

CATEGORY	QUESTION/COMMENT	BRIEF RESPONSE
Safety	What prior efforts have been made to make TCB more safe?	Field Deputy Susan Nissman: In 1980, the road was closed down for 9 months. In 1995, the boulevard was washed out again. CalTrans worked 21 days to restore TCB. During the time of the Topanga Canyon Traffic Committee, a signal at School Road was determined as a high priority. Twenty years ago, there was no Pine Tree Circle. As a new shopping center was build, a desire for a signal was expressed by local businesses. A signal and pedestrian crosswalk were installed, replacing an older, dangerous crosswalk. After a huge meeting at the Topanga Community House, safety improvements including chevron signs, turnouts, new guardrails and additional signage were implemented. In 2007, we began Operation Safe Canyon with County Public Works, CHP, Sheriff's Department and local stakeholders. The County Supervisor set up monies to rund traffic abatement. This was created to address Wednesday night motorcycle racing and general unsafe driving conditions. Striping and foghorn striping and hatching has all been painted on the ground as too many signs create different road restrictions. The biggest thing that happened recently was the speed limit for entire TCB was reduced from 45mph to 40mph.
Safety	What solutions have we implemented thus far on TCB?	Since 2001, a number of traffic safety controls and traffic calming measures have been installed on TCB, including: The "Slow Down Thru Town" campaign, the installation of a signal at School Road and TCB with a Left Turn Lane, an increased number of turnouts to assist disabled vehicles, an increase in signage in critical areas, Chevron signs, the installation of a vintage signal and crosswalk at Old Center and Pinetree Circle, the removal of a dangerous crosswalk at TCB and Old Topanga, the Guardrail project, Fog Line Striping, "Keep Clear" zones, bike lanes, "Sharing the Road" education, parking restrictions for sight distance improvement at Cheney and Arteique, road repavement, striping, rumble strips, center line reflectors, shoulder clearing, and edge line marking. Most recently, a speed limit reduction from 45 mph to 40 mph (in October 2014).
Accident	Is collision data for Jan & Feb. 2015 available & has it increased?	CHP: In 2015, January had 10 collisions- compared to 4 for 2014, February had 19 collisions-compared to 16 for 2014. In February 2015, CHP reported 15 collisions from Cezanne Place to the Two-Mile Bridge, nine of which were injury collisions and six were property collisions. For that same time period, from Two-Mile Bridge to PCH, CHP responded to four collisions. Of eight collisions reported, three were injury and one was property damage-only collision. Primary factors were "Unsafe turning" and "Failure to yield to oncoming traffic."
Accident	Traffic count data for TCB?	The Daily Traffic Count (Annual Average Daily Traffic tallies)—In a report by Jeff Newman of the Department of Transportation (DOT), traffic on TCB has not increased much from 2008 to 2013 (the latest available statistics) and has gone down in some cases. At the intersection of SR27 and PCH in 2008, the traffic count was 15,000 vehicles compared to 14,600 in 2013. At the intersection of SR27 and Old Topanga Canyon Road in 2008, there were 16,100 vehicles prior to the intersection compared with 17,100 for 2013; and 16,400 vehicles after the intersection in 2008 compared with 16,900 in 2013. At the intersection of SR27 and Mulholland Drive in 2008, the traffic count was 16,500 vehicles prior to the intersection compared with 14,700 in 2013; and 27,000 in 2008 compared with 26,000 in 2013.
Accident	Fatality data 2010 - 2015	CHP: 2 fatal collisions. 9/4/2011 at 1225pm at Topanga Cyn and PCH; 5/29/14 at 1140pm
Accident	What were the leading contributors to collisions in the canyon last year?	CHP: In 2014, unsafe turning and DUIs were the leading contributors to collisions in the Canyon. In 2013, unsafe speed and DUIs wer leading contributors to collisions in the month of February. In 2014, there were 93 collisions. In 2013, there were 100 collisions. In 2012, there were 145 collisions (water mane upgrade). In 2011, there were 95 collisions. In 2010, there were 104 collisions. Overall, this report illustrates a slight decrease in traffic collisions, with a couple of spikes.
Accident	Why does it take so long to clear an accident? What is the CHP protocal? What steps can be taken to minimize time of blocking the lanes?	CHP: Some of the delays are due to the response times of the tow trucks that service the Topanga Community. If the vehicles can be move, we always move them to free up traffic lanes.

