City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
    City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: August 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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Camino Capistrano Road Closure: Due to an Amtrak train incident earlier this afternoon, portions of Camino Capistrano north of Junipero Serra Road and south of Avery Parkway in Laguna Niguel will be closed until further notice. City Public Works staff have deployed an electronic message board and road closure signage in the area to assist motorists. An Amtrak train remains on the tracks, which is impacting regional rail schedules. If planning to travel by train, residents are encouraged to visit the Metrolink and Amtrak websites for additional information regarding service interruptions.

River Street Marketplace Project: The River Street Marketplace continued public hearing was scheduled to occur at the August 20, 2019, City Council meeting. The applicant has requested a continuance to allow City staff and consultants an opportunity to evaluate a revised site plan. Pursuant to this request, at the August 20 Council meeting, staff will be recommending that the item be continued to the City Council meeting of October 15, 2019.

Wall of Recognition Nomination Period Now Open: The City Council created the Wall of Recognition to honor individuals whose service to the community has made the City of San Juan Capistrano a more productive and enjoyable place to live, work and visit. This year’s nomination period is now open and will close at 4:30 p.m., Friday, September 6. Once the City Council makes its selection, an unveiling ceremony of the new additions will take place at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center, where the Wall of Recognition resides. Please see the website for nomination guidelines and submittal instructions. For questions or to submit a nomination, please contact Matisse Reischl, Senior Executive Assistant, at (949) 443-6315 or mreischl@sanjuancapistrano.org.

Northwest Open Space Community Survey: The City Council recently held two public workshops to receive input from the community on potential uses of the City-owned Northwest Open Space (NWOS) property. If you were unable to attend the workshops, video recordings are available on the City’s NWOS webpage. Additionally, the City has released a Northwest Open Space Community Survey that allows residents, visitors and business owners to share their thoughts on potential future use of the property. The online survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and we encourage your participation. The survey will be available through August 31. Public comments received at the workshops,
by the City Clerk’s office, and through the community survey are scheduled to be presented to the City Council on September 17.

**New Toll Roads Stickers:** The Toll Roads of Orange County have begun the transition from hard-case transponders to bandage-size, sticker transponders. Existing customers will be mailed free replacement stickers for each vehicle listed on their customer account. Monthly account maintenance fees were also eliminated as of July 1 and a new “pay as you go” feature is now available. Please see the attached flyers for additional information on placement of stickers, disposal of transponders and payment plans.

**San Juan Summer Nites – August 21:** The popular San Juan Summer Nites concert series continues next week, Wednesday, August 21, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Historic Town Center Park (31852 El Camino Real). The event will feature country western group **Scotty Mac Band**, food and drink provided by local restaurants, business expo vendors and free activities for kids. This year’s concert series also includes special event trolley services from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on concert evenings. Please visit the trolley service webpage on the City’s website for route details and the downtown parking webpage for additional summer parking options.

**Recycling Locations:** Earlier this month, the two RePlant recycling centers located at the Von’s grocery store and Armstrong Garden Centers ceased operations. The company closed all of its recycling centers and processing facilities across the state. For alternatives, please see the attached list of local businesses that will redeem beverage containers in-store for the appropriate California Redemption Value (CRV), which is typically five to ten cents per container. The nearest CRV beverage container recycling center is Next Generation Recycling located at 27771 Center Drive, Mission Viejo, open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

**UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (Tentative and Subject to Change)**

**August 20, 2019**
- Continued Public Hearing: River Street Marketplace Project (*staff will be recommending a continuance to October 15, 2019; see article above*)
- Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Margarita Water District

**September 3, 2019**
- Purchase and Sale Agreement – Lower Rosan Ranch Property (Ganahl Lumber)
The Toll Roads have begun sending new small, durable and free sticker transponders to FasTrak® accountholders. The transparent, bandage-size transponder adheres to the inside of your windshield to collect tolls.

**Starting July 1**, The Toll Roads are eliminating the monthly account maintenance fee—a potential savings of nearly $25 a year.

Visit TheTollRoads.com/sticker to learn more or sign up for an account.

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**I Received My Sticker Transponder. Now What?**

**ADHERE THE STICKER TRANSPONDER TO YOUR WINDSHIELD**
Follow the mounting instructions on the sticker packaging and on our website TheTollRoads.com/sticker.

**DON’T ADJUST THE STICKER TRANSPONDER**
Moving or adjusting it once adhered will cause it to break and become unusable. If this happens, you can get a replacement online or via The Toll Roads app.

**WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD TRANSPONDER?**
If you have an old standard FasTrak transponder, you can dispose of it the way you would a battery.

**METALIZED WINDSHIELDS & MOTORCYCLES**
If you have a motorcycle or vehicle with a metalized windshield listed on your account, contact The Toll Roads’ Customer Service Call Center for information on the transponder best suited for your needs.

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**CARPOOL DISCOUNTS**
If you carpool on designated express lanes throughout California, keep using your switchable FasTrak transponder(s) to be eligible for carpool discounts. For more information on carpooling with FasTrak, visit TheTollRoads.com/California.

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**DRIVE AND PAY YOUR WAY**

**AUTOMATICALLY**
Frequent driver? Pay tolls automatically from a pre-established, prepaid account that can be replenished using credit card, cash or check. Prepaid accountholders are eligible for discounted toll rates at all tolling points on The Toll Roads.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO**
Prefer to pay-as-you-go? Have tolls charged individually to a credit card at the end of the day.

**ONLINE**
If you are an infrequent driver of The Toll Roads, or are visiting Orange County, you can pay online using the Pay Toll Now function on TheTollRoads.com or on our app (available on Google Play and the App Store).
Beverage Container Recycling Locations:

- ARCO AmPm  28662 Camino Capistrano
- Capistrano Liquor Mart  31401 Camino Capistrano
- El Nopal Mercado  31451 Camino Capistrano
- Farmers Market  31109 Rancho Viejo Road