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**From:** Wand, Katherine  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 26, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** Mike Short  
**Cc:** SNA  
**Subject:** Re: Seaside Ranchos holiday lights proposals

Good afternoon:

Thank you for sending! Staff will review next week.

I believe we were able to secure a CD+E Committee meeting date with Chair Councilman Griffiths. I will confirm on Monday and will send you the date/time. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

From there, the Committee will make a recommendation for City Council approval - same process as last year.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of your weekend,  
Katie Wand

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2020, at 1:22 PM, Mike Short <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Katie,

On behalf of the Seaside Neighborhood Association (SNA).

Thank you for all the help you have given to the residents of Seaside Ranchos in respect to safety during the 2019 holiday lights display.

And thank you for being willing to hear our suggestions for improvements for the 2020 season.

To that end enclosed are two documents (PDF) containing our proposals for 2020.

1) Addressing parking concerns with Emergency Access Lanes: (Seaside Ranchos Holiday Lights 2020 Parking Proposal.pdf).

The Seaside neighborhood Association Holiday Lights Committee held a virtual meeting on August 20th and were joined by other concerned residents.

Parking was discussed and a vote was taken which ended in a decision to ask the city for permit parking.

The details are in that document.

2) Addressing traffic concerns of the surrounding area: (Seaside Ranchos Holiday Lights 2020 Traffic Proposal.pdf).

The addition of one small direction sign could make a big difference to traffic flow.

We are aware that the City may not be in a position to enforce any parking restrictions this year. Nevertheless it was felt that they should be put in place regardless. To use the same plan as in 2019 would continue to inconvenience residents, and to have no restrictions at all would be worse for safety.

SNA will be happy to meet (virtually) with Torrance CD&E committee if that can be arranged.

Mike Short,

SNA-HLC Communications Chair.

<Seaside Ranchos Holiday Lights 2020 Parking Proposal 2020-09-24.pdf>

<Seaside Ranchos Holiday Lights 2020 Traffic Proposal 2020-09-24.pdf>

# **Seaside Neighborhood Association Holiday Lights Committee**

## **Proposal for parking improvement for 2020**

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In Seaside Ranchos during the holiday lights season in 2019 the City of Torrance placed no parking signs to allow access for emergency vehicles. It was considered an experiment.

Those Emergency Access Lanes (EAL) were largely viewed as a success by residents and were seen as a safety improvement. However residents voiced that there were areas of concern that it was thought could be improved for 2020.

### **Period of Operation**

The first and most unpopular was the time over which the parking restrictions were in force. The restrictions started before there was enough traffic to be a safety concern, and finished too long after the traffic had died down.

The ask is that instead of starting at the beginning of December as they did in 2019 they only need to be in force from Friday December 11, 2020 through Sunday December 27, 2020 inclusive.

That period includes the two weekends before Christmas day, which is on a Friday. The city's traffic counts from 2019 were used to choose these dates as well as the opinion of residents who have seen the event for many years.

### **Parking Permits**

The second area of concern was the impact to residents living on the streets where the Emergency Access Lanes were in force. Some were unable to find parking within a reasonable distance from their home. It was especially difficult for elderly residents and those with a handicap.

The committee has decided to ask the city for resident permit parking for 2020 as operated in other areas of Torrance.

The ask is to add resident only parking on the streets that have parking restriction, on the opposing side to the no parking, for the same time period.

Residents living on the streets where parking restrictions are in force should be able to obtain parking permits for themselves and their guests at no charge. We request that the City give us guidance as to how such permits would be obtained.

### **Restricted Streets**

In addition we are asking for a small modification to the Emergency Access Lanes to accommodate those who had difficulty in 2019. The map below is a copy of the one on the City of Torrance website with one modification shown in red. The change is to move no parking to the East (even numbered) side of Robert Road between Doris Way and Linda Drive.

We suggest that the no parking on Doris Way where it meets Robert Road does not need to begin until the street narrows west of where the stop signpost is located.



Figure 1: Rancho Seaside Holiday Lights Parking Restrictions 2020

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## Proposal for traffic flow improvement for 2020

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In Seaside Ranchos during the holiday lights season traffic grid-lock has been a major problem. The figures below show how traffic on the South side flowed in 2019, and how it could be improved for 2020 with the addition of one sign board directing traffic onto Reese Road from Bindewald Road. The maps are in color.

