

Ramona Community Planning Group
Ramona State Routes Subcommittee
FINAL Meeting Minutes for
June 29, 2022
Teleconference Meeting

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1. Call to order – meeting called to order by Dan Summers at 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Torry Brean
3. Establish attendance and a quorum
Attendees: Torry Brean, Lynn Hopewell, Robin Joy Maxon, Elio Noyes, Maya Phillips, and Dan Summers
Absent: Deb Foster
4. Assign taking of minutes – Lynn Hopewell volunteered
5. Approval of the order of the agenda – motion made by Dan Summers to move Items 10 and 11 and combine with Item 8, 2nd by Torry Brean. Motion approved 6-0-0-1 (Deb Foster absent).
6. Approval of minutes from 6/1/22 – Motion to approve minutes as presented by Lynn Hopewell, 2nd by Maya Phillips, Motion carried 6-0-0-1 (Deb Foster absent)
7. Identify public speakers – Steve Maze – here to discuss Mussey Grade and Hwy 67. Dan Summers let him know that RSRS and CalTrans is listening. Steve said he attended several months ago regarding interchange and what was a dangerous intersection. Unfortunately, there was an accident with a fatality at the intersection. His question is for CalTrans, what do we need to do to get a controlled intersection, i.e., a traffic signal. Dan shared the process for a traffic signal is a multi-year procedure with a lot of study and we'll be getting into that shortly. Invited him to remain on line for conversation. Believe we need to force them to get something started before there are additional fatalities. Dan let him know CalTrans is on the line and will be discussed.
8. Monthly update from Caltrans on status of State Route projects/Marvin Canton and Sam Amen
Sam Amen is the new director for Hwy 67 project and is Marvin's boss. Sam thanked Marvin and the RSRS subcommittee. He's honored to serve our community. He hopes he's able to help the community and make sensible changes. Looking forward to meeting us in person. First day on job is July 1, 2022. He's sure Marvin is doing a great job. Hopes that

between both of them can do changes for the community. Dan said as the chair for the subcommittee he's been working with Marvin for several years and that Marvin is prompt and does his best to facilitate the information to us and commends him.

a. SVC Multimodal Project EIR progress

The EIR report is progressing. Marvin shared that they're still doing biological studies, identifying where retaining walls will be situated in the next few months, moving forward they have three alternatives to for the road build, additional lanes, bike path, and turn lanes. Dan said that this is first time that retaining walls have been mentioned, where will they be considered. Marvin said they're running their models to identify thru standards, there are several locations that will impact properties and retaining walls will be built. Anywhere 500' away, bring in retaining wall for minimal impact to property owner. Balance environment and impact to people's property. Models are being run right now, for south and northbound directions. Doesn't have specific locations at this time. Dan asked when the locations are determined will Marvin let us know as soon as possible. Marvin said yes, won't be able to give information on property owners. Later on, when they share exhibit that will show where retaining walls will be. Robin asked if these are strictly to hold back materials not as a sound barrier. Marvin, not sound barriers, more to stay within a certain footprint without affecting other properties.

b. Progress on repaving SR 67

Marvin went out to bid and contractor decided on, first working day will be mid-July. Victor Mercado may be construction engineer for project. Marvin will give us that information when he has it. Right now they're working in coordination with PIO and ? group. Working with CalFire and others to ensure we have emergency access during construction.

c. Progress on Mina De Oro

Dan said they've made progress, paving but still places to connect. Marvin said the last email he received they're finalizing and should be done at the end of July. Next step is the punch list where designers will go out and make sure everything has been done. Appreciate our patience on this project.

d. It was agreed at the 6/1/22 RSRS meeting that the intersection of Mussey Grade Road and SR 67 cannot be delayed until the repaving

project. Dan to report on contact with Marvin Canton. (Moved from item 10)

Dan Summers said as Mr. Maze pointed out there has been a fatal accident since our original discussion. The surface at that intersection is so bad that we think it needs to be addressed immediately and not wait until the resurfacing project when that intersection comes up. Dan spoke to Marvin, and he was going to send information to his superiors. Dan said the solutions were 1) we could do a temporary resurfacing similar to what was done near The Livery, Boll Weevil Restaurant and Cheers. CalTrans came out and did that in lieu of the full resurface. Do a temporary resurfacing and painting, 2) Marvin suggested contacting the contractor that's doing the repaving and possibly see if they could start in that area. Marvin said not us contact them, but Marvin would contact. When the information on accidents/fatalities is sent to Marvin an investigation is done. They send back the information, CalTrans doesn't dictate when the project starts. Based on the study can suggest they start in a certain location. Has no additional information as this time. Sam Amen said the process takes the number of accidents/fatalities that then triggers an analysis, but that's not it. Sometimes when they get complaints that will trigger an action too. So, they start the process for the system to trigger itself. Technically the solution they're proposing doesn't solve the problem. Have to see what caused the accident and come out with one or two solutions. May not align with contract, they can do a change order. Have to wait for an investigation to be completed, if not a safety project, will proceed with current project agenda. Mr. Maze asked how long that process would take? Sam said 2-3 weeks. Lynn Hopewell shared that she'd been through that intersection recently going both directions and the condition of the pavement is horrible with ruts in the pavement and it's uneven. Why can't the pavement be repaired like it was near The Livery, Boll Weevil and Cheers? Marvin said part of the issue is an existing order for the project. Hope the traffic accident report will move the project forward. Marvin doesn't have the full schedule. So, work will have to wait since the project has already been awarded. Dan said from the RSRS and RCPG point of view the situation at Mussy Grade is the same as the condition that was done near The Livery, Boll Weevil and Cheers, that CalTrans fixed. All we're asking for is that CalTrans come out and fix the road, temporarily, or if the contractor will do that intersection first. Want to do by whatever means that's available. Sam said what he was talking about was a signal, etc. If the condition

