

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 3

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ADOPT THE VALLEY CENTER ROAD CORRIDOR CONCEPT PLAN AND
ADOPT THE ACCOMPANYING ORDINANCE AND RELATED CEQA
ADDENDUM ([FEBRUARY 26, 2025] - FIRST READING; [MARCH 12, 2025] -
SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND
READING) (DISTRICT: 5)**

OVERVIEW

This is a request for the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) to adopt the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan (VCRCCP) and adopt an accompanying Ordinance to integrate the VCRCCP into the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances to apply specific requirements for a portion of Valley Center Road. The Ordinance will be introduced on February 26, 2025, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on March 12, 2025.

The VCRCCP was developed to improve safety and traffic flow considering all road user types- drivers, cyclist, pedestrians, and others- in North and South Villages of Valley Center. The proposed VCRCCP is the result of analysis, public outreach, and engagement with community members and public safety professionals. Together, participants worked to create solutions to recurring issues along the corridor, such as excessive speeding and collisions, to develop a comprehensive plan that reflects more of a village atmosphere (calmed traffic, more pedestrian oriented, aesthetic values) as envisioned in the County General Plan and the Valley Center Community Plan.

The proposed VCRCCP represents a modified corridor plan developed to reflect the middle ground amidst widely varying viewpoints within the community and is consistent with the Valley Center Community Planning Group (CPG) recommendations. This addresses key traffic safety issues along the corridor including a roundabout at the Miller Road/Valley Center Road intersection, traffic signals at the Sunday Drive and Old Road intersections, and other bicycle, pedestrian, and safety improvements including, but not limited to, a new controlled pedestrian crossing, bicycle facilities, and sidewalks.

The geographic scope of the VCRCCP covers approximately 2.5 miles of the road corridor and corresponding right-of-way, from the Woods Valley Road intersection in the south, to the Cole Grade Road intersection in the north. Valley Center's Villages are focus areas for planning new development and infrastructure improvements, including transportation network improvements, and providing active transportation opportunities.

The proposed VCRCCP would be implemented through a combination of grant funding, private funding from new private development (through required conditions with discretionary permit approvals and other applicable projects), and through publicly initiated Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects, when other funding becomes available. Funding is not being requested to implement the plan at this time; however, adoption of the plan will facilitate opportunities to secure grant funding for implementation and will allow Planning & Development Services (PDS) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) to require private development along the corridor to implement improvements consistent with the plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On February 26, 2025:

1. Find that the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), dated August 3, 2011, on file with Planning & Development Services (PDS) as Environmental Review Number 02-ZA-001, was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and County CEQA Guidelines and that the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information contained therein and the Addendum (PDS2023-ER-23-00-003) thereto dated December 6, 2024, on file with PDS, prior to making its decision on the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan and accompanying Ordinance (Attachment E, on file with the Clerk of the Board).

Find that there are no changes in the project or in the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that involve significant new environmental impacts that were not considered in the previously certified EIR dated August 3, 2011; that there is no substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and that no new information of substantial importance has become available since the EIR was certified as explained in the Environmental Review Update Checklist (PDS2023-ER-23-00-003) dated December 6, 2024 (Attachment E, on file with the Clerk of the Board).

2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading): waive further reading of the following Ordinance entitled:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 81.102(gg) OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE VALLEY CENTER ROAD CORRIDOR CONCEPT PLAN (Clean Copy) (Attachment C, on file with the Clerk of the Board)

If, on February 26, 2025, the Board takes the action recommended, then on March 12, 2025:

1. Consider and adopt the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board)
2. Consider and adopt the following Ordinance (second reading) entitled:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 81.102(gg) OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE VALLEY CENTER ROAD CORRIDOR CONCEPT PLAN (Clean Copy) (Attachment C, on file with the Clerk of the Board)

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In addition to prioritizing traffic safety improvements for drivers, the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan addresses several active transportation safety improvements for Valley Center residents and visitors who do not have cars or prefer to use other modes of transportation when deemed safe, such as walking and bicycling. The County's 2022 Local Road Safety Plan includes ranked priority intersections for safety improvements based on collision rate, collision severity, and Healthy Places Index data. Two intersections within the project's geographic scope are within the top 12 intersections ranked.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In line with Sustainability Goal 3, the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan (VCRCCP) includes several components that would be anticipated to reduce vehicle trips and greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, including improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and a roundabout. The VCRCCP development process involved engaging the community in a variety of meaningful ways, in accordance with County Sustainability Goal 1. Safety improvements were a main focus of the VCRCCP, addressing County Sustainability Goal 4, to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no current fiscal impact associated with adopting the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan (VCRCCP) and accompanying Ordinance to integrate the VCRCCP into the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances. The VCRCCP is a long-term plan for the corridor that would be implemented through a combination of grant funding, applying conditions (requirements) associated with applicable permit approvals for privately initiated development, and through publicly initiated Capital Improvements Program (CIP) projects when funding is available. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years associated with today's recommended action.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, and will further consider adoption of the Ordinance and Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan on March 12, 2025.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed

by Andrew Potter