

EL CAJON BOULEVARD TRANSIT/PARKING SURVEY

Introduction:

The regional planning agency (SANDAG) is proposing to improve bus service along the Boulevard which could involve reducing the automobile travel lanes from three to two between Park Boulevard and Fairmount Avenue so that its new busses could have their own lane. This would NOT remove parking. The lane next to the parking, however, would only be for the use of busses. East of Fairmount the busses would use the same lane as automobiles because there are only two lanes. In that location the busses might stop in the travel lane, however, and not pull over as they do now. Also, they are considering building transit stations along the Boulevard spaced every five to six blocks.

The Boulevard BIA is concerned about your opinion as a business on the Boulevard. Please take a few minutes to complete and return this survey. Our Association has expressed some concern that the businesses have not been asked their opinion. This is your opportunity to help decide the best course of action.

Survey Questions: Total Responses: 90 out of 853

1. Do you favor designating the lane next to the parking lane between Park Boulevard and Fairmount Avenue for the exclusive use of busses, which would not permit automobiles except to park and turn right? Yes 26% No 74%

Is there a particular reason for your answer? The Boulevard is too congested and removing a lane would make it worse; it would have a negative impact on business; it could be unsafe

2. Would you favor having a transit station in front of your business? Yes 19% No 81%

Is there a particular reason for your answer? A transit stop would eliminate needed parking and would create a hostile environment (trash, fumes, graffiti, loitering); blocks view of businesses

The BIA is very sensitive to parking, and actually works with the City to improve parking conditions. During the planning for the new bus service Sandag has discussed possibly altering parking conditions by removing parking in front of some businesses and replacing it in public parking lots around the corner on side streets.

3. Would it concern you to have parking removed from the front of your business and replaced nearby, maybe in an even greater amount? Yes 67% No 33%

Is there a particular reason for your answer? There is no other place to park, it is already congested around the corner so access would be diminished; it would impact deliveries

4. *Is there currently adequate parking for your business?* Yes 44% No 56%

Do you have any suggestions for improving parking conditions? Please describe them. Need more parking for residents to free up customer parking; need more angle/diagonal parking; add more meters; remove meters; reduce unneeded red curb markings; provide more off-street parking; more enforcement

5. *Currently the BIA is looking for different ways to improve parking. We receive part of the revenue that is deposited in parking meters to do this. Could you describe your opinion about parking meters?*

Parking meter rates are: 57% too high 42% about right 1% too low

Parking meters: 46% Help regulate parking

(check all that apply) 36% Hurt business

30% Are ok if the revenue comes back to us to solve parking problems

17% Don't help at all and should be removed

6. *The Boulevard BIA meets from time to time to discuss the bus proposals with SANDAG and with the City. Would you be interested in participating in these meetings?*

Yes 33% No 67% (If yes, please include contact information below.)

7. *SANDAG is planning to put a measure on the November ballot to extend the existing half-cent sales tax to solve transportation problems including freeway congestion relief, better transit service, and paving our streets.*

Do you favor or oppose this ballot measure? Favor 61% Oppose 39%

I prefer that most of the money be spent on: (check all that apply)

59% Local street repairs

29% Better transit service

49% Reducing freeway congestion

8. *Do you have any other comments on any of the above subjects?* Better public transit needed; small business needs often overlooked; higher taxes never seem to really solve the problems; need more off-street parking

Thank you for your response and interest. These results will be made available to SANDAG. You will be notified about any future meetings concerning the transit/parking matters that were the subject of the survey.