



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2009
TO: Mission Canyon Planning Advisory Committee Members
FROM: David Lackie, Supervising Planner DL
Rosie Dyste, Senior Planner RD
cc: Derek Johnson, Director
SUBJECT: April 8, 2009 MCPAC Meeting Materials

Staff has compiled a packet of materials for your review in preparation for the meeting on April 8, 2009. The following attachments are submitted for your review.

1. April 8, 2009 Meeting Agenda
2. Parking Strategy Fact Sheets
3. Instructions to Table Facilitators
4. Table Facilitator Notes

Residential Parking Strategy Project Description

This project is an action item from the draft Mission Canyon Community Plan to develop a residential parking strategy and draft implementation options to ensure safe ingress and egress within this very high fire hazard area.

The project components include community meetings/workshops, and development of a plan to address a range of potential regulatory and capital improvement/physical improvement options for decision maker consideration and funding. The final product, in the form of a Residential Parking Strategy for Mission Canyon, will be prepared with full participation of the MCPAC and presented to the larger community for review and comment.

The meeting on April 8 is the first of approximately three public meetings/workshop scheduled for the project. If particular issue areas require a more focused effort, we may consider forming a MCPAC subcommittee to meet more often during the course of the project. A schedule is included below:

| Date | Task |
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| Spring - Summer 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Planning • Public Outreach/Meetings |
| Summer - Fall 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Residential Parking Strategy • Public Workshop to present draft plan |
| Winter 2009 - Winter 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend draft plan • Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Hearings • Implementation |

Community Meeting Format, Instructions for Table Facilitators and Parking Strategy Fact Sheets (Attachments 2 and 3)

This meeting is planned to follow a similar format as previous MCPAC workshops using the World Café model. The discussion tables will be broken down by neighborhood: South Foothill (including Foothill Road), Mission Canyon Heights and Upper Mission Canyon. MCPAC members will be assigned to facilitate individual tables while County staff will rotate among tables to answer questions.

We have prepared Fact Sheets on the following topics to provide information and facilitate the discussion (attached).

- Parking Options
- Funding
- Red Flag Restrictions
- Enforcement
- On-Street Parking
- Trailhead Parking
- Foothill Road
- Community Survey Summary (note: the MCPAC is also provided with the full results of the survey with extensive comments, we will bring a limited number of the full results to the meeting in case any community members are interested)

Each table will be provided with the Fact Sheets as handouts for participants. Please review them prior to the meeting. Community members have provided input on many issue areas and problem roads and this meeting is an opportunity to delve deeper to find out where and what specifically needs attention. For example, many people mentioned Foothill Road or Cheltenham Road as problem areas but did not specifically state why. See the Community Survey results in the Fact Sheets for more insight on the problem areas. Also, participants need to remain focused on parking and emergency ingress and egress and not use this meeting for input on areas outside the project scope.

Instructions for Table Facilitators are included in your packet as a reminder. MCPAC members are assigned to facilitate the neighborhood tables as follows (Ann Cavalli may be absent):

Upper Mission Canyon: Barbara Lindemann, Jenny Cushnie, and Ray Smith. This area will include Tunnel Trailhead parking, bicyclist and pedestrian access ideas, Tunnel Road, Mission Canyon Road and Las Canoas Road issues. The community generated lots of ideas to improve trailhead parking that could be further explored at the meeting.

Mission Canyon Heights: Jacqueline Hynes, Sue Foley and Amanda de Lucia. This area has highest number of respondents from the Community Survey and the most issue areas. Because we expect to have a high level of interest in this area, we will set up two tables for this neighborhood. Particular areas that were noted as the most severe parking problems in the surveys include Cheltenham, Exeter, Montrose, Williams Way, Ben Lomond, Glen Albyn and Kenmore. Community members have suggested new No Parking zones, enforcement, widening/shoulder improvements, one-way streets, intersection visibility improvements, signs, and speed bumps.

South of Foothill/Foothill Road: Randy Reetz and Kevin Snow. This area will include both sides of Foothill Road which generated lots of comments and concerns regarding speeding, width, parking, vegetation and intersection visibility and pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Other issue areas include special events at the Museum and Women's Club, and safety at the crosswalk to the Museum.

Other Materials: Each table will be provided with large maps where participants can mark problem areas and ideas on them. We will also provide note pads and post-it notes. Please keep a running list of questions or topics where more research or data is needed.

Neighborhood Table Discussions: MCPAC members will be responsible for taking notes and listing relevant issues, suggested strategies, and identify any additional information/data that would be helpful to inform the discussion at future meeting (see sample Table Facilitator "Notes" table, Attachment 4). Each table will have approximately 1 hour for discussion. The MCPAC meeting will then re-group and each table facilitator will present a 5-10 minute summary of the issues discussed.

Mission Canyon Community Plan Status Update

Since the Board of Supervisors initiated the Mission Canyon Community Plan for environmental review on October 7, 2008, staff has been preparing an Administrative Draft Initial Study and coordinating environmental document review with the City of Santa Barbara. The Initial Study has identified potentially significant impacts to resource issues that will be further evaluated in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). In the next few months you will have an opportunity to review the Initial Study and Notice of Preparation for the EIR. A consultant will be contracted to prepare the EIR this summer and a draft should be ready for public review by Winter 2009.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this or upcoming meetings:

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