

Minutes

Traffic and Circulation Committee Meeting Thursday, January 11th at NCSD, 148 South Wilson 9:00 to 11:00 am

Present: Marianne Buckmeyer, John Brantingham, Dave Crow, Peggy Cox, Vince McCarthy, Cindy Mills, Debra Rowlands, Eugene Score, Jim Tefft, Karen White

1 *Concerns about Pomeroy realignment near Juniper – David Crow*

Several issues were raised: namely, pedestrian safety, removal of an oak due to realignment, lack of neighborhood notification, redirection of finances, lack of local support and potential for speeding.

Motion made by Marianne Buckmeyer and seconded by Vince McCarthy...That a meeting be set up with District 4 Supervisor, Public Works, County Planning, adjacent residents and other interested parties. Motion passed 5-in favor, 1-opposed,

2 *Status of Halcyon Realignment Project.*

Cheryl Price, Debra Rowlands, and Karen White, representatives from Halcyon, informed the committee about recent changes in the alignment project – it appears that the desired project will use the two roundabouts. Chair explained to the reps that both T&CC and SCAC have requested that no further Area 2 RIF impact fees be used on this project. Supervisor Achadjian has stipulated that no further Area 2 RIF impact fees are to be used on this project.

Reps indicated that the project demonstrates poor planning from the regional standpoint. They will have a meeting on Tuesday at the Minerva Hall at 6:30 SCAC will send a follow-up letter about withdrawing funding.

3 *Approval of Willow Project activity chart for release to the press – Dale Ramey not available*

4 *Update on the Tefft median contract – Dale Ramey not available*

5 *Proposed improvement of sight distance of Pomeroy between Calle Fresca and Live Oak Ridge.*

Jim Tefft reported that the developer has substantially improved the sight distance by grading back the hillside. Some of that gain will probably be lost due to fencing and landscaping.

6 *Blackhawk/Harrier/Nopal/Fir/Higos shortcut from Division to Grande, neighborhood response about speed bumps.*

Discuss at next meeting.

7 *Dorthea Lange School right-of-way access issue along Osage – Dale Ramey not available*

8 *Results of discussion with Dave Flynn about marked crossing and signage on Thompson in front of the High School. – Dale Ramey not available*

9 *Safe routes to School project. – Dale Ramey not available*

10 *Cuyama Valley sand and gravel quarry*

Haul trucks from the proposed Cuyama sand and gravel quarry (up to 138 per day) could severely impact traffic at junction of Highway 101 and SR 166. This is a Santa Barbara County project. Chair will pursue with emails to Santa Barbara County as a concerned citizen.

11 *Why is the Cypress Ridge RIF Account kept separate from the Area 2 RIF Account? - Dale Ramsey not available*

12 *Next meeting* – February 8

13 Adjourn.

Addendum

I received the following from Dave Flynn after our meeting:

Dan -

I'm booked 9-11 today. Here are status of the agenda items below.

1 Concerns about Pomeroy realignment near Juniper

Status - We have evaluated options for realignment. Any significant alteration to avoid impacts to fence and landscaping would require park impact and an additional \$300,000. We have reviewed with Supervisor and informed him we are pursuing plan as is. This is a safety concern to provide turn lanes for Camino Caballo, Juniper and Primrose Lane as well as developing crossing for peds to park. The fence and landscaping are within the existing right of way and have no legal standing.

2 Status of Halcyon Realignment Project

Status - Public Hearing is set for March 6th at Board of Supervisors for acceptance of the EIR. The EIR now includes an alternative 19 and 20 which provides for a two roundabout solution and signalized offset intersection solution respectively. These reduce the impacts on the Ag lands. The County has until April to obtain the environmental document in order to receive \$ 2 million from the State Transportation Improvement Plan programmed for this project. Otherwise it is lost. To spend the state money, we have listed a Phase 1A, which will widen Halcyon Road and overlay the road within the existing right of way from the base of the grade to Route 1. This will support traffic and enhance safety. Phase 1B would be the improvements at intersection. These would likely be Alternative 19 or 20 and would take another 2-3 years to develop plan and obtain Right of way. This would be funded from Cypress Ridge mitigation account and Area 2 fees.

3 Approval of Willow Project activity chart for release to the press

Status - We have meet with Caltrans and impressed upon them

this is our top priority. We would want to have the final Project Report/Caltrans Approval done by June. We will be seeking \$ 6 million in STIP funds this April through SLOCOG and are working towards applying for State-Local Partnership funding established under the transportation proposition bonds of November 2006.

4 Update on the Tefft median contract

Status - Encroachment Permit has been issued. Work is expected to be done at night to reduce congestion. Do not know start date.

5 Proposed improvement of sight distance of Pomeroy between Calle Fresca and Live Oak Ridge

Pomeroy Road was widened and reduced in 1988 for 45 mph design speed. Most of the corridor is posted for 45 mph given these constraints.

6 Blackhawk/Harrier/Nopal/Fir/Higos shortcut from Division to Grande, neighborhood response about speed bumps

7 Dorthea Lange School right-of-way access issue along Osage

8 Results of discussion with Dave Flynn about marked crossing and signage on Thompson in front of the High School. – Dale Ramey County policy would not mark crosswalk on high speed road. RTA has been requested to pick-up student on internal streets.

9 Safe routes to School project.
Submitted January 2nd

10 Cuyama Valley sand and gravel quarry

11 Why is the Cypress Ridge RIF Account kept separate from the Area 2 RIF Account?

This was defined under the Cypress Ridge EIR for mitigation of Halcyon Road offset intersection and climbing lane.