

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 17, 2007

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Valley Club House on 11701 E. Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

1. Call to order

Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. MAC members Janis Gardner, Ruth Means and Don Shubert were present. Mark Burley was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fred Meyer.

3. Agenda Review

Rosemary Allison moved that Item 8b be removed from the agenda since Santa Rosa Technology Magnet school will remain a Kindergarten through 8th grade school. Janis Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Don Shubert made a motion to approve the March 15, 2007 Minutes as submitted. Ruth Means seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the Transportation Director made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors and informed them that Proposition 1A and 1B funds will supply \$20M over a four year period. Overlays will now be done every 7 years. In addition, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve putting Board of Supervisors term limits on the November 2008 ballot, and voted to amend the General Plan to change back the 118 in Somis from four lanes to two lane due to litigation.

With respect to the upcoming installation of rubberized asphalt on Santa Rosa Road, the County PWA anticipates the work to be completed in August provided federal funding comes through and asphalt is available.

6. Public Comments

Jim Doane of the Conejo Valley Cyclists and Crusin' the Conejo race said that their Saturday rides incorporate Santa Rosa Road to Somis. He wanted the MAC to know that the rumble strips to the right of the fog line use up a lot of space and if cyclists ride on the strips they could lose their balance. He would like to see the rumble strips removed as well as regular street sweeping.

Ron Meyer wondered if the debris to the side of the road is from the pavement deterioration.

Rosemary Allison said that several members of the community felt the rumble strips were important and should remain after resurfacing. Supervisor Parks' office distributed letters sent to her regarding the rumble strips from cyclists who feel the rumble strips are a hazard to riders.

Kevin Cannon stated that he thinks cars stay on the road better now because of the rumble strips and that he no longer witnesses cars passing on the right-hand shoulder. He felt that the County should provide sweeping because they are supporting bicycle commuting as a means of transportation.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on Agenda

Ruth Means shared that a resident has complained to her about excess traffic noise and questioned if noise pollution standards might trigger resurfacing.

Rosemary Allison informed the MAC that she would have a CERT update at the June 21, 2007 meeting and asked that it be added to the agenda under "Information Items."

She told the MAC that there are two upcoming fundraisers. Patrick Warburton will present "A Night of Comedy" at the Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center on May 25th with the proceeds benefiting the Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School Lucas Scott Memorial Fund. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children under the age of 12. The second event is the "Flip Flop Lemon Drop Ladies Rock Event" which takes place on Saturday, June 2nd with a donation of \$40.00. There will be limousine service to drive ladies home from the event. Rosemary reminded everyone to come with flip flops decorated to win prizes. Again, all proceeds will benefit the school.

8. Action Items:

a. Rumble Strips

Janis Gardner reminded the MAC that the rumble strips were originally requested because vehicles were passing on the right, especially at Yucca, and the strips appear to be effective in preventing passing. Janis said that rumble strips are also a safety factor for young drivers.

The MAC asked Officer Randy Hosking his opinion on the rumble strips. Officer Hosking replied that he thought most illegal passing occurs in the center median but that rumble strips generally are effective to alert people who stray over them.

Don Shubert said he also believes the rumble strips appear to keep people from passing on the right.

Supervisor Parks said that there may be enough easement to add some extra paving on the shoulders of the road and that the Board of Supervisors directed staff to widen pavement where possible for bike lanes when paving roads. Adding the extra pavement could make up for the area of the bicycle lane lost to make the rumble strip area.

Kevin Cannon said there is a countywide standard for bike lanes and a countywide master bike plan that should be incorporated into planning for Santa Rosa Road.

Ruth Means reminded the MAC that noise complaints have not been received regarding the rumble strips and that she is in favor of keeping them.

Richard Fortune, a local cyclist, wanted the MAC to recognize that the rumble strips collect dirt and debris which can be hazardous to bicyclists.

Rosemary Allison moved:

"Our recommendation is that the rumble strips stay in place, but in consideration of bicyclists, that the County extend the pavement width of the bike lane on each side of the road, adding stenciling and signage to designate the area as a bike lane, provided this improvement does not delay the current overlay project. If possible, the County should put the rumble strips on the left side of the fog line."

The motion was approved 4-0.

9. Information Items

a. Santa Rosa Road Vision Update

Kevin Cannon noted that community members gave input on the Santa Rosa Road Vision and the majority like it. Ruth Means said the comments will be incorporated and the Vision will be submitted to the County. The item was added as an "Action Item" for the next meeting.

b. Report from TIMF Committee

Ruth Means said the TIMF is tied to the Vision and it will be submitted to PWA. The MAC requested that Mr. Britt be asked to the July 19 meeting.

c. Santa Rosa Equestrian Park Update

Supervisor Parks informed the MAC that construction of the park is scheduled for September 2007.

d. Proposed Revision for Lexington Hills Drive/Moorpark Intersection

Janet Wall told the MAC that the redesign plans have been sent to the Lexington Hills HOA for their comments, and that their meeting was being held on May 17 as well. The plans can be assessed by the MAC after the HOA comments are submitted.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

Letter to Public Works Agency Requesting School Bus "Stop Ahead" Warning Sign
Approve Vision Plan for Submission

Information Items:

Synchronized Signals
CERT
Lexington Hills Drive/Moorpark Road Intersection Redesign

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. to June 21, 2007.