

**TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
RAMONA PLANNING GROUP
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RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER
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JANUARY 23, 2018**

DRAFT MINUTES

- 1) Call to order at 6:31pm by the Chairperson, Jim Cooper
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance led Ken Brennecke
- 3) Determination of quorum: Present were Ken Brennecke, Jim Cooper, Lynn Hopewell, Dawn Perfect, David Stone, Dan Summers and Cheryl Wegner.
- 4) Corrections/Approval of T&T minutes from December 19, 2017. Motion to approve as submitted made by Cheryl Wegner, seconded by Ken Brennecke. Motion carried 6-0-0-0
- 5) Announcements: Dawn Perfect let us know that the trail in Wellfield Park is now highly accessible due to clearing done by goats. Also, that the homeless encampments in the area have been removed.
- 6) Presentation from the public on non-agenda items only. There were no presentations.
- 7) ACTION ITEMS:
 - a. Review of 13th Street bridge project at 30 percent Design Completion updated from County staff and discussion (Michael Khoury and James Bolz, County of San Diego).

Kristi had advised Jim Cooper that the County is not ready to speak on this issue for this meeting, but will be at our February sub-committee meeting. A motion to table was made by Dawn Perfect, seconded by Cheryl Wegner. Motion carried 6-0-0-0

- b. Review the possible traffic hazard identified at the intersection of Elm and Poplar Streets.

Beverly Torres a resident in the area gave a very detailed presentation and handout of her concern as well as that of neighbors. Also in attendance were Felissa Prooft and Oscar Mangana. Beverly shared that there was a traffic study done in Feb, 2014 and a reduction of speed was instituted. This is still a dangerous area as there is no clear line-of-sight for traffic coming from the north making it hazardous for residents and guests to pull out going either north or south; or pull into their driveways. During the period of 4/26/13 to 5/8/17 there were 11 accidents; of those 7 were hit object accidents, 1 was broadside and hit

object, 1 was hit object and overturned and 1 was broadside. Of these accidents 8 occurred during the hours of 1850/6:50 pm and 0320/3:20 am. The others occurred between 5:37 am and 11:48 am.

A number of suggestions were discussed:

- 1) Concave mirror so that those entering roadway could see oncoming traffic
- 2) 3-way stop (the discussion concluded this would not be a viable option due to traffic flow)
- 3) Shave down the hill created better line of site (this would involve a residents property and may not be feasible)
Dan Summers asked "who owns the hill"? Discussion with residents indicated that the owner of the property wasn't able to attend meeting but those present believed they'd be will to have the hill shaved to provide a better line of sight and safer access when turning onto or off Elm.
- 4) Discuss moving mail boxes to Poplar which would provide more room for traffic to pass on the right and/or residents to merge safely into traffic.
Dan Summers asked, "if mail boxes were moved to Poplar would that create a turning lane"? Dawn Perfect suggested having the Planning Group send a letter supporting the move of the mail boxes.
- 5) Cheryl Wegner suggested any signage that would alert drivers that there's an upcoming driveway
- 6) Dawn Perfect suggested having a line sign so drivers are aware of an upcoming curve. Beverly said that public works indicated a flashing sign.
- 7) Casey Lynch also suggested a sign to alert drivers about the blind curve. Or a "T" sign. Research needs to be done on this. Jim Cooper indicated that all along Old Julian Highway, "CAUTION BLIND DRIVEWAY with a T" signs existed to warn driving of short line-of-sight problems
- 8) Dan Summers suggested painting "slow dangerous curve ahead" on street using reflective paint.
- 9) Jim Cooper asked about the number of residents this affects. Response was 3-4 or more. Does the tree next to road obstruct vision? If so is it possible to remove tree(s) for better line of sight?

