

**SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 04-04-2025 MEETING**

- 1-A. 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.

- 2-A. 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.

- 2-B. 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.

- 4-A. 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.