

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 18, 2010  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Kenneth Frank, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES**

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**Artist Designed Bench Renovation** -- On Wednesday, June 23, artist David Cooke will be renovating the artist designed benches at the Broadway bus depot. The work will take 48 hours during which time the benches will be closed for public use. The renovation will be complete in preparation for the first day of the Festival Trolley service which starts on Friday, June 25. The cost of the renovation has been funded through the Arts Commission Special Programs budget of the Business Improvement District.

**Legion Street Traffic Improvements** – Construction work to provide separate right and left turn lanes on Legion Street at South Coast Highway is complete. This effort to relieve traffic congestion was one of the recommendations included in the Downtown Parking and Traffic Analysis prepared in 2006. As part of this project, the crosswalk on South Coast Highway was relocated from the south side of the intersection to the north side to minimize pedestrian interference with left turning traffic from Legion Street. The majority of the vehicles turn left, while right turning vehicles can still turn on red without conflicting with pedestrians, provided there is ever a break in traffic on Coast Highway.

**Concrete Barrier on South Coast Hwy at Forest Avenue** – Over the weekend a vehicle hit the concrete K-rail barrier on the northbound side of South Coast Hwy at Forest Avenue. The barrier was badly damaged and is being repaired over the next week.

**Skateboard Regulations Being Considered** – A request to restrict the use and speed of skateboards has been presented to the Parking, Traffic, and Circulation Committee (PTC). The PTC formed a subcommittee to study the issues. The PTC was to consider this item on June 24<sup>th</sup>. However, there were many interested persons who asked that the item be moved to another date because of a conflict between the PTC meeting date and the graduation ceremonies at Laguna Beach High School. The PTC meeting on the item has been rescheduled to July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Increased Use of the Parking Lot at the Community and Senior Center** – This spring, we have successfully made additional parking available in the downtown area on Easter, Mother's Day and several impacted weekends by opening the Community and Senior Center lot for public parking. Additionally, a local business rented all 72 parking spaces to provide parking for a private event that took place when the Center was closed. Starting June 22, parking spaces left unused by Community Center users in the evening will be available for Summer Festival parking at \$5 per vehicle.

**Art from World Trade Center** – At its meeting this week, the Arts Commission appointed a subcommittee consisting of Gerard Stripling, Lisa Mansour and Suzi Chauvel to review sites and possibilities for an installation of a steel girder from the World Trade Center. The subcommittee will make a recommendation to the Arts Commission prior to presenting to the City Council. We anticipate a timeframe of four to six weeks.

**Laguna Terrace Mobile Home Park** -- The Planning Commission will be considering a revised application to convert the mobile home park into owner-occupied spaces. The City staff and the Coastal Commission are still at odds. Therefore, the official notice indicates that the City believes the issue is not appealable to the Coastal Commission. However, the same notice indicates that the Coastal Commission believes the measure is appealable.

