

RAMONA STATE ROUTES SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA  
Ramona Community Planning Group  
June 23, 2021, at 6:00 pm  
Teleconference Meeting

FINAL Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to order - meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Dan Summers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robin Joy Maxson.
3. Determination of members present  
Attendees: Lynn Hopewell, Robin Joy Maxson, Elio Noyas, and Dan Summers  
Absent: Torry Brean, Debbie Foster and Maya Phillips
4. Approval or corrections of minutes from May 26, 2021 – move to approve minutes as presented by Robin Joy Maxson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn Hopewell. Motion approved 4-0-1-3 Elio Noyas abstained as he wasn't at meeting, Torry Brean, Debbie Foster and Maya Phillips absent.
5. Announcements – Robin Joy Maxson said she believes Mr. Peinado will address as letters have gone out to Hwy 67 residents regarding work to be done.
6. Monthly update from Mr. Marvin Canton and Marcello Peinado from CalTrans.  
Marvin shared an update on the Hwy 67 improvement process. Over 900 letters have been sent out and CalTrans has gotten a number of phone calls. Team members have been responding to those calls. One of them is they want a conversation so they can move forward with the environmental study. Many questions regarding this from residents. The CalTrans team has made sure that residents are aware this is a preliminary process. They had their second technical work meeting regarding evacuation model. They were out here last week Carl Schrepman with CalFire at Mt. Woodson, they shared the fire fighting tool. They were able to ask questions and get information from fire department personnel who were here for the 2003 and 2007 fires. CalFire going to share the studies that they have gathered. Permitted with them doing an investigation and study to improve their driveway. They are having difficulty making a right-hand turn onto Hwy 67. Technical met with Chief Schrepman and got input on model that they're running for fire evacuation. They are redoing their numbers so they can move forward. The current numbers are showing that some of the ideas won't work. Rob Project Dir is retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dan asked Marvin Canton if he was talking about the options for evacuation? We've seen seven different designs. Is this the options they were looking at? Marvin said that's what's being used to evaluate evacuations not daily use. Dan shared that of the seven options it was determined by the technical team that some of those models wouldn't work. Was that correct? Marvin said yes that went over to the project team to look at and work on. They are providing numbers to the technical team. Marvin said they will be presenting to us once they get closer to having a model.

Marcello Peinado shared an update on the Hwy 67 pavement rehabilitation project. The project is from Willow Rd., in Lakeside to Hwy 78 in Ramona, and involves repaving the

entire stretch. The project was advertised and bid opened May 26, 2021. They had one bidder. The bids were \$31 Million and \$38 Million. With some of the things they were able to do they were able to come within \$2.5 Million of the low bid. After some assessment decided to repackage the project. One thing that is of concern is the current pavement condition. They will be pushing the project out in a few months. In the meanwhile, they'll be doing micro surfacing, like a chip seal from Highland Valley Rd. to Hwy 78. Which should be sufficient to hold the pavement until the complete job is done.

One of the elements of the project is they've added fiber optics to the project. So the 18.5 mile segment will have fiber optics. The cost is for this is around \$7 Million. Funding is coming from San Diego County and another entity. There's were a number of complications with the bid, so they contacted the bidders to learn how they saw the project and why they didn't bid on it. They're taking the feedback in. They're currently rescoping the project and there will be changes with core work and paving of structural section. About four items on the \$6.5 million items, are a pavement interlayer that is between the existing layer and new layer, which was about \$2.5 million above, additional traffic control, and that the work would be done by November 7<sup>th</sup>, otherwise bidders would face penalties. Since the work will be done during fire season, they're limiting the one-way traffic for no longer than one-half mile in any one shift, doing the repaving in short segments. So, they're getting additional bids. The fiber optics is over \$ 7 million due to the time it'd take to do fiber optics before paving. Which increased cost due to traffic control. They're going to do some contractor outreach before the project. They plan to advertise in November 2021 and begin work in early April, 2022.

The project may be longer, than the 210 working days, won't have the restriction with new bid request. So expect they'll have more – in addition to broadband this will allow them to provide high speed access at a lower cost. They're in contact with internet companies to see if they're interested in joining in the fiber optics. They'll likely share the optics with San Diego County, also working with Barona Casino and they are applying for a grant. On this topic there is a lot of funding at the state level due to the equity issue and the CARE act. Bringing high speed internet to all. They'll be one of the first projects doing this work.

Dan Summer said what he's hearing is that they put out the bid for resurfacing from Willow Rd. in Lakeside to Hwy 78 in Ramona. They were anticipating numerous bidders, but they only had one bidder. And the bid was high so didn't fit in their parameters. Marcello Peinado said yes. Dan so they're putting out another bid with changes, and they'll also be dealing with the resurfacing during rainy weather season. Dan, so this bid wasn't successful so going out for a rebid and hopefully contractors will respond. What Dan is concerned about is why they didn't have more response to the bid. He's looking at how companies over the state and county are unable to get employees. Is that the situation with the contractors since there are penalties for not completing project on the end date? Marcello doesn't think so, the contracting industry has been affected by COVID, but they haven't stopped working. The drivers were some of the requirements they had in the project. He provided an example, that paving is the final major work. Before that they'll have installed the conduit, dragging, curb ramps, subservice work at intersections. There's a lot of work that takes place before paving. The last date to work at night would be November 7, 2021, as the temperature would be too low to work. The contractor would have to pay penalties if they were unable to make deadline. They put in a series of requirements that would need to be done before paving. There are materials issues which has affected projects. Dan asked if there's other projects that are in the same situation as the Hwy 67 project. Marcello said not that he's aware of for CalTrans. Dan said that separating out broadband is a positive development for the project. Improves social equity and increases communication for people in Ramona. Dan understands the delay and reason for it. Can they give an idea as to when the project would be completed, or when

