

CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

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

Minutes

Present: Chairman Steve Morgan; Members Duke Martin, Jim Smith, Lois Beres, city staff and 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:**
 - a. 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.
 - b. Revised Traffic Study for Super-Walmart – removed item from agenda
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.