The numbers below are from the Torrance Traffic Commission traffic counts in 2019. They are the counts of inbound traffic on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2019 – Between 18:00 and 19:00. That day and time was chosen as being typical of the weekend before Christmas.

1) Robert Road	163
2) Vanderhill Road	304
3) Carlow Road	182
4) Sharynne Lane	140
5) Linda Drive	235

Note that counts are smaller when traffic is stationary due to tail-backs. Hence the low count at Robert Rd (1) where the queue can go all the way back to Calle Mayor.

Eastbound traffic on PCH is not allowed to enter at Robert (1).

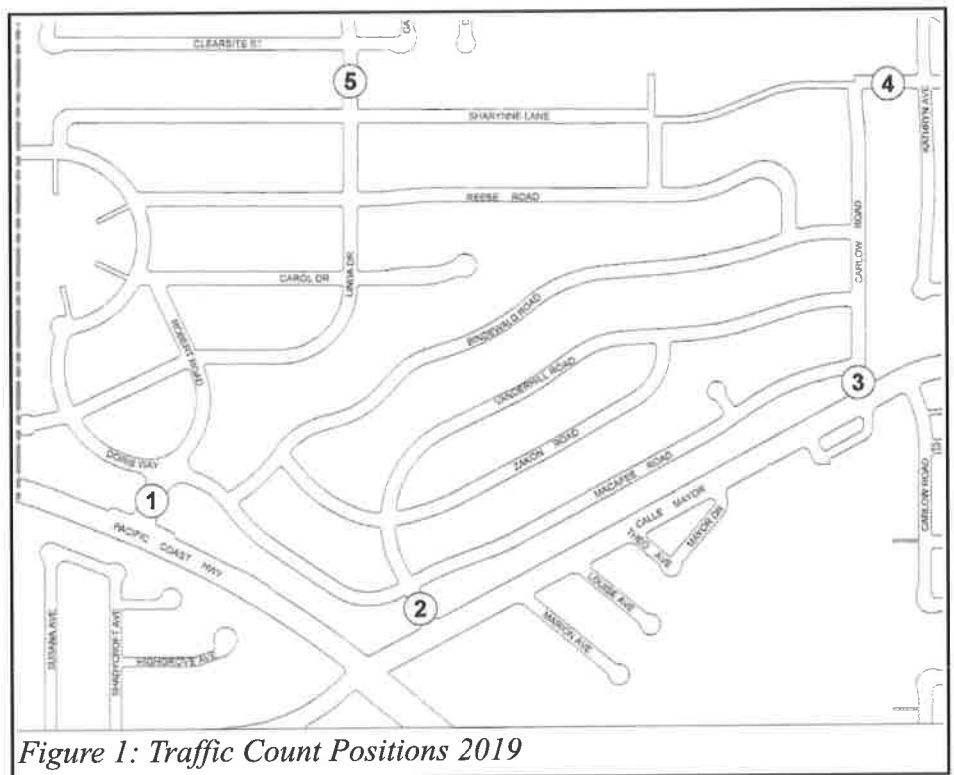


Figure 1: Traffic Count Positions 2019

According to residents the following has been observed:

1) Very little visitor traffic entering at (2) on Vanderhill Road turns left onto Doris Way, some turns left onto Zakon Rd, but the majority travels the full length of Vanderhill eventually turning left on Carlow Road.

2) The majority of visitor traffic entering at (3) on Carlow Road and at (2) at Vanderhill Road turns left on Bindewald Road and travels the full length of Bindewald eventually turning right on Doris Way.

Figure 2 shows how the majority of traffic entering at (1), (2), and (3) meets up at the junction of Robert Road and Doris Way causing large tail-backs. More than 600 vehicles in the hour starting at 18:00 on 2019-12-21. Visitors can spend as much as an hour in their vehicles before reaching the lights, bringing excessive amounts of pollution into the area outside of the lights area.

Figure 3 shows how a sign board on Bindewald directing traffic onto Reese could reduce the traffic arriving at Robert and Doris by several hundred vehicles per hour.

