal activities at the request of the CHP and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. In the past, area residents noted numerous instances of illegal dumping and criminal activity (drug sales, frequent law enforcement action, neighbor retaliation) at the Whitestone Road cul-de-sac.

A joint recommendation from the CHP and the Sheriff had been received supporting the 18-month closure of this dead-end portion of the through highway. Both the CHP and Sheriff have confirmed the number of service calls for the closed segment has significantly decreased since implementation. Vehicular traffic was identified as a source of the criminal activity. There has been no reported evidence that the closure has adversely affected traffic flow nor that the closure has affected safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles.

The TAC recommended extending the closure of 18 months on Whitestone Road from 130 feet north of Lake Ridge Court to the end of the Cul-de-Sac in the unincorporated community of Spring Valley based on serious and continual criminal activity and State law which allows for a temporary road closure if specific conditions are met.

The Spring Valley CPG was provided with the opportunity to review this item and provided written correspondence and did not provide input.

**Recommendation**

The TAC recommended extending the closure of 18 months on Whitestone Road from 130 feet north of Lake Ridge Court to the end of the Cul-de-Sac in the unincorporated community of Spring Valley based on serious and continual criminal activity and State law which allows for a temporary road closure if specific conditions are met.

Motion: Custeau

Second: Schaepli

Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Absent-3, Vacant-0

**Necessary Board Action**

Adopt Traffic Resolution 3323 amending resolution 2663 relating to temporary road closures extending Item 4 for an additional 18 months.