Coastal Mobility and Livability Working Group (CMLWG)

DRAFT Minutes and Summary Notes

Meeting No. 1

July 28, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Poinsettia Room
505 South Vulcan Avenue
Encinitas, California 92024

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

The CMLWG consists of thirteen (13) regular members. The CMLWG will also consist 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. VACANT/TBD, No Rail Trail
6. Jody Hubbard, Yes Rail Trail
7. Rahul Deshpande, Cardiff T.C.
8. William Morrison, Leucadia T.C.
9. Judy Berlfein, Bike/Walk Encinitas
10. Mikayla McFadden, Paul Ecke School
11. Robert Hemphill, Engaged Citizen
12. Ron Dodge, Engaged Citizen
13. VACANT/TBD*, Latino/Hispanic

Ex Officio Commission Members

1. Greg Drakos, Planning
2. Al Apuzzo, Planning (*alt.*)
3. VACANT/TBD, Traffic and Safety
4. VACANT/TBD, Environmental
5. VACANT/TBD, Arts
6. VACANT/TBD, Youth
7. VACANT/TBD, Senior
8. VACANT/TBD, Parks and Recreation

At this meeting, all members that have been formally appointed were present. None absent.

3. INTRODUCUTIONS AND PRIORITIES

Participants introduced themselves and provided a brief statement about why this study is important to them.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (15 MINUTES)

None.

5. BY-LAWS AND RULES

The CMLWG received an overview of the group's mission statement, primary function, and ground rules for participation. The CMLWG is created for the purpose of assisting the City of Encinitas with the preparation of unified vision for the rail corridor to address connectivity and quality of life needs while addressing the safety and character of the corridor; which involves:

- Guiding the public engagement process;
- Reviewing of needs and constraints assessments;
- Providing feedback on key issues and opportunities;
- Developing solutions studies and alternatives; and
- Having the principal duty of acting as an advisory body to City Council regarding recommended actions associated with the Final Concept Alternative.

6. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The CMLWG received an overview of the purpose of the CMLS and the main elements that align the Active Transportation Plan, Parking Study, and Rail Corridor Vision Study.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW AND BREAKOUT SESSION

The CMLWG reviewed components of the adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP) that was adopted by City Council. The CMLS PPP consists of a consolidated work program that includes specific elements including raising public awareness, communications, and promoting public engagement.

The CMLWG broke out into three groups to review the approach and provide additional insight to the goals and timing of some of the activities, as well as best way to share information and get people to workshops or online.

Each group was asked to report back to the larger group regarding roughly three key ideas raised during discussion. These key ideas are presented below (see flipboards for a more detailed record of the discussions).

Breakout sessions:

- First group feedback:
  - Keep workshops from being open-ended. Give people something to react to.
  - Initial objective is engagement, not necessarily consensus
  - Provide a clear definition of constraints (financial, legal, physical, etc.)
  - Provide outreach saturation: postcards, online, email list, etc. People should have no excuse to not know
  - Perhaps a mobile event or walking tour, etc.
  - Tell people what's in it for them and don't get too technical
  - Timely release information
  - At least one (1) workshop on Saturday
- Second group feedback:
  - Each member of CMLWG should develop their own outreach list and communication methods, based on their established networks
  - Good locations include (see flipboard for full list): Coaster station, Swami's Beach Park, Encinitas Community Park, etc.
  - Avoid City Hall for public meetings.
- Third group feedback:
  - Recruit interns from high schools and colleges to help collect data
  - Many locations suggested for public workshops (see flipboard)

Attending members of the public were encouraged to submit their own ideas in writing. All comments would be used to strengthen the PPP's implementation. Comments submitted in writing would be shared with the rest of the CMLWG as part of the next agenda packet.

8. WAYSIDE HORN TEST DEMONSTRATION

- Test tentatively scheduled for August 23rd, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Date subject to change.
- Three horn-sounding options:
  - 92dB with horns pointed toward pedestrian approaches
  - 92dB with horns pointed down at crossing
  - Lower level horn
- Acoustic monitoring in several locations surrounding the crossing

- Public access in the corridor will be limited. Cordoned areas for parking and public observation. Only those with the appropriate safety training will be allowed in NCTD right-of-way
- This topic will be discussed in more depth at Meeting No.2, which will precede the testing
- Questions/suggestions from CMLWG:
  - Video boards could be used to show real-time status/results
  - Ensure people know about pending quiet crossing at Chesterfield, and also about ultimate goal for corridor wide quiet zone
  - Current frequency of train horns?
  - People will also care about sound at 3 a.m., not just 5:30 p.m.

9. NEXT STEPS

Next steps related to the CMLWG's role with the Wayside Horn Test Demonstration and meeting no. 2 was generally discussed.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS CONT'D

Julie Thunder addressed the CMLWG and suggested that the existing condition of the corridor has benefits. Many in Cardiff love it as it is, today. Opposition to Coastal Rail Trail grew in reaction to renderings of proposed changes.

John Gjata stated that he appreciates the overall holistic planning approach to the consolidated study.

Meeting Adjourned