

Minutes of a teleconference meeting
of the Ramona State Routes Subcommittee held 9/30/2020.

1. The meeting was brought to order at 6:03 pm.
2. A quorum was established with Robin Maxson, Maya Phillips, Dan Summers and Torry Brean attending.
3. Member of the public Liz Lavertu in attendance, the Chair of Spring Valley Community Planning Group and candidate for State Assembly District 71.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Approval of Minutes from 8/26/20. Dan motioned to approve. Seconded by Robin.
6. Torry asked Liz Lavertu a question regarding highways. Robin asked about the strategy. Liz responded that she is willing to work across the party lines to secure federal dollars. Dan said that he has support of every elected official on every level: SANDAG, Caltrans on the issue of on SR 67. Liz stressed importance of representing the rural communities.
7. Discussion regarding getting Hassan Ikhata to address Ramona Planning Group. Torry suggested making connections with Ikhata's lower level staff who are responsible for decision making. Robin suggested making connections at the county road staff's meetings. Dan said he talked at the meetings to everyone already and to Ikhata in the hallways. Dan expressed disappointment that highway 67 is not in the proposed "Big Five Moves" plan. Dan supports Ikhata's teleconferencing with the full Planning Group to explain what his plan is for highway 67. Maya suggested to keep making noise so that the topic of 67 stays fresh in the minds of the road staff and doesn't get pushed to the back burner. Dan thinks it's very beneficial for Ikhata to come and address the full Planning Group. Torry is in full support. Dan motioned to invite Hassan Ikhata to do presentation of his "Five Big Moves" at the full Planning Group meeting and to send a letter from the group's chairman. Robin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Discussion about repaving SR 67 through Ramona in regards to Marla Haney contacting Caltrans directly. Dan said that we needed to hear both sides of the story – to talk to Marvin Canton and Ross Cather from Caltrans at the Planning Group meeting the next day. We need to find Marla Haney's phone number and contact her.
9. Questions on where to send Torry Brean's letter to about the weighted vote in SANDAG. Dan proposed to send it to Dianne Jacob and to the SANDAG Chairman Steve Vaus. Maya said it would be beneficial to send that letter to all SANDAG members – the more people are involved, the better, more publicity.
10. On the matter of concern of members Robin brought up an old story about enforcement of speed limit on Main Street that is currently set at 30 miles/hr. The stretch that Robin pointed out was the portion of SR 78 going east from 10th Street. Robin gave an example of speed enforcement on the highway 395. Dan asked who is enforcing. Not sheriff. And CHP is spread thin, doesn't have enough resources.
11. Robin – there is a brand new editor of Ramona Sentinel Susan Vardon, who used to be an investigative reporter.
15. Robin - Motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion seconded by Maya. Meeting adjourned.