

Coastal Mobility and Livability Working Group (CMLWG)

Summary Notes

Meeting No. 4

January 10, 2017

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Poinsettia Room, Encinitas Civic Center

505 S. Vulcan Avenue

Encinitas, California 92024

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1. AGENDA REVIEW

2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ACCEPT MEETING #3 NOTES

The CMLWG is comprised of thirteen (13) regular members. The CMLWG is also comprised of a representative from each of the City's Commissions to serve as ex-officio members.

Regular Members

1. Carris Rhodes, Leucadia 101
2. Brett Farrow, Cardiff 101
3. Tom Cozens, Encinitas 101
4. Jim Benedetti, Chamber
5. Richard Risner, Preserve Cardiff Rail Corridor
6. Jody Hubbard, Yes Rail Trail
7. Rahul Deshpande, Cardiff T.C.
8. William Morrison, Leucadia T.C.

Ex Officio Commission Members

1. Greg Drakos, Planning
2. Peter Kohl, Traffic and Safety
3. Joy Lyndes, Environmental
4. Judy Thum, Arts
5. Gabriella Gjata, Youth
6. Kris Stewart, Senior
7. John Gjata, Parks and Recreation

9. Judy Berlfein, Bike/Walk Encinitas
10. Mikayla McFadden, Paul Ecke School
11. Robert Hemphill, Engaged Citizen
12. Ron Dodge, Engaged Citizen
13. Carmen Barnard, Latino/Hispanic

At this meeting, 16 members that have been formally appointed were present. Four were absent (Jody Hubbard, Judy Thum, Gabriella Gjata and Kris Stewart).

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

No speaker slips were presented during the public comment agenda item.

City Briefings and Updates

4. UPDATE ON WAYSIDE HORN DEMONSTRATION

City and HDR Inc. staff presented the results of the Wayside Horn Demonstration Acoustic Monitoring Study. The presentation included a brief overview of the wayside horn demonstration and the results of the acoustical monitoring that was performed as part of the demonstration.

WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff Working Session with CMLWG

5. DRAFT EARLY ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS: QUIET ZONE RECOMMENDATIONS, CROSSINGS AT EL PORTAL AND MONTGOMERY

WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff provided an overview of draft recommendations related to the potential implementation of a Quiet Zone in the City of Encinitas, and the crossings at El Portal and Montgomery/Verdi. In response to the content presented, CMLWG provided the following recommendations to City Council.

- Conduct Further Study of attaining a Quiet Zone for the Corridor, including an Official Risk Analysis and a Diagnostic Meeting with CPUC & Rail Operators (consensus by all Working Group Members present at the table).

This Working Group recommendation was predicated on the following caveats:

- Existing and future at-grade crossings will be addressed

- The study will provide an understanding of the waiver process
 - The Chesterfield Quiet Zone should move forward independent of the Quiet Zone Study.
- Move forward with El Portal Below-Grade Crossing (consensus by all Working Group Members present at the table; except one, who preferred “comfortable consensus¹”).

This Working Group recommendation was predicated on the following caveats:

- Present design and receive input from Paul Ecke Central Elementary and Leucadia 101 Main Street
 - Concern expressed regarding the potential for establishment of a below-grade crossing to be a road block to future, potential trenching
 - Request that City explore the potential for the design of the below-grade crossing to be completed in a manner that could accommodate future trenching
 - Reiteration that the Working Group’s long term vision for the corridor includes moving the rail corridor to the Interstate 5 corridor or trenching the rail corridor
 - Request that trenching be explored in a future Working Group meeting, including the provision of background information on trenching
- Cardiff Crossing Recommendation - Working Group would like more information, and would like questions answered, before making a recommendation on a crossing in Cardiff (consensus by all Working Group Members present at the table).

Specifically, they would like more information on a crossing at Montgomery (at-grade and below-grade) and a below-grade crossing at Verdi. The following information was requested for the two crossing locations:

- A sufficient level of design to determine cost, and the development of a visual simulation to evaluate aesthetics at Verdi
- Number of people residing nearby
- Noise
- Connectivity to existing circulation (pedestrian, bike, vehicular; including sidewalks and parking)
- Number of people crossing at a given location now
- How long would it take for either crossing to become operational?
- Safety
- Distance to next crossing
- Number of events held nearby (by schools, for example)

¹ A Consensus Decision-Making process was utilized in soliciting CMLWG recommendations. “Consensus” was defined as all Working Group members feeling satisfied with a recommendation. “Comfortable consensus” was defined as a recommendation that Working Group members may not enthusiastically support, but would not actively oppose.

- Is there the potential to lose funding if no action is taken?

There was some discussion to form a Subcommittee addressing the Cardiff crossing issue, and then returning to the Working Group as a whole with a recommendation for consideration. There was no formal vote taken on this idea, but the Working Group was generally supportive. However, it was noted that it would not be productive for the subcommittee to commence activities until additional information regarding the crossings becomes available.

- Working Group recommendation to present the Draft Guiding Themes to the Council on January 25, 2017, solely as information, with the caveat that the CMLWG wants the opportunity for further review and to provide input on the themes given that time was not available to do so at the #4/January 10 meeting (consensus by all Working Group Members present at the table).

6. CMLWG FEEDBACK: COASTAL MOBILITY AND LIVABILITY STUDY (CMLS) INITIAL OUTREACH SUMMARY AND DRAFT GUIDING THEMES

This agenda item was tabled to allow more time for discussion and input during agenda item 5 (above).

Meeting Wrap Up

7. SANDAG STATUS UPDATE ON THE COASTAL RAIL TRAIL PROJECT PRESENTED BY LINDA CULP, PRINCIPAL PLANNER

A brief update was provided to the CMLWG on the Coastal Rail Trail Project.

- As part of the discussion, the Working Group requested that SANDAG consider additional landscaping between the pedestrian path and the adjacent parking on Coast Highway 101.

8. NEXT STEPS

A brief discussion identified next steps in the CMLS process.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS CONT'D

No public comments were received.

Meeting adjournment at 8:47 pm.