Safety	How many citations have been issued this year to date?	Sheriff: 946 citations have been issued this year to date. There have been 247 parking citations issued, 139 arrests and 1 pursuit. Operation Safe Canyon specifically deploys deputies to deal with traffic issues. Since the beginning of last summer, there have been units present [on Wednesday nights] to address [car and motorcycle] clubs. From 8pm-1am, there have been 120 traffic citations issued, 18 arrests (DUIs, reckless driving) and 77 parking tickets issued for overlook after 9pm. The number of complaints from residents drives the number of deputies in the community. CHP:
Safety	Why was Operation Safe Canyon implemented?	In 2006, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavky's Third District partnered with CHP, the Sheriffs Department, County Department of Public Works and local stakeholders and launched Operation Safe Canyons to target illegal street racing organizations that use the canyons of the Santa Monica Mountains as their racetrack, specifically, the straightaway at the north end of TCB. In 2007, both CHP and Sheriffs issued close to 1,500 citations for speeding in the canyons. The project is ongoing but depends on grants to continue. A recent grant to CHP has helped increase these patrols in Topanga. Other grants have been applied for and, if successful, will begin in Fall 2015. The Third District Supervisor's office funds the Sheriffs component through ongoing funds dedicated to the joint effort.
Accident	Emergency/Law enforcement sirens are loud in the canyon and echo throughout the canyon. Instead, can sirens have short blasts?	The California Vehicle code requires us to use the "Sirens" when necessary and it can be difficult to activate the siren in burst and while driving.
Accident	When I called 911, they were unfamiliar with Topanga and it was difficult to tell them the location of the S curves. Can this be addressed? Where are 911 calls directed?	CHP: The 911 dispatch center needs a cross street or mile post marker in order to enter it into the CAD-Computer Assisted Dispatch system. The dispatch center is located in Glendale.
Accident	Can you map out all the accidents showing: unsafe turns, collisions, fatalities (and show details of cause)? Can that information be posted on TCB?	CHP: Due to limited resources, we cannot map out all the collisions on TCB. Our information system is not set up for that type of information.
Congestion	Will CMS signage be posted at PCH & Mulholland during the Underground Utilities Project?	DPW: We will investigate and report back.
Congestion	Can signs be posted at Fernwood & Old Topanga instructing drivers to cooperate and allow entering cars to merge? Also signage warning TCB traffic that cars will be turning left?	DPW: We will perform a study at the intersection of Fernwood and Old Topanga then report back.
Congestion	Can Topanga be closed to commuter traffic during rush hour time periods, like other residential neighborhoods?	Caltrans: TCB is a public hwy and cannot be closed to commuter traffic.
Congestion	Is there a way for traffic be re-directed or drivers encouraged to use other roads from valley to the westside?	Caltrans: TCB is a public hwy and cannot be closed to commuter traffic.
Congestion	There is a need for a uniformed traffic control officer in downtown Topanga during rush hour. Can this be addressed?	CHP: We have additional Officers working during the morning and afternoon commute. They are positioned along TCB based upon traffic complaints received.
Congestion	Can increased traffic patrol be increased and sustained.	CHP: Yes, as long as our grant permits.
Congestion	Why are 8,000lb trucks diverted from Kanan to TCB when Kanan is designed to accommodate trucks? Why is TCB treated the same, when Kanan and Malibu Canyon have turnouts and double lanes (especially since we are a residential community)?	DPW: Kanan Road has a long vertical grade of 8%. Trucks are prohibited from driving on roads with long grades of 8% or greater as they have a tendency to lose or burn out their brakes on roads of this nature.
Congestion	What is the cause of the increased traffic on TCB?	DPW: All roads [in Los Angeles] notice an increase of traffic as our population and number of drivers increase. The closure of PCH due to storm activity also temporarily added to traffic volumes on TCB.

Congestion	Is there a way to reduce the amount of time for lane disruptions due to accidents or construction?	DPW/Caltrans: We already work to minimize the impacts of accidents and construction to lane disruptions. This is why we perform night time work on some projects, like the Tunnel project. Supervisor Kuehl checks on the project every morning at 5am to make sure traffic is not being impacted. Backup can be all the way up to Lost Hills Rd. During the daytime, Malibu Canyon Rd. is being utilized. Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Stunt Rd. are being used as detours at night. The Tunnel project is 45% complete and due to be completed 8/1/15.
