

# COUNTY OF INYO NORTH SIERRA HIGHWAY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## DRAFT SUMMARY OF JULY 21, 2016 MEETING

### MEMBERS:

INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
INYO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
BISHOP CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BISHOP PLANNING COMMISSION  
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER  
EASTERN SIERRA TRI-COUNTY FAIR 18<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
EASTERN SIERRA COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT  
BISHOP RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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The Inyo County North Sierra Highway Plan Advisory Committee met on Thursday, July 21, 2016, in the Northern Inyo Hospital Board Room, 2957 Birch Street, Bishop, California.

Meeting opened at 5:37 p.m.

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**ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

**ITEM 2: ROLL CALL** –

Committee Members present: Dan Nolan, Eastern Sierra Community Service District; Brandon Fitt, CalTrans; Peter Bernasconi, Bishop Paiute Tribe; Gloriana Bailey, Bishop Paiute Tribe; Pat Gardner, City of Bishop; Jill Batchelder, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority; Shane Huntley, City of Bishop Planning Commission; Corinna Korpi, Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair (alternate).

Staff present: Joshua Hart, Planning Director; Tom Schaniel, Associate Planner; and Diane Fortney, Project Coordinator.

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – This item provides the opportunity for the public to address the North Sierra Highway Plan Advisory Committee on any planning subject that was not scheduled on the Agenda.

Public Comment was opened at 5:42 p.m. There was no one from the public that wished to comment on any planning subject that was not scheduled on the Agenda.

**ITEM 4: COMMITTEE OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTIONS** – The Committee will receive a presentation from staff regarding its membership, roles and responsibilities, project background, planning process, and the Brown Act.

Mr. Tom Schaniel, Associate Planner provided an overview of the Committee membership, roles and responsibilities including formation by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors. Round Table introductions were conducted. Committee members were informed that the committee falls under the rule of the Brown Act. Additional Brown Act training was offered to be held at the next meeting. No additional training was requested by membership.

**ITEM 5: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING -**

Next Committee Meetings were tentatively scheduled for: September 21, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. (location to be determined) and a Mobile Workshop/Public Meeting, October 19, 2016, afternoon (time & location to be determined).

Meeting recessed for break at 5:55 p.m.

**ITEM 6: NORTH SIERRA HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP** – The Committee will participate in the community workshop, including a project overview and introductory presentation, issue identification and exercise, and discussion.

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm for Public Workshop.

Mr. Tom Schaniel provided a brief overview then introduced the Consultants for the project, RRM Design Group.

RRM Design Group Staff, Diane Bathgate, AICP, Manager of Planning; Jami Williams, Principal; Mikaela Vournas, Assistant Planner; Traffic Works Staff: Max Kalhammer, Transportation Planner; conducted the presentation and workshop.

Members of the Committee and Public contributed ideas and concerns for the Plan, RRM Design staff collected the data on comment banners, which are attached.

Additional comment included a request of a social media page for posting of ideas and public interaction including project timeline and progress. Also requested was grant information, contract award and committee formation documents.

Contact and website information was provided so additional comments could be provided. Meeting sign-in sheet, project area map and comment cards were also available.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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**North Sierra Highway Corridor  
Community Workshop Banners**

**July 21, 2016**

**I. General Questions/Concerns**

- Amount of grant
- Timeline
- Committee representative from Early Pond
- Experience working with rural communities
- Will the powerpoint be online?
- Which supervisor, which City Council member represents the project area
- Will there be a property owner in the project area on the advisory council?
- Concern over comparison between other regions (Mammoth airport)
- Explanation for Paiute Tribal boundary
- Proposed website to submit comments/public forum
- Why is the large LADWP leased land included in the project area?
- Concern over drainage along 395 North bound lanes

**II. Banners**

*Biggest Challenge*

- Zoning
- Showcase Water Resources
- Seniors Mobility
- Parking and Enforcement
- US 395 crossing for pedestrians
- Provide more off-street parking in See Vee Lane area
- Prevent alternative routes on Early Pond
- Navigate the "Y"
- Separate the bicyclists from pedestrians

*Biggest Idea for Improvement*

- Reduce noise
- Mixed-use development
- Park or recreation area
- Signage (way-finding)
- Right-size signage for slower speeds
- Pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- Air Raid Siren
- Extend multi-use path to schools, See Vee Lane
- Lighting for safety

### *Desired Character*

- Quieter—too noisy and busy
- Building authenticity—historic character
- Trees
- Open streams and creeks
- Old Matlick building
- Intermingle townhomes—mixed use
- Duck crossing
- Desire eclectic art scene, antiques
- Protect views
- Consider gateways into community
- Consider open creek asset

### *Pedestrian and Bicycling*

- Need more walkability
- Safety
- Wheelchairs/elderly/all people
- Crossing 395
- Want bike lanes
- Link Bishop Downtown and Corridor
- Separate bike paths and sidewalks
- Need signage for access/bike path
- Connect existing bike path
- Consider pedestrian bridge
- Bicycle connectivity
- Bike crossing near Catholic church
- Extend bike path to South for School access
- Traffic circle—concerns with bikes/safety
- Lighting for bikes/pedestrians, not excessive, minimal, for safety
- Scared animals sprint from Veterinary office

### *Auto and Transit*

- SAFETY
- Single speed limit (35) inconsistent, not 45
- Parking—better marking
- Left turn at Tu-Su Lane
- Trucks at Tu-Su by Chevron are a nuisance
- Keep trucks away from residential
- Parking—not enough, especially near See Vee (restaurants)
- Near signal—difficult to turn right (Early Pond Impacts)
- U-turns on See Vee, using yards
- Barlow/395 signal well-managed

- Traffic speed limit not enforced
- “Y” area is a disaster, can’t turn left into town. Round about?
- Fairgrounds—look at other in/out access
- Parking lot/access—Wye area/K-mart/Vons
- Back up traffic at signals
- Glenwood/Rite Aid/Paiute Palace—Trip generators for Bus Transit

*Other Ideas/Concerns*

- Communicate via on-line tools
- Property owner representation on Advisory Committee
- Drainage
- Need signage and wayfinding for turn offs
- Large signs/billboards not consistent
- IT—broadband improvements needed
- EIR—look at siren noise impacts (85 dba every day)

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