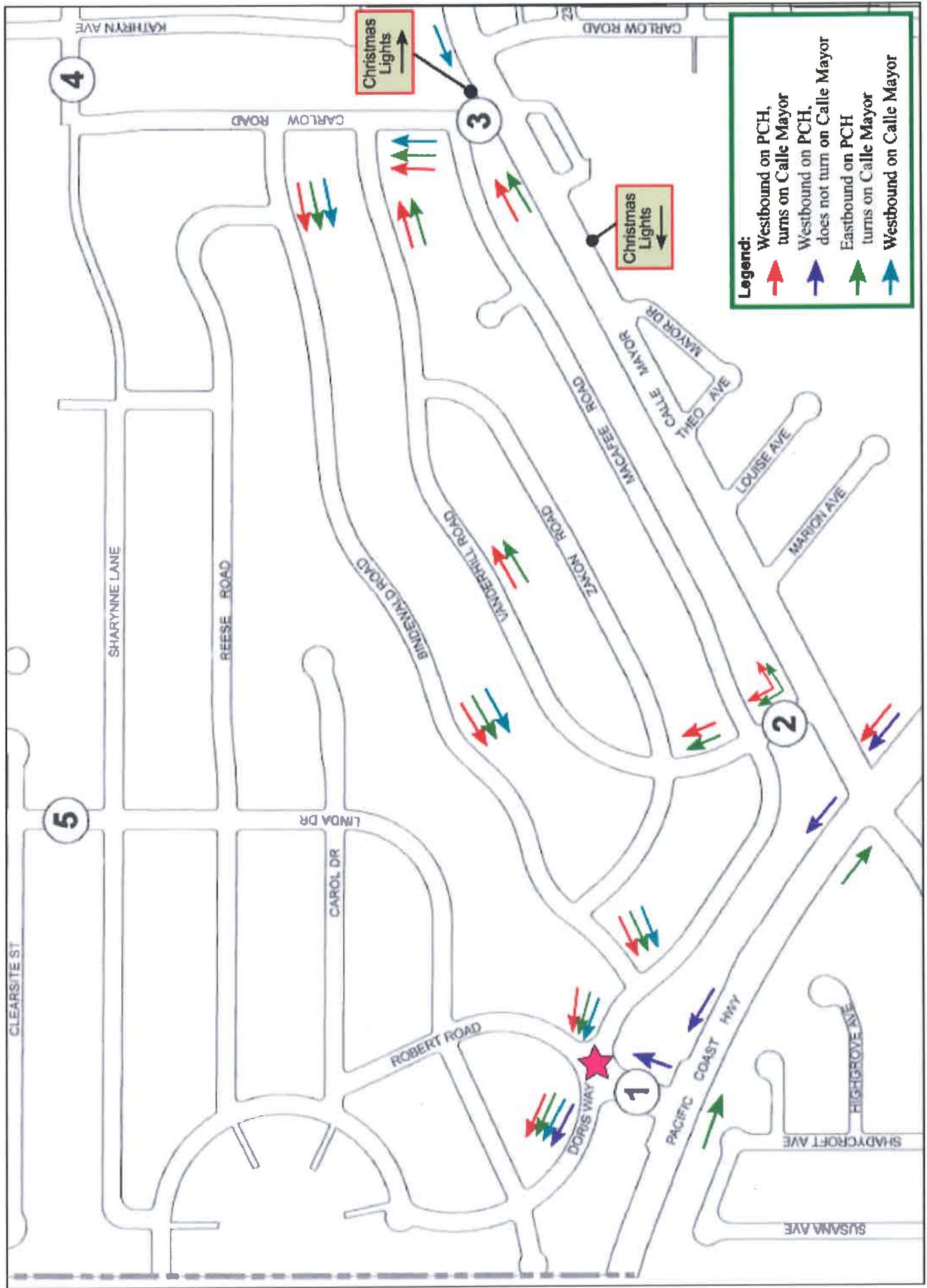
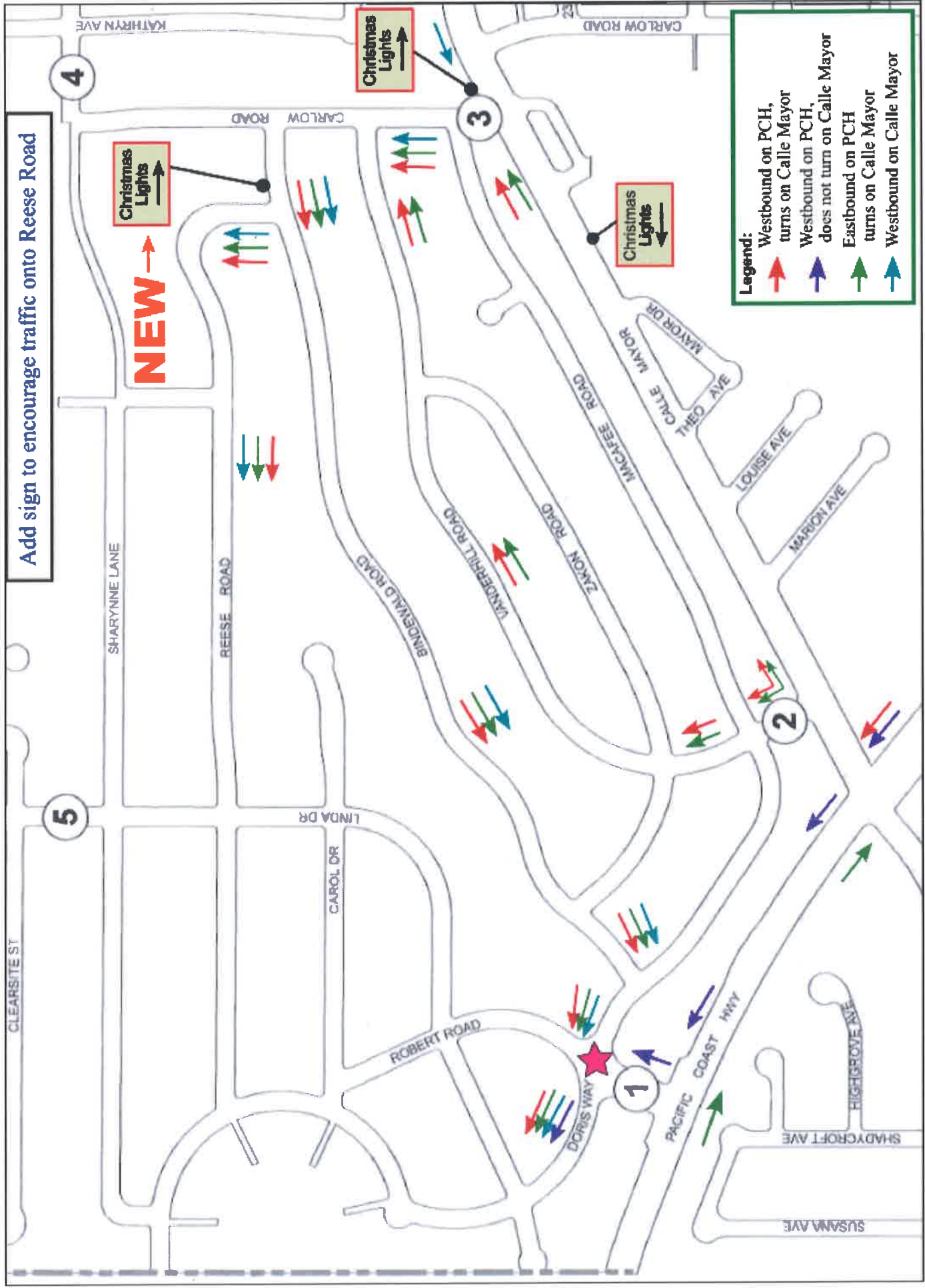


Figure 2: Rancho Seaside Holiday Lights South Side Traffic Flow 2019



Add sign to encourage traffic onto Reese Road

**NEW**

**Legend:**

- Westbound on PCH, turns on Calle Mayor
- Westbound on PCH, does not turn on Calle Mayor
- Eastbound on PCH turns on Calle Mayor
- Westbound on Calle Mayor

Figure 3: Rancho Seaside Holiday Lights South Side Traffic Flow for 2020