the temporary project would be completed? Marcello said they're looking at starting the micro surfacing project within the next month. With work starting sometime in July 2021. The intention is to hold the pavement from Highland Valley Rd. to Hwy 78 through the winter until the major pavement work is done. They've scheduled the main project to start in the first part of April 2022. Since they are working at night, they have to be aware of the temperature. The project is 210 working days, each month is 20 working days, so it'd take about 10.5 months. Figuring what it'll take to do the fiber optics. The end of construction would be the end of 2023, if there aren't any changes. It's possible that the 210 days may take longer. The single bidder thinks the work would take 15 months. They intend to begin work on project in April 2022. One concern for them is the price of oil as it's related to the price of paving.

Lynn Hopewell asked about the status on Mt. Woodson trail sign. Marvin Canton said the email was forwarded to that department. He'll check with them and see what they have to say.

Robin Joy Maxson let Marvin know that the letters captured the attention of community. Robin said he was going to create a presentation regarding the work and asked where they were on that. Marvin apologized for the fact that the presentation hasn't been posted. His team has to get approval prior to posting. They've submitted the second draft to lawyers and then it goes to others before it's signed off. Robin, so when community call's she can tell them when it'll be up. Marvin doesn't want to give a timeframe. Had hoped it'd be at the end of this month, but that won't happen. He'll check up on the status and share that information when he has it. Marvin said to have community members call them. Robin wants community to know there's a place to go for information. Robin let Marcello Peinado know we're so glad that they're doing a mini-improvement on the stretch of road from Highland Valley to Hwy 78. Robin asked Marvin on the larger Hwy 67 improvement project if she's a driver on Hwy 67, how far into the future can they see a center divide to prevent a head-on collision. Will it be 2035? Marvin said one of the things they're doing is looking at where they can start first. The environmental study will show some of that information.

7. Presentations from public on non-agenda items. None

8. Update on Zoom meetings with SANDAG Mayors

Dan Summers gave an update on Zoom meetings with the mayors. The team had a meeting with Mayor John Minto from Santee and that leaves us with four mayors to go. We're not getting responses from Serge Dedina - Imperial Beach, Mayor Alejandra Stel-Solis - National City, Peter Weiss - Oceanside and Mayor Todd Gloria - San Diego. Dan suggested that we discontinue our effort. However, Mayor Gloria did offer to have us meet with one of his staff members. Dan is still pursuing that. As for the others we've found a dry well. Robin Joy Maxson said specifically the three mayors that haven't met with us. We had a recommendation from another mayor to talk about our communities needs and further remedy safety in Ramona. Mention that we've met with 12 mayors' but we were unable to meet with the mayors from Imperial Beach, National City, Oceanside and San Diego. Dan said that Mayor Mark Arapostathis - La Mesa declined meeting with us. Robin said that since we do have an offer to meet with Mayor Gloria's staff should move forward with that. Dan is going to move forward to meeting with a representative from Mayor Gloria's office. Dan mentioned Supervisor Joel Anderson but doesn't believe he's part of SANDAG. Robin said she has met with him. Dan thinks it wouldn't hurt to speak with him briefly and talk about Hwy 67 it'd be constructive. Especially since we have new information. Robin the new information would be great to provide to Supervisor Anderson. Dan said if Robin believes he's informed and good to go, can forgo meeting with him. Robin believes we should have periodic check-ins with him, so he knows that we're concerned about the safety of Ramona residents. Dan said he can share with him about the mayor's we've met

with. Robin thinks it'll be good information for him to have so he knows what's happening. Dan will contact Supervisor Anderson about meeting with updated information.

9. Update on downtown traffic calming measures

Dan Summers asked Marvin Canton about this. Marvin said Ross Cather is retiring at the end of June 2021. Dan last time they talked to Ross he suggested that now is the opportunity to incorporate the downtown measures into the big project on Hwy 67. What does Marvin suggest we communicate on those issues and negotiate and find out what we can do. Marvin shared that there will be an acting chief that he wants to meet with us and hear from us, so they can get on board. Marcello Peinado and Marvin will champion this, so it gets on the plan. Once they have interim chief, he'll introduce them to us, and we can share our concerns with them.

Dan with the new replacement for Ross Cather, we'll incorporate some if not all of the community plan and see if we can get that to be part of the Hwy 67 improvement.

10. Resume attending SANDAG public meetings

Dan Summers said it's his intention to begin attending and sharing information once the County clears meeting in person again. It's his intention to begin attending and share the information. Robin Joy Maxson said he certainly can go. Dan asked Robin if they are meeting in person. Robin thinks it's a hybrid where you can either meet in person or via Zoom. Dan thinks attending in person provides opportunity to meet. They have two meetings, 1) general and 2) transportation. It's his intention to attend both.

11. Future agenda items

Marvin Canton update on Hwy 67 work.

12. Concerns of members - None

13. Establish date of next meeting – next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 6pm.

14. Adjournment – motion to adjourn made by Lynn Hopewell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Joy Maxson. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.