

CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

City Council Conference Room
100 W. California Avenue.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

Infrastructure Committee Members: Chairman Steve Morgan; Members, Jim Smith, Lois Beres and interim member Tom Wiknich

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 10 and November 14, 2006
4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. China Lake Blvd. - Barriers
 - b. Council Impact Plan
 - c. Traffic Signal Detection Cameras - Warranty options
 - d. Advertisement of CDBG street projects
 - e. FTIP amendment for segments of College Heights Blvd
 - f. Residential Street Lighting (older areas of town)
 - g. Rite-Aid update
 - h. Wal-Mart update
 - i. Proposition 1B
6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adjournment

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Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Present: Chairman Steve Morgan; Members Duke Martin, Jim Smith, Lois Beres, city staff and members of the public

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
The agenda was approved with the removal of item B
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 12, 2006**
The minutes were approved
4. **COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)**
Mr. Dave Matthews asked of Caltrans would be grinding down sides of the roads; seems hazardous. Chair Morgan commented the lip/gutter difference is extreme. Caltrans is looking at safety problems for bicyclists.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - j. Request to not require curb, gutters, and sidewalks – CE Pollock provided staff report. Individual is building private garage on corner lot. City code requires installation of improvements and this lot would require several hundred feet. Property owner, Mr. Sherfey explained there is no curb/gutter or paved street. The committee discussed options and unanimously agreed to delay improvements conditioned to an agreement and lien between the City and Mr. Sherfey stipulating improvements when and how improvements would be required. Staff to develop agreement.
 - k. Revised Traffic Study for Super-Walmart – removed item from agenda
 - l. Closure of Ridgecrest Blvd.'s access to Bank of America – CE Pollock indicated there is not enough room for a left turn in B of A. The Committee discussed options including a median, highway barrier and the Rite Aid project impact at the corner and the possible funding of a median by the project. CE Pollock stated there is not enough room for a median, could put in 6" planter curb 8" high. The committee discussed funding and agreed the cost should be split between both Rite Aid and B of A.
 - m. Request for four way stop and cross walks at Wayne and Reeves – CE Pollock presented a copy of the request; there's speeding on Reeves and bus stop for children. Spoke with the police department and they indicated there is an enforcement problem not traffic control; suggested patrolling the area.

Ms. Renee' Chapai indicated kids have to cross Reeves to go to school.

Chair Morgan commented that there were no speed limit signs and questioned why Wayne is stopped instead of Reeves. CE Pollock responded that would create a bigger gap between traffic controls will result in speeding. The committee unanimously voted that because of the gravity of the situation, the length of block, and the concern for safety with the school route that a four-way stop is warranted. Staff was directed to proceed with making Wayne and Reeves a four-way stop.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Present: Chairman Steve Morgan; Members Duke Martin, Jim Smith, Lois Beres, City staff, media and members of the public

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
The agenda was approved
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 10, 2006**
This item was continued
4. **COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)**
There were no public comments
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - n. Traffic signal detectors – CE Pollock presented proposal to use signal detector sensors rather than the loopers. There is money budgeted. Econolite proposal includes fixing all 7 signals. Mary Ash asked what is meant my smart result surveillance. CE Pollock indicated that means that we have the option of controlling the traffic signals via laptop. Tom Wicknich suggested the City consider getting a back up camera and extended warranty. The committee unanimously agreed (4 ayes) to have staff move forward with this proposal with the option for an extended warranty.
 - o. CDBG – projects and 5 year plan. CE Pollock presented the history of CDBG and the projects done with these funds. City's required to do a plan every 5 years and update it every year. This year's annual review and wish list has to be to the County by December 8th. There is a \$50K request by the Boys and Girls Club; the County may match City funding. Prefer we keep plan the way it is. The Committee further discussed CDBG and asked how the Boys and Girls Club would fund maintenance and upkeep. All committee members recommended Council stay with existing plan with a vote of 4 ayes.
 - p. TTM 6908, citizen concern – Chair Morgan asked staff to review procedure followed and how decision came about. CE Pollock indicated this was an infill project and reviewed the map, proposal and history. Members Smith and Beres commented that explanations were presented at the Planning Commission meeting and the process for public hearing was followed and as

Planning Commissioners they did not discuss the project with or receive pressure from any council members.

- q. Bowman Channel – CE Pollock presented an overview of the Master Drainage Plan and how it relates to the Bowman Channel. The channel is a massive channel that protects north of Bowman to Ridgecrest Blvd. Need a plan with cost estimates to develop fee schedule for developers building along the channel. Planner Alexander showed a map with a park in the Bowman Channel, distributed and reviewed handouts with the committee. City may want to consider requesting proposal from landscape architects. The committee further discussed the RFP process. The committee unanimously agreed staff should move forward with presentation to Council. RFP to include utilizing xeriscape, non-motorized trails (soft with hard next to it), 200 year flood pilot channels, life cycle cost, and as part of the process for designer would get public input.
- r. Rite-Aid/B of A – update. Requirement of median is a condition of sale of the property and part of the DDA.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Public Works Director Dennis Speer was introduced.
- b. Chair Morgan commented on the Air Resource Board workshop and that grant monies are available
- c. Comment was made on the status of Caltrans rework on China Lake Blvd.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

November 17, 2006

City Council Members of Ridgecrest
100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Reference: Road Barriers placed Northbound on China Lake Blvd at Drummond Avenue.

To City Council Members:

I, Raman Bhikha, the owner of Budget Inn & Suites have been receiving complaints from our customers in regards to the barriers that were recently installed at the entrance of my business. These barriers are located on the northbound lanes of 800 block of China Lake Blvd., at the intersection of China Lake Blvd. and Drummond Avenue.

These barriers prohibit vehicles to enter into *any* businesses on the opposite side of the road. The barriers also prohibit my customers from completing a left hand turn onto China Lake Blvd. heading northbound. In order for an individual to exit my property and head northbound on China Lake Blvd. they have to first travel southbound for approximately a quarter mile and make a left hand turn into the Ridgecrest Towne Center, by Mervyns'. They would then be required to either make a u-turn in the shopping plaza or travel within the shopping plaza and exit out another exit heading northbound.

These barriers have made a financial impact on my place of business as well. For a northbound traveling customer to enter my property they would have to travel past my entrance and go the traffic light of Drummond Avenue and China Lake Blvd. They would then be required to make a U-turn on China Lake Blvd. and head southbound up China Lake Blvd. and make a right turn into the property.

I would like to make a request to have an exit placed through the barriers to allow access to my place of business. This way a customer traveling northbound will have access to the Budget Inn & Suites. The barriers that were recently added approximately two months ago are the ones that I have an issue with. The previously installed barriers were acceptable as they allowed access to my property.

I have attached a petition below from the surrounding businesses and customers that are affected by the road barriers.

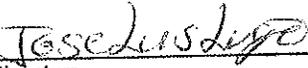
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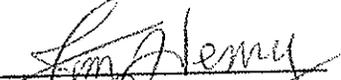
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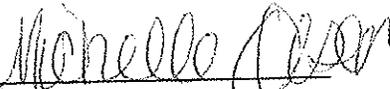
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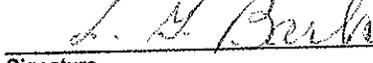
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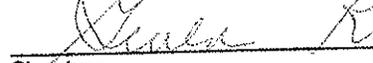
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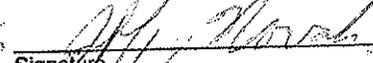
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If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me @ (760) 375-1351.

Thanks,


Raman Bhikha
Owner of Budget Inn & Suites
Ridgecrest, California

November 21, 2006

City Council Members of Ridgecrest
100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Reference: Road Barriers placed Northbound on China Lake Blvd at Drummond Avenue.

To City Council Members:

I, Jose Lugo, am the owner of the Midway Café here in Ridgecrest, California. I have recently been receiving a numerous amount of complaints from the customers that come into my restaurant. They are complaining about the road barriers that are placed at the entrance of the shopping plaza.

These barriers forbid customers from entering the parking lot to my business and the surrounding businesses as well. There were barriers at one time that allowed patrons to enter the parking lots. But recently, more barriers were added and the additional barriers are the ones that are causing the problems.

I would like to request to have the recently added barriers removed. These barriers have made it very difficult for my customers to enter and exit my parking lot and neighboring parking lots.

I have attached a petition below from the surrounding businesses and customers that are affected by the road barriers.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (760) 375-5961.

Thanks,

Jose Luis Lugo

Jose Lugo
Owner of Midway Cafe
Ridgecrest, California

Janet Kessler
Ed Kessler

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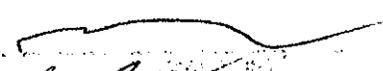
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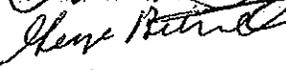
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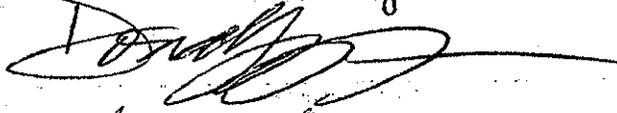
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