These discussions led to the following agreed upon actions to be taken:

- Line of site study (County), tree removal, look at hill as well
- Painting on road
- Blind curve signage; Or a "T" sign. "CAUTION BLIND DRIVEWAY" to warn driving of short line-of-sight problems
- LED lighted speed signs
- Fish eye mirrors
- Letter to Post Office about moving mail boxes from Elm to Poplar

A Motion was made by Dan Summers: In light of serious traffic hazards recommend that the RCPG send a letter to the County Department of Public Works requesting a line of site study for this intersection; look at shaving hill and tree removal, blind curve signage; or a "T" sign. "CAUTION BLIND DRIVEWAY" to warn driving of short line-of-sight problems, signage to include LED lights, asphalt warning paint, and fish eye mirrors.

In addition it is recommended that the RCPG send a letter to Ramona Post Office recommending they approve a neighborhood request of moving the mail boxes from Elm to Poplar. Lynn Hopewell seconded the above motion. Vote was 6-0-1-0 with David Stone abstaining.

c. Review results of traffic study results on Arena Way.

Jim Cooper shared information that the County approved additional signage, painting of solid line vs. broken line requested. The email received from the President of this HOA follows:

Good morning Kristi, Jim, Rex and Dan,

I met with both Karel Shaffer and Mandana Beheshti of the County on November 20 at our Rancho San Vicente Park to review their findings and proposed remedies to our concerns. Although speed bumps and rumble strips were denied, the County has approved additional markings/signs at the Park and at the Trails crossing (below the Park), in addition to yellow lines on Arena Way between Vista Ramona and Arena entrances. We have requested solid yellow lines versus broken yellow lines to ensure "no passing." I also questioned the posting of a "25 MPH AHEAD" sign when turning from Vista Ramona onto Arena Way versus posting as a "25 MPH" zone. The response to that was because County Code requires there be a residential driveway within 50 feet or so of the street entrance -- and there is not. However, I've requested an exception be made and am waiting for the County to respond.

I'm also in touch with the County Road Maintenance department regarding the continually degrading condition of Arena and Open View as they have never been resurfaced in the almost 19 years of this development.

The RSVHOA community sincerely appreciates you getting this issue into the right hands and if we have any other issues or concerns, we now have the proper channels to go through. Let's have a happy and safe 2018.

Very sincerely,
Lisa Brown

d. Review of Ramona resurfacing list by Ad Hoc Committee to now include the greater study identified by the County letter dated November 7, 2017 and entitled: PRIORITIZATION REQUEST FOR ROADWAY PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE IN THE RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (CPG) AREA.

Jim Cooper indicated that the AdHoc group was scheduled to meet on February 6, 2018 to complete actions on this request, with the final recommendation to be presented at the RCPG in March.

Motion to table was made by Cheryl Wegner, seconded by Dawn Perfect.
Motion passed 6-0-0-0.

- e. Review and updated, for possible RCPG action, the 2014 Ramona Community Planning Group Capital Improvement Road Priority List.

Jim Cooper indicated that the County had made a presentation to the RCPG at th January meeting. A motion to continue to research the proposed Ramona Street extension via an RCPG AdHoc committee failed; therefore this road needs to be included in the final recommended updated RCPg CIP List for 2018. In addition, the Phase 2 South Bypass (Dye Road Extension had already failed to be deleted and therefore also needed to be included.

Further discussions included Dawn Perfects suggestion of moving the “resurfacing road” into the to maintenance category. She also said she had no problem making the top list 12 roads versus. the 10 that are normally listed. She also suggested that the Ramona Street be listed as #5 and Dye Road Extension as #12.

Ken Brennecke suggested putting both the Ramona Street extension and the Dye Road extension under the category “Projects Important to Community Future” as there are so many problems with the roads. Cheryl Wegner said that paving is not capital improvement , consider taking some of the items off and that the streets Ramona and Dye Road) could be added to the list it didn’t matter where.

