

Ramona Community Planning Group: Transportation & Trails Minutes

August 29, 2023: 7 pm

434 Aqua Lane, Ramona CA

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance 7:02

2. Determination of Members present & quorum= In attendance: Joe Cahak, Dawn Perfect, Lynn Hopewell, Ken Brenneke. Guests: Jim Bolz (county), Cheryl Wegner (Ramona Trails Assoc), Anita & Richard Wang, Sean Herron Absent: Peggy Brannen, Jackie Stadler, Matt Rains. This is at least the 3rd consecutive absence for these members, thus they will be replaced.

3. Approval of April 2023 minutes. **Motion to approve Lynn/Joe. Unanimous.**

4. Jim Bolz: County Road Resurfacing: 47 miles resurfaced. Year 6 & 7 are 14 more miles. Joe Cahak commented that he'd like the county to consider 3rd Street to Vista Ramona.

5. Review County Capital Improvement List (CIP). County staff to report (Information Only). Jim Bolz reviewed some of the items on the CIP list that was distributed via Kristi. The county has a new public input opportunity called PODS (Policy Outreach Data Section). More information to follow. The update info is contained in the attached CIP list. Of important note: Jim doesn't have information about the Dye Road phased improvement plan. Jim will look for work done before, but if the community has any of the documents they are encouraged to provide them.

Additionally, there is a CDBG project approved for funding to install sidewalks along a portion of D Street near Ramona Elementary, 9th Street to 13th Street.

6. Presentation of concept for roundabout to circumnavigate shopping center in SDCE  
Presentation by Joe Cahjak (member). (Discussion/Possible action)

The concept is to create a large roundabout with the shopping center in the middle. Traffic would keep moving without stops, right turns only. There is no road on the back side of the shopping center, the county would need to acquire land, deal with any environmental issues, design and construct the road.

Comments from members: Ken is disturbed by the huge roundabout & opines that the county should have traffic engineers review the concept. He is concerned about private property acquisition. Lynn appreciates the desire to slow traffic, but the roundabout will not be easy to adjust to. It is important to consider traffic will just speed up after exiting the roundabout. Lynn believes that signals are more effective for safe turns.

Public comment: Richard Wang - people will continue to use Arena to avoid a roundabout at Gunn Stage. Anita Wang - Questioned future use of the property that would be acquired for the new road section. Joe stated there are environmental sensitivities so no houses would be built.

**Motion: Recommend to the RCPG that the county evaluate the roundabout option.**

**Ken/Lynn. Unanimous.**

7. APN 279-121-52, proposal to vacate an IOD for public highway that encumbers a portion of the applicants' property. DPW has made the following determination and supports the vacation. Staff recommends concurrence on the proposed road vacation of IOD traversing APN 279-121-52 in Ramona because: There does not appear to be a "present or prospective public use" (CA Streets and Highways Code Section 8324) No parcels would be landlocked. Vacation of proposed IOD/road vacation area will not impede emergency service access to any parcels. Proposed road vacation area is not part of the General Plan Mobility Element network. No other identified public facilities (e.g. culverts) within the proposed road vacation area needed for public road maintenance. IOD/vacation area is not within a General Plan Trail or Trail Easement alignment. Goose Valley Trail GP Alignment runs along Lapis Lane. No floodplains/floodways identified within proposed road vacation area. No Capital Improvement Projects are near or would be affected by road vacation.

Cheryl Wegner, guest, is familiar with the area's trails and agrees that vacation isn't a problem with regard to trail alignment.

Subcommittee reviewed the location of the road segment vacation and agreed that it doesn't adversely affect mobility in that area.

**Motion: Approve the vacation. Joe/Lynn. Unanimous.**

8. Items for consideration on future agendas: Lynn asked that Equestrian Trail be examined for feasibility as a school evacuation route with consultation from RUSD. Cheryl (guest) asked that Lapis Lane Trail connectivity to the Park to Forest Trail be considered on a future agenda.

9. Adjournment 8:33 pm