

Ramona Community Planning Group: Transportation & Trails Minutes  
Ramona Community Center 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona CA  
December 5, 2023 7 pm

1. Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance 7:01 pm
2. Determination of Members present: Dawn Perfect, Joe Cahak, Cheryl Wegner.  
Absent: Lynn Hopewell (excused), Rochelle Laws (excused), Ken Brenneke  
Guests: Erica Wolski, Paul Tarr.  
No Quorum - meeting contained conversation only.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes (September 26, 2023) No Action
4. Public comment: Joe Cahak commented that the new all-way stop at Open View Rd & Vista Ramona is overkill & a mistake. No reported accidents and negatively affecting traffic flow near the bottom of the hill.
5. Traffic circulation, potential road closures, parking/sidewalk/lighting improvements in Wellfield Park (Erica Wolski, General Manager, Ramona Municipal Water District)

- Gates are proposed to secure the park when it is closed at Elm St entrance, as well as 5th Street and 2nd Street entrances. Discussion about making sure that the gates are far enough off the roadways to allow cars to turn around when they encounter a locked gate. The gate at 2nd Street would eliminate access to the RMWD parking lot that was expanded to act as a trailhead. Gates would need to be open very early in the morning, and closed fairly late at night. An additional option would be a gate near the corner of the ROCC & Famous Ramona Water. Access arrangements would need to be negotiated with Famous Ramona Water.
- There is a consideration to block access across the creek when there is significant water flow. Discussion seemed to approve, and mentioned that the current crossing was part of the California Conservation Corps work done in the community, that included the culvert that runs through town, Collier Park, and Ramona Elementary.
- Traffic circulation changes were presented that included possible one-way traffic flow.
- RMWD is considering purchase of vacant property at the corner of 5th St & A Street to use as a parking lot.
- There was conversation about the dangers at the 2nd St intersection with Hwy 78, and 5th St at Hwy 78. The group members indicated a reluctance to any plan that encouraged more exits from the 2nd St location due to vertical sight distance concerns, as well as speed of traffic approaching town on the state highway. 5th Street seemed a better exit route if RMWD intends to create one-way traffic in the park. There was discussion about the RV business on the corner which creates visual obstructions with landscaping, signs, and parked RVs, and the conversation that perhaps the business would be willing to make adjustments to create a safer situation for vehicles exiting the park.
- 6. Community member proposal for a 3-way stop at Montecito Road and Ramona Street, near apartments: Erica Wolski, community member, asked

that the RCPG review the intersection of Ramona Street & Montecito Road near the apartments. Turning visibility is restricted by parked cars. Her suggestion is a 3-way stop and extending the red curb near the intersection to enhance visibility for traffic. The group expressed an interest in the county evaluating the intersection to determine safety improvements that could be implemented.

7. Items for consideration on a future agenda: Joe Cahak would like the county to improve drainage on San Vicente Road near the sewer treatment plant.

8. Adjournment 8:04 pm