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Torrey Pines Committee Planning Board - MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY May 9th at 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry draft

San Diego City Council, District 1

Subject: Response to Ms. Sonya Solinisky- Reinstating Transit in Northern Coastal Communities

The Torrey Pines Community Planning Board (TPCPB) is in general agreement that **Mass Transit** and a **multi-modal** transit approach within the northern coastal portion of San Diego County is a key component of establishing a highly integrated transit network that is <u>individually modified</u> to support each unique community's needs and character. One transit solution does not fit all transportation needs.

The TPCPB acts as **Stewards** "of the unique ecosystems in the Torrey Pines Community, including all soil, water, air, and biological components which interact to form healthy functioning ecosystems." (page 26 Community Plan). One of our Plan's goals is "establish pedestrian/bicycle pathway system that links all open space areas." Our Executive Summary's Key Policy #8, supports "Public mass transit service, including bus, light rail, and commuter rail should be provided to and through the Torrey Pines Community."

Light rail service such as Trolley Lines, especially when integrated with the University Town Center line and commercial shuttle services, provides the connectivity envisioned within our Community Plan. The slogan "First Mile/Last Mile" does not tell us how to bridge that gap for our Seniors, Students, disabled,

Section 8 renters or tourists, but shuttle services provide an attractive approach within a multi-modal network. 'Getting people where they want to go' is a major key to convenience and securing and attracting a large transit re-use core.

Dennis Ridz,