After further general discussions, a motion was made by by Dan Summers, seconded by Cheryl Wegner, that the following RCPG CIP list for 2018 be recommended for approval by the RCPG. The motion carried with the following vote: Results were, 4 yes (Jim Cooper, Dawn Perfect, Dan Summers, Cheryl Wegner, 2 no Ken Brennecke and Lynn Hopewelll and 1 abstention David Stone

THE BELOW IS THE FINAL PRIORITY LIST AS BEING RECOMMENDED TO THE RCPG:

PRIORITY # PROJECTS UNDERWAY – CTY SHALL PROCEED AS PLANNED

- 1 Boundary Ave to Etcheverry St., provide safety element for evacuation for Boundary Avenue Elementary School
- 2 Etcheverry St from Hunter St to SR67 (Road Improvement)
- 3 Bridge on 13th St over Santa Maria Creek
- 4 13th St., from SR67 to Walnut St. (Road Improvement)
- 5 Mussey Grade Rd. (slope and drainage improvement)

- 6 H St., from 10th St. to Ramona St. (Road Improvement)
- 7 Arena Dr./Benito Way Drainage (drainage improvement)
- 8 Creelman Ln., from San Vicente to Keyes Rd. (Road Improvement)
- 9 Ramona St., Boundary Ave to Hanson Ln., sidewalk and
- 10 Kelly Ave., from Pala St. to Etcheverry St. (Road improvement)
- 11 Proposed Ramona Street Extension
- 12 Phase 2 South Bypass (Dye Road Extension).

PROJECTS IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY – CTY TO DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE

- 1 Hanson Ln., from Ramona St. to San Vicente – sidewalk and pathway on South side (already exists on the North side)
- 2 Alleyway between Main St. and D Sty., from 5th to 11th St. (Road improvement)
- 3 San Vicente Rd., from Wildcat Canyon Rd. to SDCE limit (Road improvement)
- 4 D St., from 9th St. to 13th St; curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both side of the street
- 5 B St., between 5th and 10th St.; curbs, gutters and sidewalks
- 6 Vermont St., from Pala to Etcheverry St., (Road improvement to relieve traffic from main Street)

PROJECTS IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY – CTY TO COORDINATE WITH CALTRANS

- 1 14TH St./SR67 (Intersection Improvement)
- 2 Montecito Rd/SR67 Right Turn lane (Intersection Improvement)

THE HISTORY OF THIS REVIEW PROCESS BY THE RCPG T&T SUB-COMMITTEE IS PROVIDED BELOW

First we began with the **RCPG – CIP PRIORITY LIST – APRIL 2014 REV 3-2016**

PRIORITY # PROJECTS UNDERWAY – CTY SHALL PROCEED AS PLANNED

- 1 San Vicente Rd, from Warnock Dr to Wildcat Canyon Rd
- 2 Ramona St from Boundary Ave to Warnock Dr
- 3 Intersection of 10th st and H st
- 4 Mussey Grade Rd
- 5 13th St over Santa Maria Creek
- 6 13th St from SR67 to Walnut St
- 7 Phase 2 South Bypass (Dye Road Extension)

PROJECTS IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY – CTY TO DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE

- 1 San Vicente Rd, from Wildcat Canyon rd to SDCE limit
- 2 Ramona St, Boundary Ave to Hanson Ln
- 3 Hanson Ln, from Ramona St to San Vicente Rd
- 4 Alleyway, from 5th st to 11th st
- 5 Boundary Ave, to Etcheverry St, align with Equestrian Trail
- 6 Etcheverry St, from Hunter st to SR67
- 7 Creelman In, from San Vicente rd to Keyes Rd
- 8 Arena Dr/Benito Way Drainage

PROJECTS IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY – CTY TO COORDINATE WITH CALTRANS

- 1 Dye Rd/Highland Valley Rd/SR67
- 2 14th St/SR67

3 Montecito Rd/SR67

4 Phase 1 South Bypass (Dye st/Sr67/Mussey Grade to Dye Rd)

THIS INCLUDED A TOTAL ROADS ON THIS LIST = 19

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WERE APPROVED BY THE RCPG ON JULY 6, 2017,

ADD THE FOLLOWING:

H Street from Ramona St to Main St

Improve existing Alleyway between Main St and D St from 5th to 11th St – **See note**

Design and Construct curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides of D St between
9th St and 12th St – **see note**

Construct sidewalks, curbs, and gutters on H St between 5th St and 10th St – **see note**

Improve Vermont St between Etcheverry St and Pala St to provide traffic relief on Main
St. – **see note**

**NOTE – THESE ADDITIONS ARE TO RESOLVE LANGAUGE IN THE RAMONA
REVITALIZATION MATRIX THAT REFLECTS “Project is not ranked as a priority by
the Ramona Community Planning Group on the April 2014 CIP list”**

This addition of five roads now bring the total roads listing to = 24

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WERE APPROVED BY THE RCPG ON SEPTEMBER
7, 2017: RETAIN THE FOLLOWING 14 RCPG CIP Road projects from the 2014 CIP
list.

