

## Minutes

### Traffic and Circulation Committee Meeting Thursday, February 8th at NCSD, 148 South Wilson 9:00 to 11:00 am

Present: Marianne Buckmeyer, Reggie Dion, Dale Ramey, Jim Tefft

#### **1 RESULTS OF DISCUSSION ABOUT POMEROY REALIGNMENT NEAR JUNIPER.**

A meeting is scheduled with Supervisor Achadjian, project opponents, Public Works and T&CC chair on February 28.

#### **2 STATUS OF HALCYON REALIGNMENT PROJECT.**

Reggie Dion indicated that Cypress ridge residents feel that denying Area Two funds to pay for the realignment is unfair. He also indicated that the Cypress ridge developer did not want the passing lane on Halcyon between SR 1 and Mesa View. Dale explained that it was not a passing lane to encourage higher speeds but a truck climbing lane on the Halcyon Grade.

Reggie asked that we append the minutes with a recent emailing regarding this project. See below. Reggie suggested a community meeting to discuss this project at Cypress Ridge.

#### **3 APPROVAL OF WILLOW PROJECT ACTIVITY CHART FOR RELEASE TO THE PRESS.**

Dale approved the attached chart.

#### **4 CUYAMA VALLEY SAND AND GRAVEL QUARRY.**

SCAC has formally responded to the DEIR citing traffic concerns at Highway 101 and SR 166.

#### **5 WHY IS THE CYPRESS RIDGE RIF ACCOUNT KEPT SEPARATE FROM THE AREA 2 RIF ACCOUNT?**

Dale gave us copies of Resolution No. 2001-50B, an agreement to receive Road Improvement Fees (in addition to Road Impact Fees). According to the resolution the fees are destined for the Halcyon Climbing Lane, a right turn lane from southbound 101 to El Campo and other road improvements within the Cypress Ridge Traffic impact as determined appropriate by the Board of Supervisors.

#### **6 UPDATE ON THE TEFFT MEDIAN CONTRACT.**

Von's entrance modifications have been made. Contractor was to start median on February 6 but will hold off until the current storm ends.

#### **7 BLACKHAWK/HARRIER/NOPAL/FIR/HIGOS SHORTCUT FROM DIVISION TO GRANDE, NEIGHBORHOOD RESPONSE ABOUT SPEED BUMPS.**

Hold over until next meeting

#### **8 DORTHEA LANGE SCHOOL RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESS ISSUE ALONG OSAGE.**

Dale observed that students were not walking along the segments containing right-of-way encroachments. Enforcement of County right-of-way would create substantial bad will and accomplish very little for student safety. As an aside Las Flores road at Osage will be paved to accommodate two lanes.

**9 RESULTS OF DISCUSSION WITH DAVE FLYNN ABOUT MARKED CROSSING AND SIGNAGE ON THOMPSON IN FRONT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Dale presented Public Improvement Standards for cross walks. The requested crosswalk does not meet the standards and could provide a false sense of security for users. It was suggested the Route Ten modify its travel to go through the campus parking lot. It is too late consider as an Unmet Needs project. Chair will check with Regional Transit Authority.

**10 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT.**

Grant has been applied for. Dale presented plans and estimates for project. Project includes concrete walkways, two pedestrian bridges, bulbouts, signage and passive flashing crosswalk delineators located near Nipomo elementary School.

**11 WHAT PAVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SOUTH COUNTY THIS YEAR? WHAT IS THE FUNDING SOURCE? HOW MUCH MONEY IS ALLOCATED TO SOUTH COUNTY.**

Dale gave us a list of 36 chip seal projects located between Hazel and the bluff edge and Division and Tefft.

**12 NEXT MEETING March 8**

**13 ADJOURN.**

# Addendum as per Reggie Dion

Dan and Ed,

Please note that the Cypress Ridge Golf Course and home buyers, and other residents of the North Mesa have paid a lot of money into the Road Assessment District Area 2 according to Denis Sullivan, the Developer of Cypress Ridge and President of the Cypress Ridge Golf Course. See the documents below.

It seems grossly unfair to those residents that the SCAC, which is supposed to represent all residents of South County, is strongly opposing funding of any improvement/mitigation of the Halcyon/Cienega problem. Please advise me of your rationale for taking that position on funding. In addition, I would like to understand if the Woodlands/Trilogy area has also contributed fees to the Road Assessment District Area 2 as I believe the Woodlands and Area 6 will also benefit if there is some improvement of Halcyon.

