

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 10

**SUBJECT: ENHANCED TRAFFIC SAFETY IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
THROUGH INCREASED CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
COORDINATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors continue to be a serious issue for many of the unincorporated communities in the County of San Diego (County), leading to injuries and fatalities on County-maintained roadways. Other impacts are reported as well, including road closures and damage to critical infrastructure, for example traffic signals. Specifically, complaints of unsafe driving continue to be brought up by communities in District 5, particularly from those living in the Valley Center and Bonsall community plan areas. Residents and other groups are expressing a growing concern about excessive speeds, limited law enforcement presence, and other road conditions that elevate traffic safety risks in their neighborhoods.

In response to these concerns, today's item seeks to coordinate a traffic and road safety strategy to reduce the amount of speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors on County-maintained roads. The actions presented today include a renewed focus on our engagement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to advocate for increased patrol coverage, targeted enforcement aligning with traffic collision data-sharing with the Department of Public Works (DPW), and advocacy for legislation to increase the number of CHP patrol officers made available to the unincorporated areas of the County. Together, these efforts are aimed at increasing law enforcement presence to help deter unsafe driving, leading to improved road safety conditions in communities experiencing elevated traffic risks.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to coordinate, on a frequent and on-going basis, with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to request additional patrol presence, targeted speed enforcement operations, and collaborative data sharing with the Department of Public Works (DPW) related to high-risk segments in unincorporated areas as needed, with an initial focus on the communities of Valley Center and Bonsall.
2. Direct the CAO to include in the Board's Legislative Program support for legislation to increase the number of CHP patrol officers made available for the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Unincorporated communities often rely on a limited network of rural road corridors where speeding and collisions have a disproportionate impact on residents, commuters and tribal communities with fewer available alternative routes. Enhancing traffic safety through strengthening our coordination with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will promote greater access to safer roads for populations that historically have fewer traffic calming tools and limited law enforcement presence due to geographic distance from population centers.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Reducing speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors will decrease traffic interruptions caused by collisions and could support fuel efficiency by encouraging steadier driving speeds. Today's item will enhance the resilience and overall operation of rural road networks, where a road closure can significantly and disproportionately delay area residents, first responders, and other users of the road.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter