



CITY OF RIDGECREST

100 West California Avenue,
Ridgecrest, California 93555-4054

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA CITY HALL - City Council Chambers

Thursday Jan 28, 2021

5:00 pm

Committee Members: Councilman Mike Mower, Councilman Kyle Blades, Commissioner Warren Cox, Commissioner Travis Reed

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TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CALL: 650-479-3208 Call-in toll number, Meeting access code: 126 894 7541

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 - 6.1. Bowman Road concerns – Skip Gorman's request
 - 6.2. Citizen concrete contract – Bard Lower
 - 6.3. Five year paving plan – Bard Lower
 - 6.4. Utility patch replacement update from PW – requested by Warren Cox
7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
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Infrastructure Committee

Skip Gorman's Comments

Written Jan 19, 2021

These comments relate to the "Man Camp" Base project associated with repairing and restoring many of the NAWC test and development facilities damaged in the July 2019 earthquakes, as it relates to Ridgecrest Infrastructure.

We live on Bowman Road in Ridgecrest and have, since December of last year, become aware of the many man camp dirt-fill and DG (Decomposed Granite) trucks passing our house and progressing eastward along Bowman Road to turn left on County Line Road. I understand that a laden truck of this kind weighs about 80,000 lbs and we observed that the trucks were typically traveling at high speed. Though the total number of trucks over the span of the last 2 months is unknown (could be hundreds), both Bowman Road and County Line Road have suffered remarkable damage.

A Kern County road maintenance individual was seen doing street patch duty along County Line Road and I approached him. he was filling road gaps and potholes with cold-dry asphalt aggregate from his tump truck using a shovel and his boots. We chatted and he agreed that the roads are indeed in very bad shape. Apparently, Kern County tries to maintain an informal stewardship for County Line Road from Bowman to the Animal Shelter. San Bernardino County presumably has stewardship from there north to Highway 178. Neither County has done anything serious out there for many years.

There is a sign on Bowman Road near its intersection with County Line Road which appears to limit GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight) to 26,000 lbs. This sign is only visible to trucks traveling west. I sense that an empty dirt delivery truck (heading back for more) exceeds that GVW. There are no posted speed limits on

either Bowman nor County Line Roads nor are there even a semblance of bicycle lanes or accommodations for bikers. Indeed, in my opinion any bicyclist on either of these roads at any time is in serious danger due to the heavy high-speed traffic, road narrowing, bumpy texture and intruding shoulder sand.

During the last couple of weeks the modular apartment sections have began arriving to their staging area across County Line Road from the Cemetery. It is assumed that, given the anticipated 1,500 man camp housing capacity, there will be 300 of these units. I don't know what each of these 5-apartment modules weigh but I managed to photograph one which was being delivered without a tire on its rear rim. The laden rim was rolling noisily east the length of Bowman Road (which attracted my attention) and then north along County Line Road to pull-in at the driveway of the staging area. I pulled-in behind it to snap the attached photo. An associated "tire truck" was observed closely following it all the way in.

I don't know yet how many more laden (80,000lbs) trucks are expected to deliver either dirt or DG to the man camp after the living modules are delivered nor how many more modules to expect. These are questions that I would ask the site erection manager if I could speak with him/her. An estimate of how much more road damage to expect would be helpful in mitigation plans which are the purview of your committee.

Safety is also a consideration because of the treacherous morning and evening low sun angles. A large part of the Searles Valley Minerals Trona workforce commutes on Highway 178 from Ridgecrest and back daily and will be doing so (at highway speed) as the man camp workforce is crossing Highway 178 to get on and off Base. If the man camp workforce uses the Base existing Back Gate for entry, it will no doubt involve a dangerous left turn from County Line Road onto westbound Highway 178 or taking a westbound Bowman to Richmond Road which crosses Highway 178 at a traffic

signal. This places still more commuter traffic on an increasingly beleaguered Bowman Road.

So, in summery, The infrastructure conversation (which ideally starts here and now) should include considerations of extensive permanent mitigation to the damage caused by the construction and subsequent operation of the man camp as it relates to Bowman and County line Roads and comprehensive safety accommodations on Highway 178 and throughout the immediate area for the protection of the transient man camp workforce, travelers along Highway 178 and all nearby area residents.