Congestion	How will the underground utility project affect Canyon traffic?	Field Deputy Susan Nissman: The Undergrounding Utilities District (UUD) project has begun and is expected to last no more than 18 months. When the trenching starts, there will be single-lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., that is expected to last between four to six months. Also affecting cross-mountain drivers at night between 9 p.m.-5 a.m., Sunday-Thursday, is the relining of the Malibu tunnel that is expected to complete in July. Traffic along PCH and the 101 is asked to detour at TCB or Kanan. Traffic impacts due to the PCH mudslides have stopped since the slide was repaired and PCH re-opened after 77 days of closure a few weeks ago. New underground utility lines will stretch 300 ft. north of Verizon pole and cross the street to the library. It will then continue on the northbound side until it reaches Old Canyon. At the post office, it will continue until the streetlight. We will have traffic controllers present from 9:15am - 2:45pm Monday through Friday. Plates will be put over trenches and there will be no work on red flag alert days and/or holidays. Project info and links are posted on OneTopanga.com.
Other	Is CHP moving away from POP reports at the station?	CHP: We are not familiar with "POP". This is not a report we have ever used in the last 30+ years.
Other	What is the best way to register a complaint about traffic management and enforcement?	CHP: E-mail is the best way to register a traffic complaint (Itang@chp.ca.gov) or call 1-800-TellCHP and you can tell a dispatcher who will then forward the complaint to our office.
Safety	Can TCB traffic be diverted during a disaster?	CHP: Yes, we have an EAP-Emergency Action Plan for TCB that we practice annually with LACo Fire.
Safety	What should I do if someone is tail-gating me and flashing their high beams?	CHP: You can maintain speed or pull over and allow the person to pass.
Safety	Can signs with \$1,000 fine for smoking, littering and graffiti be installed on TCB as they are on other canyon roads?	Field Deputy Susan Nissman: If you see someone driving recklessly, call 911. If you see a cigarette flicked on a red flag day, call 911. CHP: Drivers who witness reckless driving, such as weaving, passing over the yellow line, speeding, etc., may record what information they can (while driving safely) and call 1-800-TELL-CHP.
Safety	Can more signage be placed in the canyon? Can signage be installed to indicate upcoming safe turnouts? (for slow drivers)	Field Deputy Susan Nissman: Studies have shown that the more signs that are present, the less drivers will read the signs. Drivers must be strategic instead of forcing yourself into dangerous situations.
Safety	Can additional traffic signals be installed in the Canyon on TCB and in high traffic areas?	(Former) Field Deputy Susan Nissman: Installing traffic signals is 'tricky.' Signals can only be installed if it's warranted. Sight distance issues increase accidents. No stop signs are allowed on a State Highway. There are also certain stopping distances that are needed. If you put a signal too close {to a potentially hazardous location}, there will be an increase in accidents.
Safety	Can paddles be installed on the 'dead curves' up Fernwood?	DPW will study this request and report back with our recommendation.
Safety	Is it possible to have additional patrols during rainy days to respond to greater likelihood of an accident?	CHP: No. On rain days our officers are very busy and respond to all calls throughout our patrol area. We do not have the resources to allocate to one area, when we have calls pending.
Safety	Is motorcycle noise a violation?	CHP: Yes, 27151 and 27150 of the vehicle code address this, we do actively cite for this violation.
Safety	Can a 25mph speed limit be imposed on TCB from the 'beginning and end of town' (Grand View to Entrado)?	County Supervisors: Recently the speed limit for all of TCB was reduced from 45mph to 40 mph. We can only put a speed limit that is warranted.
Safety	Is there a way to do a rumble strip along yellow lines?	CalTrans: Residents living near by do not like sounds of rumble strips. We only use them if we really need them. Caltrans will consider rumble strips on the S-curves.
Safety	What about more rumble strips on Stunt Rd.?	CalTrans: We will look into adding rumble strips onto Stunt Rd.

Safety	What are the top 3 causes of accidents on TCB?	CHP: The top causes for accidents are speed, unsafe turning, and unsafe left turns. DUI's are also a contributing factor. We suspect cell phone use being a contributor, but it cannot be determined without issuing a warrant. A felony must be committed to issue a warrant.
Safety	Can residents post their own safety signs on TCB?	DPW: No, private signs cannot be posted on public roadway.