is bad, will do something about it. As to whether they can do with contractor or maintenance. Not sure when the work will start if it's a long time will need to do something. Dan said that's our request and a reasonable request. Complimented CalTrans on fixing the road near The Livery, Boll Weevil and Cheers last year. Hope to resolve as soon as possible. Torry Brean said he likes the direction this is taking. He would be remiss if he didn't mention the human element, the man that died was an immigrant to our country. Torry has known him his entire life and the man would be out working in his yard when Torry came home from school. Believes that someone in the community knows someone that has died on the road. Torry wanted to remind everyone that there's a human element and that Ramona residents feel this deeply. Steve Maze thanked Torry for his comments. Dan stopped Steve and said he doesn't have floor. Elio Noyas said wasn't it last summer that they shut down from Arco to Poway Rd/Mina de Oro during the evenings and nights. Yet they skipped paving that area and now we're talking about going back and doing it. Why was it skipped in the first place? Dan believes the repaving project last year from Ellie Lane never extended further west than Archie Moore. Never included Mussy Grade. Torry said that the resurfacing was from Archie Moore to Mt. Woodson and was a State project. Marvin said he would have to check with the maintenance division about what was done, and the sections that were done.

- e. Directional signs to Mt. Woodson hikers cannot wait for parking lot construction which has been delayed. Because of both the need and the delay, we cannot afford to wait for the completion of the parking lots. (Moved from item 11)

Dan Summers said he and Marvin Canton discussed this. Dan said people are concerned about the lack of signage to the Mt. Woodson hiking trail. Apparently, there are plans to put in signs with the construction of the new parking lots. But now there's a delay in the parking lots and we feel there cannot be a delay in the posting of signs, we can't wait any longer. Marvin said since it's already been delayed since it's a County project. Would need to check with the traffic team and check with the work load. Was to take place with parking lot construction. Dan said we still have the situation where people coming to hike and are coming at speed and have to figure out where they are to go. Requesting signage that directs hikers to the trailhead be installed sooner rather than later. Lynn Hopewell shared that during the Mt. Woodson parking lot meeting that the County said they had to get a right of way to install signs. Marvin said

he needed to talk with the Mt. Woodson Hiking Trail Parking Lot Project Coordinator and see if they can do something about the signage.

f. Progress on “Welcome to Ramona” sign

Marvin Canton turned this over to Sam Amen. Sam said there are many types of funds, divisional/SANDAG if they have design ready, they can do within a year, second way is from County to develop the funding and can use and bring it in for design. Can bring in with current project or stand alone, add to Clean CA fund, had a discussion with them and talked about location and they asked for cost, didn't know if community has started anything. Would put it on the wait list, which would move it up. If there's an application for the sign Sam can push it through, want to see what it looks like and that it's safe. They review the design, approve, then next step is funding. Thinks both processes can be from the community. Can't have maintenance agreement with community group, while we are doing this have to bring County in with CalTrans for maintenance. Need to work on funding, design, and community exception from CalTrans. Dan thanked him for clarity. Robin Joy Maxson said the signage we're talking about is signage across the road, is that correct? Sam it's whatever we want, if it's across the highway need to protect columns so vehicles don't hit them. They would work with us on that once they have design. Robin said so if we have a sketch, we've put together she can send to Marvin so they can start that process and be on the wait list. Marvin said yes. Robin said that makes sense as there is a design that has been developed that can be sent to Marvin. Marvin said that's great can provide to him and it can be on the wait list.

9. SVC Multimodal Project Draft Proposal

a. Report on proposal from Dan Summers

Dan Summers went to SANDAG and had a copy of the document printed up. He has started reading and he's taking notes and intends to make a report at the next RCPG meeting. Dan shared some of his notes; the regional and state local contributors to the plan include: SANDAG 2020 regional plan, the CA regional plan year 2050, the CA climate action plan, CalTrans corridor planning process plan and local plan. There are 107,000 people that will be impacted by the corridor. Contributing organizations are CalTrans, SANDAG, SD County, NCTD (North County Transit District), City of Poway. Some interesting things he came across 3.3% of population uses bikes, are walkers or people riding horses. The vast majority of the plan addresses issues

toward the 3.3% not the 96.7% of the people using the roads. He'll be prepared for the planning group meeting. Dan asked if anyone else has checked out the document? No one has read the document.

- b. Request for public and Planning Group member comments. Go to San Vicente Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan CMCP. There you will have access to the draft plan in English and a place for your input.
10. Concerns of members - None
11. Future agenda items
 - Mt. Woodson Trail Signage
 - Repair of Mussy Grade and Hwy 67 intersection
 - Ramona sign over Main St.
12. Date of next meeting – next meeting will be July 27, 2022, at 6pm
13. Adjourn – motion to adjourn made by Elio Noyas, 2nd by Lynn Hopewell. Motion carried 6-0-0-1 (Deb Foster absent). Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.