

Ramona Community Planning Group  
Ramona State Routes Subcommittee  
Ramona Community Center  
434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, California 92065

Final Meeting Minutes 8-25-21

1. Call to order – meeting called to order by Dan Summers at 6:07pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Elio Noyas
3. Establish a quorum – have a quorum with five
4. Determination of members present.  
Attendees: Lynn Hopewell, Robin Joy Maxson, Elio Noyas, Maya Phillips, and Dan Summers  
Absent: Torry Brean and Debbie Foster
5. Motion to approve order of the agenda – motion made by Robin Joy Maxon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn Hopewell. Motion approved 5-0-0-2 (Torry Brean and Debbie Foster absent)
6. Approval of minutes from July 28, 2021 – Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Lynn Hopewell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Summers. Motion approved 5-0-0-2 (Torry Brean and Debbie Foster absent)
7. Monthly update from Mr. Marvin Canton  
Marvin Canton provided an update on the following items:
  - a. Shoulder improvement at Mina De Oro – Marvin said his understanding is they're hoping to get that over by September. It's a project that was put together by district manager. Could widen shoulder in that area in the event of an emergency. That's supposed to begin mid-September. Work will be Monday – Friday with one-way traffic control.

Dan Summer said his concern is that this improvement might take the place of the big improvement to State Route 67, i.e., the San Vicente Corridor improvement. Robin Joy Maxson said we don't want anything that will keep the Hwy 67 work to be eliminated. Marvin said they're still moving forward with the environmental study for Hwy 67, and they're still proposing the 4-lane widening. Robin said she understands what his goal is and that it's in line with our goal. She knows that projects are pulled for various reasons. The community is concerned that this would be an out to not do the Hwy 67 widening work. Marvin, that would be for his director, Victor. For him it doesn't affect what they're doing in regards to the Hwy 67 overall project. It's a maintenance project. It's just to provide additional width in that area. The group doing Mina de Oro aren't looking at the full Hwy 67 project. Dan so Marvin understands our concern that this shoulder project becomes the final solution for Hwy 67. It's happening at a critical point. Marvin, your going to have environmental documents. Have 85% of the population using Hwy 67 to evacuate, with 15% either staying at home or going down another road. Robin, when they're doing the modeling are they allowing for tourists that in area on weekend. Marvin

said that's one of the theories, the type of vehicles. The other model is saying Hwy 78 isn't available and now they're evacuating down Hwy 67. What will work. Dan shared that San Diego County has the most horses per capita. And most of those horses live in Ramona. There will be more horse trailers coming in and out. If something like that breaks down need to have a place where they can go. Marvin understands our concern.

b. Update on bid process for major resurfacing project –

Dan Summers asked if there's been any progress on the bid process. Marvin Canton said no they're still redoing the plans. Unfortunately, since they only had one bidder, the engineers had to go back and look at things again. They're still working on it and following the original schedule. Will check with manager and send information to Dan.

Dan said Marvin had done improvement from Carnation to 10<sup>th</sup>. Which has solved a lot of the problems. Asked Marvin to let group that worked on this project how much we appreciate what they've done.

Elio Noyas brought up the road just north of Poway Rd on Hwy 67 where they did a project placing a pipeline under the road. There's a bad dip in that area. It's like hitting a speed bump. At some point this becomes a hazard, especially when we start getting rain. Is this scheduled to be repaired? Marvin Canton said he'll get information about rehab job and they have to meet certain guidelines when doing work like that. It's supposed to show an improvement to the road. If Elio will send him an email regarding this so it's official. Dan said it sounds like this issue can't wait until the major rehab project. It needs to be taken right away. Marvin said once they go through all the steps the rehab project may have already started.

c. Update on PTE letters – 3<sup>rd</sup> round of letters.

