Valley Center Community Planning Group
PO Box 127 Valley Center CA 92082
Notice of Regular Meeting; Agenda
November 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center, CA 92082

A. Roll Call

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meetings of October 9, 2017

D. Public Communication/Open Forum

Members of the public may address the Planning Group on any topic not on the agenda. There is a three-minute time limit per speaker unless otherwise negotiated with the Chair. Planning Group cannot discuss or vote on topic but may place the item on a future agenda. Speakers are encouraged to complete a Request to Speak form prior to the start of the meeting.

E. Action items (VCCPG advisory vote may be taken on the following items).

The agenda is available to members prior to regular meetings through email distribution and is also available for public review at the same time at the Valley Center Community Hall. Hardcopy documents for public review will also be made available at the regular meetings.

1) VCCPG vote to approve or deny attached letter for CDBG road improvement request by Chair that had to be submitted prior to this meeting. (Smith)

2) Discussion Item – attached email to Robert Fuller from Chair regarding Valley Center concerns with Giro di San Diego bicycle race on 22Oct2017 (Smith).

3) Discussion and possible recommendation vote on Honorary Bridge Naming for Valley Center Bridges. Please see attached documentation. (Smith)

4) Discussion of Highway to the Stars signage rollout and mini ceremony scheduled November 18th after drive up to Palomar Observatory (Smith).

5) Discussion only on recent activity regarding Williams Riviera Ranch Estates residential properties behind the North Village commercial area. (Quinley)

6) Discussion and possible recommendation vote on PDS2017-TM-5087TE Orchard Run Time Extension. Planning and Development Services is preparing to take the project to the Planning Commission as an informational item in the next few month and was requesting any comments or concerns from the CPG to be provided before that time. PDS received the PDS 534 form showing that the VCCPG discussed Orchard Run and had no objections but it did not include a vote. Pursuant to Board Policy I-1 the group shall complete its review, write its recommendation, and forward it to the Department of Planning & Development Services pursuant to Form #534 so that the recommendation can be included in transmittal of the project correspondence/staff report to the project applicant and the applicable hearing body or officer. Please see attached documentation. (Vick)

7) Discussion only of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application. The Project seeks to formalize a corridor access management strategy for Valley Center Road from Woods Valley Road to Cole Grade Road. This area encompasses two planned “village” developments projected by the County General Plan and Valley Center Community Plan. The access management strategy will focus on intersection control, safe ingress and egress from minor stress, and evaluate transportation operations from a safety perspective of all road users, including people walking, biking, on horseback, and driving. Please see attached documentation. (Smith)

F. Group Business

1) Meeting Updates: Next Regular Monthly VCCPG meeting: December 11, 2017

2) Nominations and Applications: Announcement of resignation of VCCPG member Mary Gaines in Seat # 13, current term expiring January 1, 2021, initiation of nomination process to fill the vacancy. (Fajardo)
G. Reports of subcommittees of the VCCPG

a. Mobility – (Claire Plotner, Chair)

b. Community Plan Update – (Steve Hutchison, Chair)

c. Member Training (Oliver Smith, Chair)

d. Nominations – (Susan Fajardo, Chair)

e. North Village – (Ann Quinley, Chair)

f. Parks & Rec. – (LaVonne Norwood, Chair)

g. South Village - (Jon Vick, Chair)

h. Tribal Liaison – (Jean Boulos, Chair)

i. Website – (Ashly Mellor, Chair)

j. Solar Projects - (Oliver Smith, Chair)

k. Lilac Plaza - (Ann Quinley, Chair)

H. Correspondence Received for the November 2017 meeting

1) Planning and Development Services to VCCPG via mail 10/12/2017; PDS2016-TPM-21248 Banuelos TPM. This project involves a lot split on property located at Cole Grade Road and Vista Real; Owners are Raymundo and Rosa Banuelos at rib@rbsconcrete.com or 760-750-7403; Contact person is Larry Paxton at Paxton Survey@yahoo.com. The proponent proposes dividing 4.81 acre property into two parcels of 2 acres or larger. Access will be from Cole Grade Road over an existing driveway. The project will allow each parcel to have its own dwelling unit. (Janisch, MacKenzie)

2) Planning and Development Services to VCCPG via mail 10/12/2017; PDS2015-REZ-15-005 Park Circle Zone Reclassification, Tentative Map, and Major Use Permit, Land Use Agenda Item. This is a request for the Board of Supervisors (Board) to evaluate and consider a proposed Zone Reclassification, tentative map and Major Use Permit and adopt the Environmental Findings for the Park Circle Project. The Zone Reclassification requires all three permits to be approved by the Board. The Park Circle Project is located on 73.9 acres and consists of 332 single-family residences, a 4.2 commercial center, a 2.6-acre public park, 1.9 acres of private parks, and a 1.6-acre private recreational facility. (South Village)

3) San Diego County Planning Commission to VCCPG via mail 10/10/2017; Notice of Public Hearing PDS2015-POD-15-002 Climate Action Plan (CAP) - Informational Presentation. Staff will be providing an informational presentation on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategies and Measures in the draft County of San Diego Climate Action Plan. This is an information item only; no action will be taken by the Planning Commission. Friday October 20, 2017 at 9am COC Conference Center Hearing Room, 5520 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA. (Smith)

4) Historical Site Board to VCCPG via mail 10/03/2017; Notice of Public Hearing PDS2017-MAA-17-003 Snyder/Bouvet Residence; The applicant is requesting historical designation to the County’s Local Register for the Snyder/Bouvet Residence that is a one story Pueblo-Territorial Revival style adobe that was designed by silent film actress, Corinne Griffith and constructed in 1942. The Snyder/Bouvet Residence is located at 5407 Linea del Cielo, in the San Dieguito Community Plan Area, within Unincorporated San Diego County. PDS2015-REZ-15-004 Warner Springs Cultural Trust Protective Fence; The applicant is requesting a Site Plan to authorize the completion of protective fencing for the Warner Spring Cultural Preserve. The fence is located on State Route 79, along the property boundary near the Warner Springs Ranch Resort and Los Tules residential development, North Mountain Subregional Plan Area, Unincorporated San Diego County. October 16, 2017, 6:30pm. Public Hearing Chambers, 5520 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123. (Smith)

5) DPW Traffic Engineering to VCCPG via email 10/20/2018; Honorary Bridge Naming in San Diego County. The Board of Supervisors wishes to pursue honorary naming of bridges within San Diego County. Constituents within the County have expressed interest in naming bridges to honor individuals and entities from within their unincorporated communities. An Honorary Bridge Naming policy will provide an opportunity for constituents to honor an individual or entity and celebrate their community’s unique history. (Smith)

6) Planning and Development Services to VCCPG via email 10/20/2017 & 10/23/2017; CalTrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Sustainable Communities Grant Application for Valley Center Road Village Corridor Concept Plan and supporting documents from the County of San Diego. On 10/20/2017 PDS staff submitted the application for the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the proposed Valley Center Road Village Corridor Concept Plan. The results of the grant application are expected to be announced in early 2018. (Vick)

I. Adjournment

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October 19, 2017

Marco De La Toba, Housing Program Analyst
Housing and Community Development Services
County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 206
San Diego, CA 92101

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT BLOCK GRANT

Dear Sir;
Per your informational email on 9/18/2017 regarding CDBG applications, you asked for the community planning groups to reach out to local residents to see if they had an appropriate application. For the short term, the Valley Center Community Planning Group supports local resident Dorothy Kennedy's request:

$5,000 to bring Villa Sierra Road near 15260 in Valley Center, CA 92082 back to a safe drivable condition while we await further action by the County in completing Corridor 11 of the Community Evacuation Route Study which included Villa Sierra Road.

Whether or not the County gets around to making the area safe in case of fire, the repair to the road is an emergency fix that needs to be done now, before the rain, to keep it at least intact as our only exit to safety.

Please let me know if this road repair would be considered an "eligible project".

If you have further questions, I can be reached at (760) 703-1455.

Respectfully,

Oliver Smith, Chair
Valley Center Community Planning Group

cc: Caylin Frank, Supervisor Horn's Office

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E. 2) Concerns with Giro di San Diego Bicycle Race Email

From: Smith, Oliver
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 2:29 PM
To: 'Robert.Fuller@sdcounty.ca.gov'
Subject: Impact of Giro di San Diego Bicycle race on Valley Center

Special Event Permit Coordinator Robert Fuller
DPW / Transportation Division, Special Event Permits
County of San Diego,
5510 Overland Ave., Ste 410, Rm 470 (MS0334),
San Diego, CA 92123

Sir,
I am emailing you today as the Chair of the Valley Center Community Planning Group, a Director of the Valley Center Fire Protection District, and most importantly a Valley Center resident, to express concerns regarding the Giro di San Diego bike race that occurred yesterday through Valley Center:

1) Bates Nut Farm, a major business in Valley Center has had their primary Pumpkin Patch event during October weekends every year going back several decades, with weekends closer to Halloween being the heavy visitor days. There is significant heavy traffic from outside Valley Center in and out of Bates Nut Farm this time of year on Woods Valley Rd between Lake Wohlford Rd and Valley Center Rd. Bates was given only a few weeks notice of the race and apparently no opportunity for effective input to minimize their customer’s delay and frustration.

2) The Valley Center Fire Protection District was given only a few weeks notice of the race and apparently no opportunity for effective input. According to VCFPD Chief Joe Napier, fortunately there were no significant incidents during the race period of time.

3) The Valley Center Community Planning Group was given 2 weeks notice without the opportunity to comment and minimal time to at least spread the word farther into the community and media.

4) I personally observed 4 and 5 wide bicycles moving on Valley Center Rd where there is a designated bike path that allows single/dual file bicycles, resulting in significant incursions into the vehicle travel lanes. I see these as totally unacceptable actions by the racers that unnecessarily risk safety and impact the ability of Valley Center residents to get around.

5) The bottom of Valley Center Rd hill into Escondido is undergoing road construction that results in having only two narrow lanes of traffic. As the race began at Kit Carson Park in Escondido, I would have expected that Escondido DPW would have been consulted early on in the planning process, the applicant been made fully aware of the road construction that was a common element in all of the race routes, and would have implemented mitigation to minimize impacts on vehicles and racers. However, I personally observed no mitigation having been implemented in the construction area.

At a minimum, involving the Valley Center Fire Protection District much earlier in the race planning process is essential to minimizing the impact on Valley Center residents, Valley Center businesses, Valley Center roads, and Valley Center safety service impacts. For instance, VCFPD could have informed you well ahead of time of the impact of running one of the race routes down Woods Valley Rd where Bates Nut Farm is located. In that case, requests to move the race to November and/or changing the race route away from Woods Valley Rd would have had an opportunity to be seriously considered, if not fully implemented.

These comments also apply to the periodic professional bike race that goes through Valley Center. In that race, there are also significant concerns regarding spectators along the route and the trash and other debris they have previously demonstrated they leave behind.

Please advise as to how you intend to address these serious concerns.

Regards,

Oliver Smith
Valley Center resident
Chair, Valley Center Community Planning Group
Director, Valley Center Fire Protection District
E. 3) Honorary Bridge Naming for Valley Center Bridges

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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Honorary Bridge Naming

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**Purpose**
To establish criteria and procedures to guide the honorary naming of bridges within the Department of Public Works (DPW) County Maintained Roads. Honorary naming of County bridges requires Board of Supervisors approval, by resolution, and adopted with a majority vote.

**Background**
The County owns, and maintains bridges for public use. Constituents within the County have expressed interest in naming bridges to honor individuals from their unincorporated community. While Board Policy F-46 establishes the Board of Supervisors as the responsible authority for naming “County buildings and other County facilities”, specific authority does not exist for the naming of bridges within the County’s jurisdiction. An Honorary Bridge Naming policy would provide an opportunity for constituents to honor an individual or entity and celebrate their community’s unique history. Any request to name a bridge shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

**Definitions**
“Bridge” means a structure including supports erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, highway, or railway, and having a passageway for carrying vehicular traffic, and having an opening measured along the center of the roadway of more than 20 feet between under copings of abutments or spring lines of arches, or extreme ends of openings for multiple boxes. These types of above ground bridges are defined and listed in the Federal National Bridge Inventory (NBI). Only these types of bridges supporting a County maintained roadway may be considered for naming.

**Policy**
It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

Subject to the criteria below, County bridges shall only be named after an individual or entity pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors:

1. The person or entity being honored must have provided extraordinary public service or some exemplary contribution to the public good and should have a connection to the unincorporated community where the bridge is located.

2. The requester must be a constituent of the unincorporated community where the bridge is located, and the proposal must identify the requested name.
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3. The proposal shall name the specific above-ground National Bridge Inventory listed bridge and be supported by a petition signed by at least 100 residents from the unincorporated community where the bridge is located.

4. The proposal must then be placed on the agenda and presented by the requester to the local Community Planning/Sponsor Group (where applicable) for consideration and recommendation. If there is no Community Planning/Sponsor Group that represents the location of the bridge, this step is not required.

5. Following consideration by the local Community Planning/Sponsor Group, the proposal for the Honorary Bridge Naming shall be presented by the requester to the County Board Supervisor, where the bridge is located, for approval.

6. The affected County Board Supervisor may docket a letter recommending the designation to the Board of Supervisors.

7. Upon direction by the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Public Works shall be responsible to install and maintain the Honorary Bridge Naming signs on each end of the bridge. The Honorary Bridge Naming signs shall meet the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards for a white on green guide sign.

**Sunset Date**
This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-2023.

**Board Action**
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All park Amenities eligible for naming rights shall be determined by the DPR Director or designee. If a naming right opportunity includes signage, a detailed proposal of the signage, including design, layout, verbiage and cost will need to be provided, in writing, for review and approval by the DPR Director or designee. DPR can specify sign size, sign, type, and font of any naming rights signage or displays. DPR reserves the right to terminate any naming right agreements not in accordance with this Board Policy.

Sunset Date
This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-18.

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E. 6) Orchard Run Time Extension

Orchard Run: current issue…

From: Radcliffe-Meyers, Lori [mailto:Lori.Radcliffe-Meyers@sdcounty.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Smith, Oliver
Cc: Mills, Benjamin
Subject: PDS2017-TM-5087TE

Good Morning Oliver,
I wanted to get in-touch with you regarding the Orchard Run Time Extension. We are preparing to take the project to Planning Commission as an informational item in the next couple of months and wanted to see if the CPG had any concerns or comments you would like to provide prior to the Planning Commission hearing.

I received the PDS 534 form that shows the group discussed and had no objections to the project, but it did not include a vote.

Pursuant to Board Policy I-1 the group shall complete its review, write its recommendation, and forward it to the Department of Planning & Development Services pursuant to Form #534 so that the recommendation can be included in transmittal of the project correspondence/staff report to the project applicant and the applicable hearing body or officer.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I thank you for your time on this.

Lori V. Radcliffe-Meyers
Land Use/ Environmental Planner
E. 6) Orchard Run Time Extension

Orchard Run: a little history…

From SD County Scoping Letter, dated May 18, 2017: “The project is a Tentative Map Time Extension for the previously approved Tentative map 5087RPL which was approved by the BOS on June 17, 1998. The project consists of a phased residential development with a total of 300 dwelling units on 118 acres. There are no proposed changes to lot lines or conditions as a part of this Tentative map Time Extension”.

“A Time Extension request is classified as a new discretionary action. Current requirements apply…” “…a staff initiated Project Issue Resolution (PIR) meeting will be scheduled if …the following criteria is met: Identified major project issues remain unresolved”.

Draft motion for VCCPG/June 12, 2017
From the Joint DRB/SVSC meeting/June 5th, 2017

Orchard Run: The proponent of the Orchard Run Specific Plan, through its agent-in-escrow (Touchstone Communities), is requesting a 2-year extension on the Tentative Map for Phase 3 of the project (affordable housing).

Whereas the DRB has objected for more than a decade to the project’s site design, due to excessive grading, 8-10 feet high sound walls, densest housing located far from the Town Center with no walking access, poor connectivity with adjacent properties, no Road 19, and its failure to comply with Valley Center’s vision for Village development, and;

Whereas, according to SD County DPS, Phases 1 and 2 of the TM have already been finalized and are not subject to VCCPG or DRB review or changes, and

Whereas Touchstone Communities is preparing a presentation to illustrate to the VC community how the Orchard Run project will blend in with Park Circle after they complete updates to comply with state laws, and updates to the project design so it will connect with the Park Circle project and make a “great” community”,

Draft Motion: The SVSC, with 5/5 DRB support and upon the advice and recommendation of Rich Rudolf and Lael Montgomery, who previously reviewed these plans for the DRB and VCCPG, recommends that the VCCPG take “No action” on the request for a 2-year extension until after Mr. Garza has made his presentation on the changes and updates Touchstone is proposing for the Orchard Run project, including the addition of Road 19.
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From the Minutes of the June 12, 2017 VCCPG meeting:

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- **Motion 1**: Move that the planning group determine that there is sufficient new information available to justify reconsideration of the original recommendation.
- **Motion 2**: The South Village Subcommittee, with 5/5 DRB support and upon the advice and recommendation of Rich Rudolf and Lael Montgomery, who previously reviewed these plans for the DRB and VCCPG, recommends that the VCCPG take “No action” on the request for a 2-year extension until after Mr. Garza has made a documented presentation on the changes and updates Touchstone is proposing for the Orchard Run project, including the addition of Road 19.

- **Maker/Second to Motion 1**: Smith/Quinley
- **Maker/Second to Motion 2**: Vick/Hutchison

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- **Motion 1 Carries 8-6-0 [Y-N-A-R]**. proper format is Yeas, Nays, Abstentions, and Recusals, where members voting Nay be identified and members recusing themselves list the reason for recusal.
- **Motion 2 Carries 8-6-0-0 [Y-N-A-R]**.
Hello Mr. Vick,

(Oct 20, 2017)

On Friday, PDS staff submitted the application for the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the proposed Valley Center Road Village Corridor Concept Plan.

Thank you for assistance in providing Letters of Support. The results of the grant applications are expected to be announced in early 2018.

Thanks,

F. Nick Ortiz
County of San Diego, Department of Planning & Development Services

Advance Planning Division, Transportation Planning section

5510 Overland Ave, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123
### FY 2017-18
CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION

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2. Project Justification (Do not exceed the space provided.) (25 points): Describe the problems or deficiencies the project is attempting to address, as well as how the project will address the identified problems or deficiencies. Additionally, list the ramifications of not funding this project.

The community of Valley Center is located in an unincorporated area of northern San Diego County. Although urbanization has greatly diminished agricultural uses in other areas of the County, Valley Center has managed to maintain its rural identity. The residents of Valley Center consider their community to be one of the few places left in San Diego County where one can enjoy a rural quality of life and an unspoiled natural environment, while at the same time living within a reasonable proximity of employment and urban services.

The primary access into the community of Valley Center is via Valley Center Road (S-6), which serves as the main linkage to Escondido and Interstate 15. Along Valley Center Road are the community’s North and South Village areas. The two Village areas contain industrial, commercial and residential land uses. From the Villages, residential densities decrease outward to semi-rural and rural areas. Valley Center Road currently carries about 25,000 vehicles per day, despite a total population of just over 19,000.

In 2010 the County of San Diego completed a road expansion project on Valley Center Road. The major road expansion widened the road to four lanes plus center turn lane and sections of raised and landscaped medians. The project was a Complete Street improvement that enhanced multi-modal opportunities by including a pathway (disintegrated granite surface) with trail fencing along the northern and western boundary and concrete sidewalk along the eastern and southern side. Bike lanes were also provided along the entire corridor and parking is prohibited.

Three traffic signals, one each at the north (Cole Grade Road) and south (Woods Valley Road) termini and one at a middle road intersection (Lilac Road), were constructed as part of the road expansion project. The land use in the project study area is identified as village style development with increased capacity for residential and commercial development.

Projected volumes with build-out of General Plan land uses will increase volumes to nearly 36,000 average daily trips. Valley Center Road is also a primary corridor to three major tribal nations with associated casino and hotel developments. Their continued growth and expansion is expected to occur over the next several years.

Evaluating corridor access and intersection control is critical to address the pending new development and its interaction with the transportation network. There are eight in process planned developments in the North and South Villages. Over the past five years, two have been approved and they have proposed signals for intersection control.

The Valley Center community has expressed a desire for evaluation of corridor access control and enhanced intersection control evaluation, specifically of roundabouts as an intersection control device. Roundabouts are known for their ability to slow traffic and reduce conflict points.

From January 2012 to July 2017 there were over 400 reported crashes on Valley Center Road between Woods Valley Road and Cole Grade Road. This segment of road is 2.6 miles in length. The number of crashes by the segment distance converts into a segment crash rate of 2.84 which is higher than the 2013 crash rate based on CA State highways.

The consideration of roundabouts should be made in an informed manner with all aspects of corridor access management and proper geometric and potential for implementation by fronting property developers.

