

Ramona Community Planning Group
Ramona State Routes Subcommittee
Agenda for 3/31/21 at 6:00 pm
Teleconference Meeting

FINAL Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to order – meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Dan Summers
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Lynn Hopewell
3. Establish a quorum
Attendees: Lynn Hopewell, Robin Joy Maxson, Elio Noyas, Maya Phillips, and Dan Summers
Absent: Torry Brean and Debbie Foster
4. Confirm taking of minutes by Lynn Hopewell
5. Identify any public participants
Marvin Canton – CalTrans
6. Approval of minutes from 2/24/21
Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Robin Joy Maxson, 2nd by Dan Summers. Motion approved 4-0-1-2 (Elio Noyas abstained as he wasn't at meeting, Torry Brean and Debbie Foster absent).
7. Update on Zoom meetings with SANDAG voting mayors
Dan Summers and part of the group has met via Zoom with the following mayors: Matt Hall of Carlsbad, Terry Gaasterland of Del Mar, Paul McNamara of Escondido, and Bill Wells of El Cajon. All the meetings were very encouraging. Scheduled to meet with Mary Salas of Chula Vista on 4/6/2021, and Catherine Blakespear of Encinitas on 4/20/2021. Have ten more mayors pending, Serge Dedina-Imperial Beach, Mark Arapostathis-La Mesa, Alejandra Sotelo-Solis-National City, Esther C. Sanchez-Oceanside, Racquel Vasquez-Lemon Grove, Todd Gloria-San Diego, Jane Hughson-San Marcos, John Minto-Santee, Jewel Edson-Solana Beach and Casey Tanaka-Coronado. The mayor of Coronado currently out of the country and will contact Dan when he returns. Dan spoke to Judy Ritter the Mayor of Vista and she is with us 100%. Dan also shared that Steve Vaus Mayor of Poway and Supervisor Joel Anderson are behind us 100%. Dan is pursuing meetings with mayors listed. He's encouraged that once we have met with others we'll be in a good place. Robin Joy Maxson said the Mayor from Del Mar appreciated the information, and she supports us. Dan said that the two items we're presenting, social equity and the electric car revolution are important. The big point we're making is that we need two more lanes in Ramona and if you base future planning on old technology (gas) vs. new technology (hybrid and electric). Want them to make decision on new technology vs. old. Doesn't seem to be a time limit on the length of the meetings with Mayors.

8. Discuss inviting Caltrans to give a presentation to the RCPG on plans and timeline for the resurfacing SR 67 from Lakeside to Ramona.

Dan Summers said he was glad to hear that resurfacing is going all the way 10th St. Dan will be bringing this information to the RCPG meeting April 1, 2021. Dan will ask that the presentation by Marcello Pinata is added to May 6, 2021 RCPG meeting.

Marvin Canton stated Hwy 67 should get balance of report on Friday, April 2nd. Will get numbers than. Working on putting together technical and advisory groups to help CalTrans identify emergency evacuation route improvement areas along the 16-mile SR 67 corridor between Maplevue St. in Lakeside and Highland Valley/Dye Road in Ramona. They plan to have four meetings. The tentative schedule is first meeting third week of April, second meeting week of May 3, 2021, third early August 2021 and fourth early September 2021.

Will consist of different agencies, they are:

Federal - National Weather Service San Diego office

State

- California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- CalFire
- Caltrans System Planning Lead
- Tribal Working Group

County

- San Diego County,
- County Engineer/Public Works Director
- Office of Emergency Services (OES)
- San Diego County Sheriff
- San Diego County Fire Authority
- San Diego Department of Animal Services

Public Utilities

- San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)
- San Diego County Water Authority
- San Diego County Sanitation District

Transit

- Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)
- North County Transit District (NCTD)

Local

- Lakeside Fire Protection District
- Ramona Fire Department
- City of Poway Fire Department
- Poway Local Emergency Operation Center lead

