

Ramona Community Planning Group
Ramona State Routes Subcommittee
Ramona Community Center
434Aqua Lane, Ramona California
6/28/23 at 6:00 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:21 by Dan Summers.
2. Elio Noyas led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. A quorum is present with Dan Summers, Elio Noyas, Torry Brean Robin Maxson, Maya Phillips, and Janelle Clark.
4. Dan Summers and Torry Brean will take minutes.
5. Approval of the order of the agenda.
Torry Brean motions to approve and Robin Maxson seconds his motion.
Motion is approved unanimously.
6. Motion to approve the minutes from 5/31/23.
Elio Noyas motions to approve and Maya Phillips seconds his motion.
Motion is approved unanimously.
7. There were no members of the public present to make statements.
8. General discussion on updates from Stephen Welborn of Caltrans on projects ongoing on SR 67 and SR 78. Updates were sent to Subcommittee members via email.
 - a. The question is why did Caltrans install a guardrail where the call box used to be. The new guardrail takes away a wide, flat shoulder that could have been used to pull off SR 67 in an emergency. We want to know the reason behind the installation. There is no update from Mr. Welborn at this time.
 - b. A general discussion ensued about the Ramona/population/elevation signs. Caltrans has agreed to install them, but we must approve the content and wording. Caltrans confirms the former signs did exist, but does not know who removed them or when. Caltrans offered two examples for our consideration. A motion was made by Torry Brean and seconded by Elio Noyas to include in the sign's wording the words, Ramona, our population and our elevation. The motion passed 5-1 with Dan Summers voting no.
9. A discussion ensued about the presentation we have scheduled with Chief Tony Mecham on Monday July 17th at 1:00 pm at the SD County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa. Invitees include myself, Casey Lynch and Torry Brean. We are limited due to the Brown Act.

Dan- It is our goal to present the entire 35 year history of the SR 67 issue and not only the safety and evacuation issues. Decision makers should be aware of all the aspects of this saga.

A discussion ensued as to where we want SR 67 expanded to four lanes. A motion was made by Elio Noyas and seconded by Robin Maxson to expand SR 67 to four lanes from Highland Valley Road/Dye Road to Scripps Poway Parkway. In that segment there are sections that are 2,3, and 4 lanes. During a mass evacuation the two-lane sections become a bottlenecks that pose the greatest factor in dangerous evacuation congestion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Dan- Will measure the individual 2,3,and four lane portions and report.

The topic of crosswalks was then discussed.

Dan- Raised, stamped concrete crosswalks are scheduled to be installed at 7th And 10th streets by the end of July.

Dan- We have crosswalks approved for 7th and 10th streets, so why not 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th?

Robin- The stated goal is a “walkable Village”.

Dan- There is a large population of students that live on the north side of Main Street that must cross Main Street to attend school.

Torry- As a planning group, our responsibility is to prepare for the future needs of the Community. It is generally agreed that the recreation facilities at Wellfield Park are going to expand and we should make safe access to the park a priority with regional crosswalks.

Elio- We should explore the availability of grants to pay for sidewalks if necessary. Torry Brean agreed with concept.

Dan- I explored the possibility of support from the RUSD on the sidewalk issue because they enhance safety for students. The initial response from the School Board President was negative.

A motion was made by Torry and seconded by Elio for the RSRS Subcommittee to support sidewalks at 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th Streets in addition to the ones already approved at 7th and 10th. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no announcements, concerns of members, or new agenda items.

Next meeting date 8/2/23

Motion to adjourn by Elio, seconded by Maya, passed unanimously at 7:32 pm