

COUNTY OF INYO NORTH SIERRA HIGHWAY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 19, 2016 MEETING

MEMBERS:

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INYO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
BISHOP CITY COUNCIL
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The Inyo County North Sierra Highway Plan Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the Owens Valley Shoshone Cultural Center, Conference Room, 2300 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

Meeting opened at 3:04 p.m.

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL –

Members present: Frank Stewart, District 1 Inyo County Planning Commissioner; Pat Gardner, City of Bishop Council Member; Shane Huntley, City of Bishop Planning Commissioner; Peter Bernasconi, Bishop Paiute Tribe; Brandon Fitt, Caltrans; Suzanne Wolfensberger & Corinna Korpi, Tri-County Fairgrounds; Jill Batchelder, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority; Jennifer Krafcheck, Eastern Sierra Community Services District.

Staff present: Josh Hart, Inyo County Planning Director; Tom Schaniel, Inyo County Associate Planner; Diane Fortney, Inyo County Project Coordinator.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Stewart.

ITEM 3: BUS TOUR OF PROJECT AREA – The Advisory Committee will tour the project area, with stops scheduled at (1) See Vee Lane/Highway 395, (2) Highlands RV/Mobile Home Park (3) Rite-Aid Plaza, (4) Paiute Palace, (5) the Wye-Intersection (Highway 395/US 6), (6) the Tri-County Fairgrounds, (7) path at end of Sierra Street. The attached map illustrates the stops.

Committee members moved to bus for tour: 3:09 p.m.

Stop #1 See Vee at Fire Department – Issues identified: Lack of pedestrian services, lack of consistency in speed limit, lack of lighting and need for multi-use north to south along See Vee to connect Hwy 395

and Line Street. *Location will have secure pedestrian crossing when signal is added.* Lack of a consistent speed limit.

Stop #2 Mahogany Smoked Meats- Issues identified: Lack of pedestrian services. Parking & Driveways not clearly defined. *CalTrans working to develop sidewalk project on both sides of Highway 395, Project is 5 years out.* The North Sierra Highway Corridor Plan will flow into the CalTrans Project.

Stop # 3 Rite Aid – Issues identified: Need to improve under performing commercial space; Sidewalk width not consistent; walking & biking abilities decreases; need to increase connectivity with businesses to east.

Stop #4 Paiute Palace– Issues identified: Possible expansion of Casino, adding hotel with 60 rooms in Spring of 2017, Need of traffic reconfiguration of autos entering fuel station.

Stop #5 Wye & Hwy 6 – Issues identified: Highway 6 junction improvement could include removing of the curve on Highway 39, access to Vons driveway for ingress/egress, possible addition of the County Services Building at Wye/Highway 6 intersection.

Stop #6 Fairgrounds – Issues identified: Need for alternate entrance from Highway 395 with a signal. Current entrance is off of Sierra Street with no signal at Highway 395. Any construction at Fairgrounds requires approval from: Fair Board, State of California & Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power. Fairgrounds user for 2016 was 320 days. 5 new events are scheduled for 2017. Entrance into Mule Days Office parking lot is mistaken for fairgrounds entrance.

Stop #7 South end of existing multi-use trail – Issues identified: Trail needs to be extended to schools. Upgrade path to new construction practices of 10-12 feet wide with directional arrows, include hard and soft surfaces. Consider equestrian use.

Return of Owens Valley Shoshone-Cultural Center

ITEM 4: ROLL CALL – 5:39 Continue meeting at Cultural Center

Members present: Frank Stewart, District 1 Inyo County Planning Commissioner; Pat Gardner, City of Bishop Council Member; Shane Huntley, City of Bishop Planning Commissioner; Peter Bernasconi & Gloriana Bailey, Bishop Paiute Tribe; Brandon Fitt, Caltrans; Donald McGhie, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Suzanne Wolfensberger & Corinna Korpi, Tri-County Fairgrounds; Jill Batchelder, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority; Jennifer Krafcheck, Eastern Sierra Community Services District.

Staff present: Josh Hart, Inyo County Planning Director; Tom Schaniel, Inyo County Associate Planner; Diane Fortney, Inyo County Project Coordinator.

ITEM 5: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pat Gardner.

ITEM 6: CHARRETTE – The Advisory Committee will participate in the Charrette, including a project progress update, review of potential project concepts, an engagement exercise, and a description of next steps.

Attached presentation was provided by Ms. Jami Williams, Project Principal, RRM Design. Ms. Williams provided a project overview and the data collected to date.

Mr. Max Kalhammer of Traffic Works provided a presentation of preliminary concepts for the corridor. Committee members and the audience were invited participate in a prioritization exercise. Each participate was given three dots; denoting high, medium and low value. Single dots were provided to vote on the Preliminary Concepts for Wye Road and Site Furnishing Palettes. See attached Vote and tabulation data.

ITEM 7: SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, meeting adjourned.

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