

**Ramona Community Planning Group
Ramona State Routes Subcommittee
Final Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 7th, 2026
at 6:00 pm Ramona Community Center
434 Aqua Lane, Ramona Ca. 92065**

1. Call to Order - Roll Call - 6:05 pm.

Present: Torry Brean, Jim Cooper, Robin Joy Maxson, Maya Phillips.

Absent: Janelle Clark, Elio Noyas until 6:10 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Robin Joy Maxson

3. Approval of Minutes

a. 11/5/2025 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve meeting minutes of 11/5/2025 as presented.

First: Torry Brean. Second: Maya Phillips.

Motion Passed: 4-0-0-2

Ayes: Torry Brean, Jim Cooper, Robin Joy Maxson, Maya Phillips.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Janelle Clark, Elio Noyas until 6:10 pm.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None.

Opportunity for members of the public to speak to Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on posted agenda. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes.

5. Action Items:

a. Informational: Ramona Sheriff update to Subcommittee on law enforcement activity to increase safety on SRs 67 and 78.

-Ramona Sheriff Lt. Scott Roller provided an update on traffic enforcement. December 2026 traffic enforcement statistics for SR 67 overall: 61 traffic stops, 15 citations, and 1 DUI arrest. December 2026 traffic enforcement statistics for Ramona only: 131 traffic stops, 34 pedestrian contacts, and 28 citations (criminal). Deputies are being pro-active. A reserve deputy works traffic enforcement on their freetime (unpaid) to increase safety. -Subcommittee questioned emergency access to the community when SR 67 is closed in both directions. Lt. Roller reported that during the most recent road closure that vehicles such as ambulances were given special passage.

b. Informational: Caltrans update to Subcommittee on status of SRs 67 and 78 improvements. -Caltrans update by Tyler Hicks via email:

A. SR-67 – We are still analyzing the possible alternatives and are working on the Draft Project Report and Draft Environmental Document, which we anticipate being completed in Summer 2026.

B. SR-78 – We are nearing the Ready to List (RTL) milestone of the project, which then leads to the Advertisement milestone so contractors can bid and the project awarded. RTL is currently scheduled for March 2026 and Advertisement in June 2026.

C. Mussey Grade – We are still analyzing the possible alternatives and remain committed to having a meeting. Currently, we do not have a specific date. However, we would like more information on the location proposed by Erica at the last RLC meeting, which I believe is a Water District facility the community is familiar with?

c. Discussion/Possible Action: Status of SR 67 Highway Improvements Project.

-Subcommittee discussed the rate of progress on SR 67 improvements and made the following motion:

Motion to recommend to the Ramona Community Planning Group to communicate the urgency of moving SR 67 improvements forward as lives continue to be lost.

First: Robin Joy Maxson. Second: Jim Cooper.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0-1

Ayes: Torry Brean, Jim Cooper, Robin Maxson, Elio Noyas, Maya Phillips.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Janelle Clark.

d. Discussion/Possible Action: Status of SRs 67/78 Main Street traffic calming measures.

-Caltrans update by Tyler Hicks via email:

A. Crosswalks – A crosswalk at 6th will not be justified due to its proximity to the crosswalk at 7th. The possibility for a crosswalk at 5th is going to depend on the results of a traffic study a third party would need to fund showing a volume of utilization that would be present as if a new residential/commercial location were going in. Caltrans is not opposed to the continued discussion, but the traffic study showing a warranted amount of foot traffic due to a new development would be the next step. As it stands now, there is not enough foot traffic to warrant a crosswalk.

1. Daylighting – The amount of space required by the new daylighting laws would be insufficient to support the pedestrian refuge. Additional parking spaces would be lost. A further discussion into this aspect would be dependent upon the results of Ramona's traffic study.

B. Westbound Speeding – The SR-78 project is maintaining the existing speed limit signs with one sign panel being replaced with the same size. There will be new speed limit pavement markings adjacent to the existing speed limit signs as follows:

2. Eastbound: between 5th/6th St. and between 9th/10th St

3. Westbound: between 4th/5th St. and just before 2nd St This is the next step in the progression of traffic calming measures. Caltrans will monitor the effectiveness of this enhancement and community feedback will also be valuable. -Subcommittee discussed previous requests to Caltrans for alert strips and flashing speeding signs. Will request Caltrans update the subcommittee on status of these traffic calming devices.

e. Discussion/Possible Action: Develop recommendations for the RCPG to consider including funding needs for additional traffic enforcement.

-Subcommittee took no action.

6. Group Business:

a. Announcements and Correspondence Received - None.

Discussion Items:

1. Concerns of members - Subcommittee member Jim Cooper announced he would no longer have time for community work and this would be his last meeting. He resigned from the Subcommittee effective immediately.

2. Future agenda items - None.

b. Next meeting - March 4, 2026 7.

Adjournment - 7:00 pm.