

Ramona Community Planning Group
Ramona State Routes Subcommittee
FINAL Meeting Minutes for
November 30, 2022
Telephonic Meeting

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1. Call to order – meeting called to order by Dan Summers at 6:10pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Elio Noyas
3. Establish a quorum and attendance
Attendees: Lynn Hopewell, Elio Noyas, Maya Phillips, and Dan Summers
Absent: Torry Brean, Deb Foster and Robin Joy Maxson
4. Assign taking of minutes – Lynn Hopewell volunteered
5. Approval of the order of the agenda – motion to approve order of agenda made by Elio Noyas, 2nd by Maya Phillips. Motion carried 4-0-0-3 (Torry Brean, Deb Foster and Robin Joy Maxson absent).
6. Approval of the 10/26/22 minutes – motion to approve minutes as presented made by Lynn Hopewell, 2nd by Maya Phillip. Motion carried 4-0-0-3 (Torry Brean, Deb Foster and Robin Joy Maxson absent).
7. Recognize members of the public who wish to speak on matters
Within the jurisdiction of the RSRS, but not on tonight's agenda - None
8. Monthly update from Caltrans on SR 67 and SR 78 projects – Cynthia Hoffman-Paz, Sam Amen, and Steve Welborn, with CalTrans attending
 - a. Update on repaving SR 67 project
Dan Summers introduced Cynthia Hoffman-Paz who is Marvin Canton's replacement. He also introduced Sam Amen and Steve Welborn from CalTrans.
Since Cynthia is new to this project, they have no update. Dan asked if Steve or Sam have an update. Sam said for the main project he talked to Victor, but he didn't get back to Sam. Said some work has been done, repaving and stripping at Mussy Grade and Hwy 67 which is interim until signal is installed and actual paving takes place. Dan said he believes that contract starts next year in April in Lakeside. We know they've been working on guardrails. Every month we ask if there's any update on the project. Is there news on that. Sam doesn't have the complete schedule, going to start with other work, trenching, cables, etc.

Lynn Hopewell asked about channelizers that are missing along sections of Hwy 67. Sam said he'll make a note and ask about it. Lynn also asked about what's happening regarding the guardrail closing off access to the call box and having that opened again. Dan shared that a new guardrail when done closed

off the emergency call phone area, they put up a rail in that area. Has there been notification on that. Cynthia Hoffman-Pas said she'll contact Marvin Canton about this.

Lynn Hopewell also asked about widening shoulder area south of Mina de Oro when working on Hwy 67 giving cars ample space to pull over and then merge into traffic. Dan clarified, the shoulder just south of Mina de Oro, when they come up from Lakeside are they going to enhance that area. Sam said it was designed outside their shop. Will have to look at plans and get back to us. Sam asked for exact location. Dan said there's a shoulder extension south of Mina de Oro that seems to be incomplete. Hoping that when repaving comes up that way, they would improve that area. Sam said with the big project, the project in April. Dan said yes, starting in April 2023. Want shoulder expansion improved by that April 2023 repaving job.

Elio Noyas said we asked years ago about what is the protocol for replacing the channelizers. Know they have to setup traffic control. Elio was looking for the guardrail with the call box. They put the guardrail where it's a wider area. Should, be careful where guardrails are going, need to have safe turnouts for people to pull off. With the guardrails taking valuable areas that would make it easier for evacuations. Dan let them know that they put in a guardrail on the southside of Hwy 67 that goes about 200-300 feet, it's a place where a car could pull over, if need be, that's safe and level. Now there's a guardrail blocking access to the wider should and call box. Would appreciate them looking into that.

- b. Update on Mina De Oro boulder removal – removal done on November 18, 2022.

Dan said we understand it was scheduled for removal and has been removed.

- c. Update on the requested repaving and painting of the SR 67 and Mussey Grade Road intersection within 30 days.

Dan Summers said he drove through this evening, and it looks terrific, pavement and stripping is new. Thanks for taking care of it so rapidly. Sam Amen said they started on Monday and didn't know it was completed. It's temporary until final solution found. Working on funding for the project. Once funds are procured will start the project right away. Dan said we were concerned about the deteriorated asphalt, and CalTrans came and saw the problem and agreed with us and fixed it in a timely manner. Also, they were going to put in a sign that says right turn only, until traffic signal is installed. Did they concur. Sam not sure, saw a couple emails back and forth. Steve Welborn asked are they aware of new information. They had no information but will reconvene and come back to group. From our perspective Erwin said it's a dangerous intersection. His solution was making it a right turn only. Sam will come back with better clarification from Erwin.

Lynn Hopewell brought up that at the October meeting it was mentioned that a right turn only would be installed at Mussey Grade and Hwy 67 and people

could make a U-turn at Hwy 67/Dye-Highland Valley Rd. At issue is that there's a no U-turn sign at that intersection which prohibits U-turns. Why? Sam said it's Erwin's shop. They'll confirm with him as to status of the U-turn. Dan asked that either Sam or Cynthia get back to him on this. They said once they have information will do that.

- d. Update on the timeline for downtown traffic calming projects including sidewalks and locations.

Dan Summers asked Cynthia Hoffman-Pax if she had anything on that. We're anticipating crosswalks and traffic calming in the Old Town area. Cynthia doesn't have any information on it at this time. Steve said they'll need to follow-up. Cynthia will need to meet with Marvin Canton for status. Dan said he thought it was part of Beautiful California. Know it's going to be installed, just want timeline. Cynthia will research and let us know.

- e. Follow-up on letters sent to State Representatives regarding Mussey Grade intersection. Dan said this has been resolved as it's been repaved and stripped. Dan asked if anyone had questions for CalTrans. No one had questions.

- 9. Follow-up on letters sent to SANDAG/Caltrans regarding CMCP proposal
Dan gave update, said he made a presentation at the SANDAG meeting and hasn't heard anything back yet. There's another Hwy 67 evaluation (other than CalTrans) currently underway. If it that evaluation decides that we need two more lanes on Hwy 67, then CalTrans has to abide by that. Waiting for evaluation, think it's California Highway Safety Council doing the study. We need to find out when study is completed and be notified as to what's decided. State Route 67 Improvement Project – being done by the state of CA. It's ongoing and in light of CMCP need to find out status and how to get results.
- 10. Announcements – Dan shared that a plaque is going to be presented to Tony Mecham at the Ramona Community Planning Group meeting on 12/1/22. Dan gave an overview about Tony Mecham, he's the CalFire Chief of Southern California and San Diego County and all that he's done for Ramona.
- 11. Concerns of members – None
- 12. Future agenda items – Bring forward items
- 13. Date of next meeting – December 28, 2022
- 14. Adjournment – motion to adjourn made by Lynn Hopewell, 2nd by Elio Noyas. Motion carried 4-0-0-3 (Torry Brean, Deb Foster and Robin Joy Maxson absent). Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.