They're trying to concentrate on Hwy 67 evacuation route. First thing is sending out a questionnaire with nine questions, with a couple bullets, how familiar are they with current evacuations and routes. Also working to put together traffic numbers. Will present recommendations to the team after reviewing. Last time he was here

there were a lot of questions regarding project where they're going to overlay Hwy 67. Marvin worked with Dan Summers to have someone from CalTrans come talk to us about this. Marcello Pinata will present at the Ramona Planning Group (RCPG) May 6, 2021 meeting. Won't be joining us at the April meeting as they'll be presenting at the RCPG meeting in June. Marvin shared that they're going to overlay from the San Diego bridge in Lakeside to 10th St. in Ramona. Robin Joy Maxson asked do they anticipate day/night time work. Marcello can provide that information. Dan Summers said tomorrow night when we have the RCPG meeting he will be bringing up Marvin and Marcello presenting at the RCPG June meeting. Marvin asked how much time they will have in May. Robin said this is a vital project so how much time is needed. Marvin believes 10-20 minutes. Thinks they were booked a half-hour last time. Robin believes 30 minutes is good. Dan to confirm their presentation and contact Marvin. Dan said he's sure the community will be attending the RCPG meeting on May 6, 2021. Marvin no one has asked him about the projects all which would be taking place within the next 4-8 months. Dan that would be clarified at the May 6, 2021 RCPG meeting. Robin asked if there was a media release. Marvin doesn't know but will check with Marcello Pinata. Robin they may not be planning to do it for the smaller project. It's a way to head-off expectations. Marvin will double check with Kathryn to see if they are going to contact the media. The smaller project shouldn't impact traffic just slow it down, for the larger project they'd have to go to single lane. Dan suggested contacting the Ramona Sentinel and they can write up an article in the paper about the whole project. They can combine the article with the May 6, 2021 RCPG meeting. Marvin would need to get the information from the PIO office. Dan can have the Sentinel contact the PIO for information. Marvin said that would be great to increase turnout. Robin agrees with what Dan said. Dan will start working on that tomorrow. Dan the technical advisement and working group is new to Dan and is excited that they're being formed. Looking at organizations participating is exciting about how this is moving forward. Marvin once he has final list of participants will provide to Dan. Robin if he has agencies that don't want to show up maybe we can let Supervisor Anderson know and he can encourage them to attend.

9. Discuss the need for Caltrans signage directing driver/hikers to the Mt. Woodson Trailhead.

Dan Summers asked if Robin Joy Maxson wanted to discuss. Robin said that along with the normal hazards on Hwy 67 and Potato Chip rock even when parking lot is in place there is an issue where you're going north on Hwy 67 and on the far-right lane just as you get to Cloudy Moon Drive, they see the Mt. Woodson sign. the other day she saw a driver cross over the lanes of traffic as they thought it was the entrance to Mt. Woodson/Potato Chip Rock. Want to make sure there's advance, adequate signage as to where to enter. We will bring that to CalTrans attention. Dan personally hasn't seen that but can imagine people reacting to signage. Cudos to Robin for bringing it up. Lynn Hopewell said maybe CalTrans can do something now indicating where people should go to hike Mt. Woodson.

10. Future Agenda items
None.

11. Concerns of members

Elio Noyas is concerned that the last month or so that there's a lot of road work in Ramona. They put up signs when working on the road. They usually do a sign warning, but it's after the project has started. Believes that the work was mismanaged in that there was no heads-up. CalTrans would inform us of upcoming projects, but that hasn't been taking place. Would like to go back to where we're notified when work is taking place. Dan agrees with Elio about delays, etc. Need to have advance notice. Elio one person he know's we're going down the hill to meet a client and they turnaround to go a different direction. The driver got pulled over for making the U-turn. Dan suggested bringing up at RCPG meeting on April 1, 2021. Elois maybe get clarification, why can't they do the projects at the same time? Dan wonders why CalTrans, and the County stopped notifying prior to work starting. Robin Joy Maxson said with the recent work they've been doing on Hwy 67 they did send something out, but not as prompt as it should have been. They've gotten a lot of negative feedback and it's gone to the field supervisor. Robin let Kathryn know how the process isn't working. There's also a site that shows exactly where they're going the length. It will show what they're planning but won't show what's been cancelled. Elio that would be helpful for everyone. Robin said they did get a lot of negative feedback on the last bit of work they were doing. Dan point of clarification, if we did get a notice that they're going to do work on the road. How would the RCPG notify the public. Robin we really haven't had a way, usually the Sentinel puts it out. And many people don't get the Sentinel. Dan believes that before a project like that starts there's been a lot of planning ahead of time. Thinks CalTrans should notify the Sentinel so something can be put out about it. Lynn Hopewell shared that when she'd gone to Poway and work was done on Poway Rd. a sign would be setup showing that road would be down and include the date and times. Elio if we had a site where people could go to and see the link for road work believes that would take care of problem. Robin when they put out the flashing signs at one point the residents after the sign wouldn't be informed.

12. Adjournment – motion to adjourn made by Lynn Hopewell, 2nd by Elio Noyas. Motion carried 5-0-0-2 (Torre Brean and Debbie Foster absent). Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Next meeting scheduled for April 28, 2021.