

Letter from the City Manager

At the City of San Clemente, we recognize that transportation construction can be frustrating for residents and can have an adverse affect on adjacent neighborhoods that have to endure noise and inconvenience associated with street improvement projects. During recent street construction projects, the City has provided detours for residents, as well as radar trailers to slow down motorists, and has been diligent at capturing the construction debris. We appreciate everyone's patience during this time of short term inconvenience that will ultimately result in long-term gains for our community.

The three most significant projects that will improve our town's traffic circulation and pedestrian and bicyclist safety are 1) the Pico widening project; 2) the Camino Del Rio project and 3) the North El Camino Real Class I bicycle path project.

Avenida Pico

Work continues on the complete reconstruction of the Avenida Pico Interchange which is part of the I-5 South County Improvements Project. This project is funded from Measure M county funds—no city funds are being used for this project. This project includes widening the northbound Pico on-ramp to three lanes, and providing dual left-turn lanes to both northbound and southbound Pico on-ramps. A dedicated bicycle lane at the Avenida Pico Interchange will also be added here and pedestrian access will be greatly improved. This project is expected to be completed by early 2018. If you would like more detailed information, please visit OCTA's project web page at [http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/Under-Construction/I-5-South-County-Improvements/I-5-\(Avenida-Pico-to-San-Juan-Creek-Road\)/?frm=7128](http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/Under-Construction/I-5-South-County-Improvements/I-5-(Avenida-Pico-to-San-Juan-Creek-Road)/?frm=7128)

Camino Del Rio

The construction of the intersection improvements on Camino Del Rio are underway with a target completion date of early July. This project will reduce Del Rio to one lane of traffic each way in order to accommodate the roundabout flow of traffic. The purpose of the project is to prepare for the anticipated increase of motorists traveling through the area since the connection of Avenida La Pata to Camino Del Rio opened. The expected increase will be 6,000 vehicle trips per day through the corridor on Camino Del Rio. Roundabouts are designed to accommodate up to 20,000 car trips daily and ensure an interrupted flow of traffic. In order for the City to facilitate the completion of the roundabout central islands and medians at the intersections at Camino de Los Mares and Calle Sarmentoso, the City has had to occasionally close the two intersections at different time periods to minimize inconvenience and keep neighborhoods accessible for residents.

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North El Camino Real

The City received a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant to help construct a 0.9-mile long Class I bicycle path project on the ocean side of North ECR between Camino Capistrano and Avenida Estacion. The project also consists of repaving the entire segment of roadway, restriping, upgrading existing ADA ramps, curb modifications, new sidewalk, landscaping, irrigation, and modifications to two traffic signals. The project was undertaken to increase the safety and efficiency of the roadway for all users of the roadway. Key features include a similar vehicular travel lane configuration at the intersections including maintaining the dedicated right turn lanes at Camino Capistrano, and Camino San Clemente; a 10-foot Class I bike and pedestrian pathway, and a 5' pedestrian pathway on the west side of the roadway; a landscaped median separating the bicycle and pedestrian path throughout the project; landscaped medians to improve traffic operations and provide gateway treatments; and, a minimum 6-foot Class II striped bicycle lanes. To learn more about this project, visit: <http://san-clemente.org/about-us/city-news/current-projects/n-el-camino-real-street-class-i-bicycle-and-pedestrian-path>

If you have questions about these projects, please contact Transportation Engineering Manager Tom Frank at (949) 361-6127, or contact me at (949) 361-8322 or MakshanoffJ@san-clemente.org.

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Sunset San Clemente by Rob Boudreau

Christianitos Fire/La Pata Fire

Fire season is upon us and we have already experienced 2 fires near and in San Clemente. We are grateful that damage was limited to vegetation and no evacuations were required. A huge thank you goes out to the firefighters from Camp Pendleton Fire & Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) who worked tirelessly to keep the fire from causing any major damage and from spreading even further into our City. I would also like to express my thanks to Orange County Sheriffs who supported the firefighters in securing areas to prevent interference, as well as city staff members who provided aide where necessary.

OCFA invited Mayor Ward and myself to view the damage from the Christianitos Fire by helicopter. Here are a couple pictures from our aerial view.



Newly Appointed Members of Committees & Commissions

On Monday and Tuesday, June 26 & June 27th, City Council met in Council Chambers and appointed the following members to Commissions & Committees whose terms were expiring. The following are the appointments made by City Council. The terms are for two years and will expire on June 30, 2019.

I wish to thank all the citizens who applied for Commission/Committees appointments for their interest in serving our city.

Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission

John Bandaruk
John Dorey
Nicholas Gates
Bernie Wohlfarth

Investment Advisory Committee

William Blackwill-Appointed to the Industry Specialist slot
Art Carter
R. Scott Mahl

Coastal Advisory Committee

John McGuigan
Joseph Zidron

Planning Commission

Michael Blackwell
Barton Crandell
Jim Ruehlin
Zhen Wu

Human affairs Committee

James Hamilton
Paula Kohl
Burton Wagner
Brenda Wells

Golf Course Committee

Nicholas Azzollini
Rick Divel
Parker Steel
Dick Veale