Marvin Canton shared that they've received a total of 239 responses. For Section 6 from Archie Moore to Highland Valley Rd. they have about 75% response for access. So good turnout. They'll be sending additional letters again to those that haven't responded yet. If no response after that will see if a more legal letter needs to be sent. Marvin will need to check with his team. Dan Summers asked if Marvin has any information on percentage for Section 1? Marvin said not on the borders but on the parcel. For Segment 1 still a lot pending. One parcel is very big. If looking from west side has all the parcels he needs. Dan asked if there are where they expected to be? Marvin said they're in better shape than they thought they'd be. They just got one for 130 parcels. The process is going back and forth between Marvin and property owners. Segment 5 is looking good on the top portion but not the bottom. Dan said that Marvin mentioned a legal option, when might that come into play? Marvin said give it till mid-September. Another three weeks. Some days they'll get 40 parcels in and another day they won't get any. Marvin the legal part is the last resort.

8. Update on meetings with SANDAG mayors
  - a. Met with National City Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis on August 13, 2021. Dan Summers shared that we met with Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis. The meeting went more than 30 minutes, and Mayor Sotelo-Solis was very receptive to what we talked about. Mayor Sotelo-Solis didn't know much about Ramona. Dan told Mayor Sotelo-Solis more about Ramona than she knew. Included in the discussion was Social Justice, Native American tribes, safety and evacuation issues, electric care revolution and how that won't impact climate change. Mayor Sotelo-Solis was receptive and asked questions. Her perspective on Hwy 67 changed. Robin Joy Maxson said she agreed as she now knows who live in Ramona. Lynn Hopewell said it appeared to her that the Mayor Sotelo-Solis supports the Hwy 67 work.
  - b. Pending meeting with Keith Corry, San Diego Mayor Garcia representative. Dan Summers shared that Keith Corry has handed off the meeting to Dion Akers and he and Dan spoke. Robin Joy Maxson and Dan met with Dion Akers and told them about what we'd like. Dion comes to Ramona frequently and is aware of issues we're talking about. Need Dion to communicate the need to the San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria. Dion will convey the need. Dan let Dion know we're available if Mayor Gloria would like to meet.

We didn't meet with three mayors. They are La Mesa Mayor Mark Arapostathis, who's not interested in meeting with us, Imperial Beach Mayor Serge Dedina and Oceanside Mayor Esther C. Sanchez. Dan made multiple calls and sent emails to Imperial Beach Mayor Dedina with no response, spoke to secretary but Mayor Dedina never got back to Dan for a meeting. Same is true of Oceanside Mayor Esther C. Sanchez. Dan believes we don't need to speak with those mayors as we met with 18 mayors which gave us an opportunity to put a face to the issue.

9. SANDAG accepting commentaries on road project priority at [clerkoftheboard@sandag.org](mailto:clerkoftheboard@sandag.org).

10. Concerns of members

Elio Noyas brought up the San Vicente project that was done 2 years ago. Coming up to Warnock there's surface repair that's been done badly. In June one of the projects was Ramona Oaks, they stopped short of a number of pot holes. They did that and fixed it. Saw some weird spots, and it just got fixed. Not sure what happened they went in and ground the road down and resealed. Now there's a lot of splotches on the road and a number of residents are complaining about it. At a crosswalk for James Dukes, they put in lights on the ground and it was all covered up and now they're redoing it. Why redoing the whole thing again? Who coordinated that?

Dan Summers has a concern about article Andrew Keats wrote about funding for SANDAG and their projects. Due to covid instead of having funds from Transnet the funds have been reduced to 18 million. The article is confusing as it doesn't list projects cut or that made it through. Dan attempted to call Andrew and never got a return call. Dan this was a funding source that was drying up with TransNet, but this article said there's a lot of projects being dropped. The article didn't mention State of Federal funding for projects. It only addressed the TransNet funding. Elio

said that at time the article was written things that the 8 million will be more as everything is projected.

11. Future agenda items
  - a. State Routes Strategy Discussion
  - b. Marvin Canton presentations
12. Date of next meeting – September 29, 2021.
13. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Lynn Hopewell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elio Noyas. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm