

Torrey Pines Community Planning Board
I-5/SR-56 Connector Subcommittee
Co-Chairs Barbara Cerny Michael Foster Dennis E. Ridz

I-5/SR-56 Connector Subcommittee Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Del Mar Villas Pool Complex

Agenda Minutes

Present Dennis E. Ridz, Co-Chair
Subcommittee members: Anna Cotton, Carla LaPorte, Bob Lewis, Dave Henderson, Priscilla Marquiss
Guests: Karen Grant, Bob Diehl, Lois Stanton, Marjorie Moss, Mike Plakosh

Absent: Barbara Cerny, Michael Foster, Faye Detsky-Weil

Call to Order/Introductions –Co-Chair Dennis Ridz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and everyone introduced himself or herself. Representatives from Del Mar Villas, Point Del Mar and Portofino Drive –Eastside were in attendance.

ITEM #1 Discussion & Consideration of motion pertaining to the creation of a steering group for the I-5/SR-56 Connector Subcommittee.

It was decided that a Steering Committee was not needed but more effort would be given to producing detailed minutes. It was suggested that we appoint a secretary. However since no one volunteered, we decided to compile notes from various members for the time being.

ITEM #2 **Discussion of Caltrans September 18th Steering Committee.**

New information and direction, follow-up to Caltrans and community.

A roundtable discussion ensued with the major emphasis being that some away to verify Caltrans' data presented at the Steering Committee meeting needed to be explored. Two views were presented, hire experts to review Caltrans' data or simply ask for more information on the development of the matrix of criteria and how it was used to generate traffic study numbers.

Item #2A 2-D Simulation Views

Mr. Lewis and Ridz presented digital pictures of possible 2-D view locations to help the public better understand the visual impact of the Direct Connector Alternatives. Six locations were selected with the view from the California Bank & Trust being the best. Mr. Ridz will meet with Allan Kosup to request a few more view sites be included in the December Steering Committee presentation.

ITEM #3 Discussion & Consideration of meeting with Sandag to review 2030 RPT

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All were in favor of direct contact with Sandag to discuss the 2030 RTP and Mobility Plan. Mr. Kosup has provided Mr. Ridz with information regarding whom to start the discussions with. The two position papers sent to Caltrans will be used as the basis for discussions after they have been modified and enhanced.

ITEM #4 Discussion & Consideration of ways to broaden the out reach to the public. - editorials, weekly news columns.

Mr. Ridz has made contact with Matt Liebowitz, Senior News Writer for the Del Mar Village Voice/Carmel Valley News. The plan is to publish a series of articles about the Caltrans I-5/SR-56 Connector project.

It was discussed how the TPCPB could better represent the two resolutions adopted by the full Board regarding No Widening of I-5 and No Flyover on the West Side of I-5. The subcommittee and audience felt that the mere issuance of a TPCPB statement of opposition did not go far enough and largely ignored the community out cry for more direct action. Furthermore, it was felt that the Board needed to directly approach Caltrans and demand that the No Widening and No Flyover be presented as one of the established Alternatives. This request will be added to the TPCPB Agenda for October 9, 2008 as a discussion item.

An update was given on the 'Outreach' efforts to involve more residents of Portofino Drive –Eastside of street in the subcommittee. Ms. Carla LaPorte has used her email list to invite Eastside homeowner to the subcommittee meetings. Mr. Ridz informed the group that he has sent emails to Eastside residents that have attended Caltrans Steering meetings. Furthermore, Ms. Cerny has visited with several of the residents across the street.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Various ways to reach a broader audience were discussed. The exact details still need to be worked out but the general viewpoint was that a much 'larger' meeting similar to the Caltrans public evening forum would work best to inform all residences of the Caltrans alternatives and their impacts on local region. Meeting to be held well in advance of next Caltrans Steering Committee slated for mid-December or as part of a Public Evening forum on the 18th of December.

The issue of NOISE and new technology was discussed with a follow-up meeting with more details to be planned out.

Adjournment 8:46 PM