
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF DANA POINT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Traffic Improvement Subcommittee (Subcommittee) of the City of Dana Point will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 to discuss the planned restriping of Niguel Road in 2018 in conjunction with the placement of a seal coat on the roadway.

The meeting will be held at the following date, time and location:

Date: January 17, 2018
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: City Council Chambers
Address: 33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Niguel Road generally has three lanes in each direction with bike lanes except for the segment closest to PCH which has two vehicle lanes. The volume of traffic on Niguel Road north of Stonehill Drive is very light. Hence, the roadway capacity is over designed at this time and one vehicle lane could be eliminated without impacting the level of service on the roadway where three lanes exist in each direction. In simple terms, two lanes can handle the traffic without creating any congestion or impact. The two lanes from Stonehill Drive to PCH would be maintained.

As you are likely aware, the City of Dana Point allows temporary parking on Niguel Road for special City events at Sea Terrace Park including Summer Concerts in the Park and other events. When these events occur, vehicles are allowed to park in bike lanes on Niguel Road. In order to ensure this is done safely, traffic control is required to close the bike lanes to use for parking.

As part of the City's approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects, the City will be sealing Niguel Road between Pacific Coast Highway and Camino Del Avion in mid-2018. This will result in the removal of the striping on Niguel Road. Therefore, any changes we may want to implement could ideally be done in conjunction with the sealing work to avoid additional cost.

City staff is proposing to do the following:

1. Eliminate of the third lane in both directions on Niguel Road from Stonehill Drive to Monarch Beach Drive;
2. Restripe Niguel Road to move the bike lanes away from the curb to allow event parking without impacting the bike lanes and to calm traffic. This is suggested from PCH to Monarch Beach Drive. At this time, parking would only be allowed for events and not for continuous use as used to exist.

There are many safety benefits to the proposed restriping effort and, as noted, the potential to provide some traffic calming on Niguel Road. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is in support of the proposed adjustments to Niguel Road. It is important to note that this change is considered temporary as the roadway could be returned to the three lane configuration if traffic demands require it in the future. If you would like more information or desire to provide feedback on the proposal, please contact the Director of Public Works/City Engineer by phone, e-mail or in writing before Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the following:

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