I listened to the recent complaints about how the County is treating SCAC like second class citizens and the lack of fair application of TDC fees. I feel like the SCAC is treating Cypress Ridge and Area 5 residents like second class citizens in the SCAC. They are getting a double ration of second class treatment.

Please explain to me how this funding opposition is fair to the whole Mesa that the SCAC is supposed to represent, as I have to then try to justify this to my Area 5, including my neighbors and friends.

Best regards,

Reggie Dion

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Denis Sullivan [mailto:denissul@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2007 4:53 PM

**To:** Reginald Dion

**Subject:** Re: Halcyon Road improvements: Reference your e-mail of January 25, regarding TDC and Road Fees

What I am referring to is Road Assessment District Area 2, which is the North Mesa.

Denis

**Reginald Dion** <reg.dion@charter.net> wrote:

Mr. Denis Sullivan

I received your note below from Jack Dixon because I represent Area 5 of the Mesa which includes primarily Cypress Ridge some of the nearby Mesa on the South County Advisory Council (SCAC). I would like to help promote Cypress Ridge's interests at the SCAC. See my e-mail February 6, to Jack Dixon for background.

Please confirm and clarify the statement in your e-mail of January 25 that the TDC and Road fees.....” pay into a special fund for road improvements **in Area of Benefit 2**”. The important question to me is whether or not those funds are paid for the benefit of Area 2. Cypress Ridge is in Area 5.

A number of the other SCAC Council reps from other Areas have strongly stated that they oppose spending Area 2 funds on the Halcyon project. If we can clarify that the TDC and Road fees have been paid into the Area 2, it could make the use of Area 2 funds for the Halcyon improvements more palatable to some of the SCAC members, i.e. less resistant to the project.

If the TDC and Road fees were paid in to Area 2, I will pass this on to the SCAC. It might help our case.

Thank you in advance

Reggie Dion

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Denis Sullivan [mailto:denissul@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2007 5:33 AM

**To:** Katcho Achadjian

**Cc:** Vickie Janssen

**Subject:** TDC and Road Fees

Dear Katcho,

We at Cypress Ridge have paid more than \$900,000 in a special assessment for the improvements to Halcyon Road. We, as others in the North Mesa, pay into a special fund for road improvements in Area of Benefit 2, those fees are at least \$2 million for Cypress Ridge alone.

It is wrong to take the money we paid at Cypress Ridge for road fees and spend it on a project that will have no impact on the traffic issues that we were asked to mitigate. The Willow Road extension is 7 miles from us. We will never use that interchange and it will not divert traffic from Halcyon and HWY 1 North, which is the bottleneck that we, those that live on the North Mesa, must deal with.

I strongly urge you to vote for the new bridge at Halcyon and HWY 1 North (Project Phase1) as recommended by the environmental consultant. This is an approved and funded Caltrans project.

Please do not add the climbing lane (Project Phase 2), I and others view this as a poor use of resources and it causes the greatest loss of prime ag land.

Denis Sullivan

President of Cypress Ridge Development Corp.

## Schedule for Willow Road Project

Item #	Action	Begin	Complete
1	CEQA <sup>1</sup> Document Certified	May 1, 2003	May 1, 2006
2	Hire Right of Way Appraiser	November 1, 2006	April 1, 2007
3	Receive Woodlands Payment of \$2.5M	April 1, 2007	April 1, 2007
4	FONSI Document <sup>2</sup>	May 1, 2003	October 1, 2007
5	Continue Willow Road Extension Design	June 1, 2006	June 1, 2007
6	Continue Willow Rd/Hwy 101 Interchange Design	June 1, 2006	December 7, 2007
7	Willow Road Right of Way Purchase	May 1, 2007	December 1, 2008
8	Receive Woodlands Payment of \$3.125M	April 1, 2008	April 1, 2008
9	Interchange Right of Way Purchase	August 1, 2007	August 1, 2008
10	Oak Tree Mitigation Work	June 1, 2007	December 1, 2008
11	Willow Road Phase 1 Construction	May 1, 2008	May 1, 2009
12	Receive Woodlands Payment of \$2.5M	April 1, 2009	April 1, 2009
13	Receive Woodlands Payment of \$2.5M	April 1, 2010	April 1, 2010
14	Willow Road Phase 2 Construction	May 1, 2010	December 1, 2011
15	Receive Woodlands Payment of \$3.3M	April 1, 2011	April 1, 2011
16	Construct Southbound Ramps	May 1, 2011	May 1, 2012

1 California Environmental Quality Act

2 Finding of No Significant Impacts - EIR