If the project is not completed the ramifications include continued piecemeal development with narrow focus on immediate project requirements for intersection control, median modification and driveway access, instead of implementing the communities vision for sustainable and planned village development.
3. Grant Specific Objective (Do not exceed the space provided.) (30 points): Explain how the proposed project addresses the grant specific objective of the Sustainable Communities grant program: to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region’s RTP/SCS (where applicable), contributes to the State’s CHG reduction targets and other State goals, including but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the 2017 RTP Guidelines, address the needs of disadvantaged communities, and also assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives (Grant Application Guide, Page 3).

The project will enhance local and regional multi-modal transportation planning that furthers the region’s RTP/SCS. Valley Center Road is a regional arterial system road as identified by SANDAG. Valley Center Road connects the community of Valley Center with the city of Escondido to the south and the region beyond. To the north, Valley Center Road connects from SR-76 to several tribal casino developments and the residential development of the planning area.

The safe and efficient operation of Valley Center Road is a key component of the region’s sustainable community strategy because the two planned villages are areas of concentrated growth around an improved transportation facility. Valley Center Road is classified in the County General Plan Mobility Element as a Major Road.

Sustainability:
Preservation of quality of life. The Valley Center community plan recommends that “road design shall reflect the rural character” and calls to “safely separate pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle traffic from vehicle traffic when these modes share rights-of-way”.

Safety:
The project will increase the safety of the transportation system for people driving cars and people walking and people on bikes.

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Benefits of Access Management:
- Reduce Crashes and Crash Potential
- Preserve roadway capacity and the useful life of roads
- Improve access to properties
- Coordinate land use and transportation decisions

Principles of Access Management:
- Limit the number of conflict points
- Separate conflict points
- Separate turning volumes from through movements
- Maintain a hierarchy of roadways to function

Economy:
The project will support the economic vitality of the area by enabling increased productivity from increased efficiency in the transportation system. Valley Center road currently has about 25,000 vehicles per day and that amount is expected to increase with the growth of the community up to 36,000 vehicles per day.

There are currently three entitled subdivision projects and eight in-process subdivision or commercial projects with the County of San Diego for the Valley Center community. The community is expected to have substantial growth in the coming decades as new residential and commercial development occurs. The high-cost of housing in San Diego and California makes it especially important to develop local housing that is close to jobs and existing development.
Health:
By reducing the potential for serious injuries and fatalities on the transportation system, the project will help promote physical activity through transportation means. The County has an enterprise wide strategy known at Live Well San Diego that seeks to promote communities that are Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving.

The County of San Diego has also documented that three behaviors (no physical activity, poor diet, tobacco use), result in four diseases (cancer, heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, and lung disease) that result in more than fifty percent of preventable deaths in San Diego County.

The project will increase the potential for active transportation thereby improving physical activity and combating disease potential and preventable death.

GHG Reduction:
As defined in the California Transportation Plan 2040 the four categories of transportation GHG reduction strategies are; demand management, mode shift, travel cost and operational efficiency. The project will reduce GHG with mode shift and operational efficiency.

The County of San Diego is also in the process of developing its Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP sets forth strategies and measures to reduce GHG emissions in the county's unincorporated areas and from County operations. The CAP is structured to meet State mandates to further the General Plan's vision and guiding principles. Informed by community input, the CAP is tailored to address the opportunities and constraints that arise from the county's expansive and diverse landscape.

The goal of the Concept Plan is to create a streetscape that promotes walking and biking by being safe and inviting, which will reduce GHG emissions and assist that County in meeting its CAP goals.
Golden, CO population: 20,000

Are Roundabouts Good for Business?

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

South Golden Road is a typical suburban strip commercial corridor. The installation of four roundabouts within this half-mile long arterial has resulted in slower speeds, but lower travel times and less delay at business access points. Accident rates have dropped by 88% and injury accidents have declined from 31 in the 3 years prior to installation to only 1 in the 4.5 years after – a decline in injury accidents rates of 93%. The improvement in traffic flow, vehicular safety and access to businesses combined with amenities such as landscaped medians and pedestrian walkways has stimulated economic activity. Sales tax revenues have increased 60% since installation of the roundabouts and 75,000 square feet of retail/office space has been built. In Golden, CO, businesses have said “Yes, roundabouts are good for business.”

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