

**DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**ROADS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 18, 2021 – 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Resources</b>
<b>Bart Bruno</b> - present	<b>Mike Niccum</b> – PBCSD - present
<b>Dean Craig</b>	<b>Nick Becker</b> – PBCSD - present
<b>Charles Delahay</b>	<b>Shawn Casey</b> – Pebble Beach Company (PBCo) - present
<b>Don Eastman</b>	<b>Cheryl Burrell</b> – PBCo - present
<b>Jeff Froke</b> - present	<b>Peter Brown</b> – PBCo - present
<b>Jeff Fuller</b> - present	<b>David Stivers</b> – PBCo
<b>Monica Nathan</b>	<b>Micah Hawbaker</b> – PBCo - present
<b>Ned Van Roekel</b> – Chair - present	<b>Others Present</b>
<b>Jackie Fobes</b>	<b>Joel Gambord</b>
<b>Kendra Evans</b> - present	<b>Bob Berglass</b>

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Van Roekel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Five members present, six resource members present.
- 2) **Acceptance of Agenda** – There was committee consensus to approve the agenda.
- 3) **Introduction of Guests** – see above “Others Present.”
- 4) **Public Comments/Items Not on the Agenda** – Mr. Berglass expressed his concern regarding traffic buildup in Pebble Beach during the pandemic. Bike and e-bike traffic, particularly on 17 Mile Drive from The Hay to the Carmel Gate has increased significantly with many riders unskilled and drivers crossing the center line to pass. Mr. Berglass requested homeowners petition to have bikes and vehicle speeding addressed. Chair Van Roekel reminded that PBCo is de facto the homeowners’ association and DMFPO is merely a voluntary membership social organization.
 

Peter Brown, PBCo Security Director stated the Coastal Commission does not allow any restriction to coastal access vis-à-vis bicycles. Bicycle and electric bicycle incidents are tracked by PBCo. A baseline database has been established however more information is needed for PBCo to speak to the issue from a data standpoint: the number of bicycles coming into the forest, the types of cyclists, and areas of repeated incident or concern. PBCo is working with local bike rental/tour companies to throttle speeds, establish a young rider age limit, and foster other safety measures. Member Fuller suggested creating designated bike parking areas, especially for large groups and for bikes having thick tires that do not fit in traditional bike racks.

Mr. Niccum reiterated that, per the Vehicle Code, the basic (non-posted) speed law applies to most of the roads in Pebble Beach. If a road does not qualify as being in a residential area, the law requires 85<sup>th</sup> percentile traffic speed be the posted limit. A radar unit installed in the area of 17 Mile Drive and The Dunes Road, a basic speed law area, shows the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed to be 35mph. Committee consensus has been that no signage with drivers generally assuming a limit of 25mph is more desirable than a posted higher limit. Mr. Brown reported the pandemic resulted in a 40% reduction in vehicle traffic into Pebble Beach that has not recovered. Many tour bus companies closed shop and the industry is not expected to recover anytime soon.

Director Froke invited Mr. Berglass to attend a monthly PBCSD board meeting where the topic is routinely discussed.
- 5) **Approval of the Minutes** – Minutes of the August 26, 2021 Roads and Traffic Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

- 6) **Roads Status** – Shawn Casey, PBCo reported 2021 road paving and striping projects are complete. A listing of projects is being developed for PBCo’s 2022 April-March Budget. Twelve out of eighteen drainage projects are complete. The six remaining projects were suspended in order to complete paving during best weather, to commence again next week and continue through the remainder of the year. Deep roadside ditches are being graded, swales paved, and berms added where roads slope down or the pitch of a road has changed. The restored gully on SFB Morse Drive will soon be seeded.

Mr. Casey, in regard to the safety of pedestrians crossing from the parking lot at Forest Lake Road and Stevenson Drive to The Hay/restaurant and pathway to the Lodge, reported PBCo has submitted to the County plans to remove berms and install a four-way stop, crosswalks, and signage. An amendment to the County Traffic Code is required. County Public Works, with support from Supervisor Adams’ office, hopes to complete the amendment by end-of-year. The project is simple, the bureaucracy time consuming. The board at its last meeting authorized Mr. Niccum to send a letter to the County from PBCSD in support of the project.

**It was moved by Director Froke, seconded by Director Bruno, and unanimously carried to approve and support the Pebble Beach Company plan submitted to the County for the intersection at Forest Lake Road and Stevenson Drive.**

- 7) **Pebble Beach Company Collisions** – Mr. Brown reported verbally traffic collision statistics from August 26 – November 15, 2021 with one minor injury, one injury, and six non-injury collisions during the period.
- 8) **PBCSD** – Nick Becker, PBCSD District Engineer reported Undergrounding Overhead Utilities Project Phase III crews are now working along Ondulado Road at Alva Lane, proceeding to Stevenson Drive. Project scope may expand to include Sombria Lane, extending construction activities through first quarter 2022. Utility companies will begin placing lines in the undergrounded conduit second quarter 2022, necessitating six months of one-lane traffic control on Ondulado, Sombria, and Drake Roads. Road repaving will commence after project completion, approximately summer 2022, in coordination with PBCo paving projects.

**Supplemental Traffic Enforcement Program Quarter Ending September 30, 2021**

Mike Niccum, PBCSD General Manager provided the report and gave highlights. As Mr. Berglass brought up, there is consistent speeding on 17 Mile Drive near Ocean Road with 40+mph speeds the highest on record. However, the speeds of approximately 10,000 cars per week along that road average 30mph with the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile being 35mph.

- 9) **New Business** – Hazardous trees in Pescadero Canyon from Del Ciervo Road to Crespi Lane will be removed by PBCo in conjunction with CAL FIRE the last week of November/first week of December. Traffic control will be in place.
- 10) **Old Business** – None
- 11) **Announcements:** Next meeting February 24, 2022
- 12) The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton for Ned Van Roekel*