John P. Gorman
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1/19/2021





City of Ridgecrest Public Meeting Protocol In Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, relating to the convening of public meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, Ridgecrest is continuing to hold City Committee meetings in order to conduct essential business. However, as suggested by the Center for Disease Control, we are temporarily requiring the public to use one of the following alternatives for participating:

- **Call in for public comments / Statements from the Public:**

The public will be allowed to address the Committee during the public comment section of the agenda about subjects within the jurisdiction of the Committee and that do not already appear on the agenda. No action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Questions posed to the Committee may be answered after the meeting or at a future meeting. Dialog or extended discussion between the public and the Committee or staff will be limited in accordance with the Brown Act. The public comment portion of the meeting will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Each person is limited to one comment during public comments. All remarks and questions should be addressed to the Committee as a whole and not to any individual member or staff.

To participate with verbal comments, ***please call in using the contact info provided on the Committee Agenda***. All callers will be able to hear and speak as with a traditional conference call. As redundant as it may be, PLEASE state your name each time you speak during the meeting for the purpose of recording meeting minutes. ***Additionally, please be sure to mute the call when you are not speaking.*** *Please Note: This process will be a learning curve for all, *please be patient.*

- **Submit comments in writing**

We encourage submittal of written comments supporting, opposing, or otherwise commenting on an agenda item, for distribution to the Committee prior to the meeting. Send emails to rgraves@ridgecrest-ca.gov; written correspondence may be sent to via mail to **Rebecca Graves, Public Works**, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Please specify to which Committee and agenda item your comment relates. All communication, whether it is a formal letter or an online informal email, will be read by the Committee.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact **Ricca Charlon at (760) 499-5002**. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

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<https://ridgecrest-ca.gov/223/Boards-Commissions>

Please note this process is temporary and subject to change due to various circumstances. If you have any questions please contact us.



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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – **DRAFT MINUTES** CITY HALL - City Council Chambers

Thursday Oct 22, 2020

5:00 pm

Committee Members: Councilman Mike Mower, Councilwoman Lindsey Stephens, Commissioner Warren Cox, Commissioner Travis Reed

This meeting will be **OPEN** to the public; please note meeting location and call in details below.

City of Ridgecrest committee meetings are being held in the City Council Chambers to allow for social distancing. Infrastructure Committee meetings are OPEN to public attendance (subject to change). Please remember to sit the recommended distance of 6+ feet apart from each other. City hall doors will open at 4:45 p.m. on the day of the meeting to allow public attendance. We will have a maximum seating capacity due to social distancing needs and it will be on a first come, first serve basis. Public participation is also allowed and encouraged via live streaming and call-in or via written correspondence (email: rgraves@ridgecrest-ca.gov, call ahead:760.499.5083).

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:01pm

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Mayor Peggy Breeden (in place of Councilman Mike Mower), Councilwoman Lindsey Stephens, Commissioner Warren Cox, Commissioner Travis Reed
Staff: Bard Lower, Loren Culp

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Sept 24th, 2020 – Approved (1 abstention - Warren Cox)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. Easement/sidewalk/crosswalk between Nevada & Downs on the south side of Las Flores – Stephens

Mrs. Stephens: Mr. Blades heard from the Principal at the school.

Mr. Lower: Willing to complete the sidewalk using Measure V funds if so directed, but can't have a crosswalk to nowhere/ending in dirt. Mr. Reed: Dirt is not considered a walkable surface per ADA. Discussion of putting mid-block, not an option for multiple reasons (studies, too close to intersection, path of travel, etc.). Discussion of ADA sidewalk ramp requirements. Discussion of utilities that would be impacted. Estimated cost ~\$30k. Viewed area using Google Earth.

Discussed possibility of school safety grants. Discussion of potential for signs warning that children may be present.

Public Comment: Mr. Matthews: "I was planning to attend this meeting, because we haven't had one open for awhile. However, looking at the agenda, I see only one item for discussion and I know where that is and what the problem is more or less. My only comment, which I ask you to forward to the committee members is, do whatever you need to get sidewalks in there."

Discussion of offering the school the opportunity to share burden of cost. Mr. Lower: Kids should be able to safely/legally cross at the stop sign; jaywalking is illegal. Discussion of considering viability near hill.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Cox/Mr. Lower: Update on Drummond striping

Mr. Reed: Discussion on bike path width

8. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Lower/Mrs. Stephens/Mr. Cox: Discussion of using development fees to pay LLMD engineering reports. Discussion of restrictions regarding impact fees, requirements of a 218 hearing, potential for referring to Finance Committee or City Manager.

Mr. Culp: Update on Dolphin, Downs, and Tamarisk.

Mr. Cox/Mr. Lower discussion re: Sierra View slurry/paving

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. Next meeting: 11/26/20 (then 12/24/20)

11. ADJOURNMENT – 6:07pm