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LEMON GROVE REALIGNMENT PROJECT COMPLETION



The City broke ground in the summer of 2016 with a new traffic safety and congestion relief project from State Route 94 leading to North Ave.

The project included new landscaping with new sidewalks creating an easy path between the Promenade, the Trolley, and North Avenue. All overhead utilities were undergrounded and improved stormwater treatment.

Today, the Lemon Grove Realignment Project is complete. Updated signage, signaling, and striping direct traffic in a manner designed to incorporate a critical right-of-way rail signaling system, street lights, and pedestrians. This highly complex project is critical for the residents of Lemon Grove, and the thousands of pedestrians that utilize the Orange Line Light Rail system in San Diego.

ONE OF A KIND: NORTH & LEMON GROVE AVE.



In the City of Lemon Grove, North and Lemon Grove Ave. present a unique and complex challenge.

Traffic operations adjacent to railroad grade crossings are very complicated. Traffic signals are interconnected with train-activated warning systems at locations like North and Lemon Grove Ave. Federal Railroad standards outline specific guidelines for railroad crossings at traffic signal intersections. According to Federal Railroad standards, the normal operation of the traffic signals controlling the intersection should be “preempted” to operate in a special control mode when trains are approaching. Under an active railroad preemption, strict guidelines dictate that a “track clearance interval must occur to clear any potential vehicle from the tracks upon the arrival of an approaching

train. Once the track clearance is complete, the intersection transitions into “limited service”, where again, in the interest of safety the federal rail authority does not allow any vehicle movement that would send motorist toward the tracks, even with railroad gates down. Consequently, train approaches interrupt the normal phasing of the traffic signal at both Lemon Grove and North Ave intersections in the interest of safety.

In providing for a safer commuting experience for the Lemon Grove community, the City has effectively mitigated potential accidents while sustaining the orderly movement of vehicles and reduced overall travel times in the city. To all of our residents and business owners, we thank you and appreciate your patience.



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MEET SPENCER RICHARD



One of Lemon Grove’s Assistant Planners, Richards started with the City in February of 2022 and has just completed her first year in the Planning Department.

Ms. Richards received her bachelor’s degree in planning from UCSD and earned her master’s degree in city resilience abroad from the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya in Spain.

Prior to coming to Lemon Grove, Richards worked as a consultant for a variety of private firms specializing in urban and environmental planning. Upon realizing the fulfilling satisfaction that comes with serving community members directly, Richards decided to transfer her vast planning skills to serve the public sector, leading her to begin her career with the City of Lemon Grove. In her day to day at work, Richards enjoys assisting customers at the counter with their projects and working together to find solutions to any issues that may arise.

In her free time, Richards enjoys getting outside with her dog, long drives along the coast, and spending time with her loved ones.



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

LEMON GROVE SHERIFF'S STATION
FREE HOME SECURITY CONSULTATION

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT A HOME BURGLARY FROM HAPPENING?
REMOVE A THIEF'S TEMPTATION

Residential burglaries occur when a thief can identify locations that are easy targets due to lack of safeguards in place.

San Diego County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Specialist can work with you on identifying areas of improvement in order to prevent possible home burglaries. During a Home Security consultation, a Sheriff's Crime Prevention Specialist will review your home entry points (i.e. windows and doors), lighting, landscaping, and security in order to make recommendations on how to properly secure your home.

HOW YOU IMPROVE YOUR HOME SECURITY

- Install Security Cameras or Home Alarm
- Increase Lighting
- Secure Points of Entry
- Maintain Landscaping to Avoid Possible Areas to Hide
- Join a Neighborhood Watch Program

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