



City of Ridgecrest

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

NOTES ONLY

Infrastructure Committee Member: Chairman Tom Wiknich, Councilmember Jerry Taylor,
Members Lois Beres and Craig Porter
Recorder: Karen Harker, Administrative Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER -The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wiknich at 5:08 pm. NO QUOUM. There will be no official business only discussion. No action was taken at the meeting.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)
Stan Ratorja was disappointed in the budget and that less than 1% of the budget was made available to fix the streets. He wondered how do we stop the deterioration of our streets, maybe cutting 10% in the police and parks and recreations budget is the solution? Not truly in favor of this but need to do something to help our streets. The Committee agreed that it is hard to find money for the streets but not sure cutting the budget in the police or parks and recreation departments.
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. 508 Dolphin Street – Drainage Issue
 - a. Comments from the City Manager – Mr. Speer gave an overview of the situation that surrounds the property at 508 Dolphin Street. Mr. Irvin has the property that fronts the cul-de-sac. This Committee tasked staff to see if we had a document that gave Mr. Irvin the property or if they City still owned it. Also staff was tasked if and did we have a drainage issue in this area and are the capabilities of the channels able to hold enough water.

Mr. Speer handed out a worksheet that he had compiled data that showed that the Channels can accommodate the quantity of water that flows down the street. However, Ernie will cut a swell so that the water will drain away from the driveway of the property. Mr. Irvin feels that this issue is not only a drainage issue but now a safety issue due to the fact that motorcycles are going through the area. Mr. Speer discussed from the jacket file that Mr. Irvin at one point in time asked for an encroachment permit to landscape the area. Mr. Irvin did remember asking for this at one time but decided against it.

B. Truck Route through the City - Do we need to have truck route established in the city. If the question is the West Ridgecrest Blvd area, it will be an uphill battle, Mr. Speer pointed out. You can have truck routes for residential areas but not a commercial area. You can prohibit based on size and weight, in residential. Mr. Taylor felt that we are just asking the chemical trucks going to Trona not to come down Ridgecrest Blvd; not the delivery trucks to deliver to businesses. We need to find out how other areas are doing this type of restriction. *Public comment – the problem Mr. McKernan sees is that there are only two roads that lead out to Trona and that is W. Ridgecrest Blvd and Hwy 178.* Mr. Taylor feels that we should be able to ask the trucks to take the State Hwy to Trona.

C. W. Ridgecrest Blvd. – 60% Design

a. Master Drainage Plan – Balsam area

Discussed the drainage issue at Balsam Street and Ridgecrest Blvd, and the use of money from the RDA Bonds. Mr. Taylor feels that it is time to take the Master Drainage and implement it. Mr. Wiknich discussed the use of an inverted crown and approach Caltrans to change the specifications. Mr. Speer discussed the purpose and need statement and passed out the handout to the committee. Mr. Wiknich asked if there could be a comparison done like one done for the 508 Dolphin as do how much water is going down Ridgecrest Blvd now and how much will be going down once the road has been done with new curb and gutter. Mr. Speer stated that there is a way to make these calculations and he and Loren Culp, the City Engineer will work with the design firm and work the numbers so that they can come back to the committee with hard facts so that it might give the committee a better understanding of how much water will be diverted.

A cost estimate for the master drainage plan was presented for the West Ridgecrest Blvd Project. *Public Comment – Dave Matthews – use the sumps at the City hall for extra drainage just run a pipe from the area at Ridgecrest*

Blvd over the sumps and that would help with the drainage. Mr. Speer feels that we should stay with the master drainage plan if implementation is something that we are looking at doing.

D. PMS System – Implementation – if we have the 60K we will move forward. Mr. Speer will be going to city council on the 21st with the using some of the RDA money for this project.

E. Curb Repair around Town – Use of Asphalt

Spot repairs and is this how we repair and the answer is no. Photos were passed out. This is a temporary remedy. TDA money is usually used to bring ADA ramps into compliance. As soon as there is a call for projects we get a list together of area's that need to be done and then move forward with getting them up to ADA compliance. Meanwhile, we do repair them to the best of our ability so that no one is hurting themselves on them.

6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – Introduced Loren Culp as the new City Engineer. Ward Signal Project – 1st of July Caltrans will be starting construction on the Ward Signal. I will let you know how things are going.
ARRA - could have money from the Federal Government for West Ridgecrest Blvd.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

1st set of task orders from the wastewater treatment facility
Calculations of water going down

9. ADJOURNMENT 6:41