Alleyway between Main St and D St, from 5th to 11th St (Road Improvement)

Ramona St, Boundary Ave to Hanson Ln – sidewalk and pathway on East side
(pedestrian safety)

Mussey Grade Rd (Slope and drainage Improvement)

Arena Dr/Benito Way Drainage (drainage Improvement)

San Vicente Rd., from Wildcat Canyon Rd to SDCE limit (Road Improvement)

Etcheverry St., from Hunter St. to SR67 (Road Improvement)

Boundary Ave, to Etcheverry St., provide safety element for Boundary Ave. Elementary School

Bridge on 13th St., over Santa Maria Creek

13th St., from SR67 to Walnut St (Road Improvement)

Hanson Lane, from Ramona St. to San Vicente – sidewalk and pathway on south side (already exists on the North side)

Creelman Ln., from San Vicente to Keyes Rd (Road Improvement)

Kelly Ave, from Pala St. to Etcheverry St (Road Improvement)

14th St/SR67 (Intersection Improvement)

Montecito Rd./SR67 Right Turn Lane (Intersection Improvement)

NOTE THAT If all these motions are all approved, the current proposed RCPG CIP Road project list includes 24 road projects (the initial 19 plus these five, with above 14 being retained).

Next the RCPG delete three roads from the 2014 CIP list as either been completed or are near completion. These are:

- a. San Vicente Rd, from Warnock Dr to Wildcat Canyon Rd
- b. Traffic signal at intersection of 10th St and H St.
- c. Intersection Improvement Dye Rd/Highland Valley Rd/SR67

This action reduces the total roads listing to = 21

The next review included CIP Road project from the 2014 list as being no longer needed with the completion of the Intersection Improvement Dye Rd/Highland Valley Rd/SR67. This is:

Phase 1 South Bypass (Dye St/SR67/Mussey Grade Rd to Dye Road). After considerable discussions, this road was deleted from the 2014 CIP list which now total = 20

- f. Review possible alternate circulation elements versus the current proposed Ramona Street Extension. Jim brought in maps showing two alternate roads; those being Royal Vista which currently goes to Boundary and Keyser which goes from Warnock to Hanson Lane.

After much discussion Dan Summers made the motion that a feasibility study by the County Department of Public Works be requested for Keyser and Royal Vista as alternative routes to the Ramona Street extension. Cheryl Wegner seconded the motion. The vote for this was 5 yes, 1 no (David Stone).

David Stone left the meeting at 8pm and resigned his seat on the sub-committee at that time. Jim Cooper followed David Stone out of the meeting room and confirmed that this was what he was doing and David said yes.

- g. Review the status of the proposed emergency evacuation route for Ramona across the grasslands area.

Kristi Mansolf had contacted Jim Piva, who said he would be willing to make a presentation at the RCPG meeting on February 1, 2018. Jim Cooper offered a map of the proposed evacuation route for group knowledge and some discussions and possible development of questions/concerns. A motion to table was made by Dawn Perfect, seconded by Dan Summers. Motion carried 5-0-0-0

8) Concerns from Members

- Lynn brought up concern of not being able to see oncoming traffic when pulling out of the Food and Clothes Closet donation driveway onto Main Street. It was suggested that she talk to the Food and Clothes Closet board regarding changing it so people came in off Main and went out onto 8 Street.
- Casey Lynch was in the audience and pending a final action on David Stones resignation, he was asked if he would want to be considered for T&T sub-committee membership. He said he would and he filled out a request for membership.

9) Agenda Item Requests - Items 7.a, 7.d, 7.f, and 7.g for the next T&T meeting

10) Adjournment. Dan Summers moved to adjourn and Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-0-0 at around 9:17 pm..