

**DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**ROADS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2024 – 4:00 p.m. PBCSD Training Room**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Resources</b>
<b>Bart Bruno</b> – Chair - present	<b>Mike Niccum</b> – PBCSD - present
<b>David Goupil</b> - present	<b>Nick Becker</b> – PBCSD - present
<b>Don Eastman</b>	<b>Shawn Casey</b> – Pebble Beach Company (PBCo) - present
<b>Jeff Froke</b>	<b>Cheryl Burrell</b> – PBCo
<b>Charles DeWitt</b> - present	<b>Peter Brown/Laura</b> – PBCo - present
<b>Jeff Fuller</b>	<b>Micah Hawbaker</b> – PBCo
<b>Ned Van Roekel</b>	
<b>LeBon Abercrombie</b> - present	<b>Others Present: Bonnie DeWitt</b>

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chair Bruno called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Four members present, four resource members present.
- 2) **Acceptance of Agenda** – There was committee consensus to approve the agenda.
- 3) **Introduction of Guests** – None
- 4) **Public Comments/Items Not on the Agenda** – There were no public comments.
- 5) **Approval of the Minutes** – Minutes of the November 16, 2023 Roads and Traffic Committee meeting were approved unanimously.
- 6) **Roads Status** – Shawn Casey, PBCo reported all scheduled road paving projects are completed. Drainage issues remain to be addressed on Colton Road and Madre at 17 Mile Drive. The drainage issue on Venadero Drive to stop gorge erosion was completed. A radar unit was installed at 2969 Bird Rock Road, and another request for placement on Stevenson at Herders Road was received. Road areas damaged by fallen trees and their roots are being repaired. Fallen tree removal and backfill of stump craters continues throughout the forest. The 2024 PBCo Roads and Drainage Projects Budget is scheduled to be finalized April 1, 2024.
- 7) **Pebble Beach Company**
  - a. **Traffic Collisions and Road Issues** – Peter Brown, PBCo Security Director reviewed traffic collision statistics from November 16, 2023 – February 15, 2024 with seventeen non-injury and one injury collision during the period. Ten collisions were single vehicle and one involved a golf cart. There may be enough traffic collision data collected to submit a request to the County for a four-way stop at 17 Mile Drive and Palmero Way.

The PBCo concept for the Country Club Gate to alleviate vehicle backup is to leave the current gatehouse, add a combination gatehouse/bathroom where the current bathroom stands, and add another entry road to the right. Permitting and coordination with the City of Pacific Grove/County of Monterey/and PBCSD will be involved.

Traffic counters are being installed in the roadway at the gates with brief closure to complete. The Seawall Project constructed over three years will provide a walking path from Pacific Grove to Fanshell Beach. There is no road impact anticipated during the Food and Wine Event April 4-7, 2024. Peter Brown reported that the new gate web portal system is targeted for launch on June 1, 2024, with test groups/education beginning the first part of April.

8) **PBCSD**

- a. **Status Report Re: Road Projects** – Nick Becker, PBCSD Deputy General Manager/District Engineer provided a schematic of the next phase of undergrounding, stating planning is underway for the four-mile Phase IV project anticipated to take 2 years to design and 2 years to construct. The scope is from Forest Lake Road along Lopez Road to the Corporation Yard, along Ronda Road, then moving current overhead lines in the forested area between Atajo Way and the Spruance extension to a route along Fire Road 20, to Midwood Lane, ending at Del Ciervo and Crespi Roads. There were four areas in the forested areas of the Phase IV planned scope that had multiple trees fall on lines and snapped power poles during the recent storms; moving lines out of the forested area and undergrounding them along Fire Road 20 should improve power reliability.
- b. **Supplemental Traffic Enforcement Program Quarter Ending December 31, 2023** – Mr. Niccum presented the report stating it was routine. There were no crimes reported to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office in the month of December 2023.

Mr. Becker reported a speed radar unit had been placed in front of 2969 Bird Rock in response to Mr. Logan's request for speed bumps on Bird Rock Road for speed control. Data was collected January 8<sup>th</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup>, four days in one direction, then four days the opposite direction and compiled into a report provided to the committee. There was an average volume of 498.5 cars per day with a maximum speed of 47mph. The average speed was 23.06mph/50<sup>th</sup> percentile 23.69mph/85<sup>th</sup> percentile 27.86mph in the north direction; and 23.29mph/24.7mph/31.06mph in the south direction. The committee understood Mr. Logan's concern as a large number of vehicles pass in front of his residence along a relatively narrow road. It was noted that for many cases brought to PBCSD, once actual speed data is collected it has been determined that perceived vehicle speed is faster than reality. It was also noted that the work to install a new water main on Colton Road diverted traffic down Bird Rock; now that the work on Colton is complete it is hoped that the volume of traffic in front of the residence has decreased and perhaps relieves some concern. CHP could be positioned in the area to monitor and deter speeding. Regarding speed bumps, CAL FIRE requests speed bumps not be installed to avoid impeding travel and damaging trucks. Bumps can also pose a danger to cyclists. Ms. Paxton to contact Mr. Logan with the information and a copy of the report if requested.

- 9) **New Business: Consider bridge/sign reflectors at the El Bosque/Los Altos Bridge** – An Ocean Pines resident called the DMFPO office to suggest placing reflective signs on the bridge posts and a reflective sign on the street at the bridge entrances. She stated the posts and the current sign cannot be seen in the dark or in fog. Mr. Casey stated he had spoken with the resident in the past regarding the same suggestion, and he had placed reflectors on the sign posts and sign as she requested. Chair Bruno had recently driven the location during the day and observed the reflectors in place. Ms. Paxton to follow up with the resident.
- 10) **Old Business:** None
- 11) **Announcements:** Next meeting May 23, 2024
- 12) The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton for Bart Bruno*