

APPENDIX 13.2

PUBLIC INPUT COMMENTS

13.2.1 TRAIL WORKSHOP

Trail Issues/Problems

- ⌘ Connectivity
 - North/south corridor
 - West to foothills
 - Schools connected with trails
 - Carson City rim trail with connectivity to Tahoe Rim Trail
 - Trail behind college widened and connect north to south
 - Connect trails to bus routes
- ⌘ Riverview Park
 - Not ADA accessible
 - Consider paving trail
 - Extend trail to river
 - Maintain interpretive signs (vandalism control)
 - Bike lane on East 5th Street needs to connect to Riverview Park
- ⌘ Access
 - Access through developments
 - Access to parks and regional parks
 - Equestrian connection and access
 - Maintain access
 - Trail system through town with access to other trails
 - Keep resources open to public
 - Encourage home owners to allow access behind houses
- ⌘ Trail Etiquette
 - Use conflicts
 - On-going trails committee?
 - Education is key for responsible usage
 - Need place to call for etiquette issues (call agencies that own land)
 - Equestrian responsibility to expose horses to trail users
 - Bells on mountain bikes
- ⌘ Motorized Access
 - Pine Nut Mountain Plan (BLM) is proposing to eliminate motorized use. BLM wants to keep challenging motorized trails
 - Motorcycle access
 - Rock crawling area
 - OHV and equestrians have large economic impacts
 - Pine Nut Trails Association is approved to give classes at the high school
- ⌘ Fire Roads
 - Tie in to public safety (fire access)
 - Fire break trail
 - Develop trails in fire area as part of rehabilitation
 - Use fire clearing as means to create new trails
- ⌘ Trail Alignments
 - Trails with destinations – loop around city
 - Work with surrounding counties
 - Step by step process, address sprawl
 - Work together and with government agencies
 - Urban trails vs. urban interface (hierarchy of trails)
 - Take advantage of city's unique assets

- West side of town – north/south trail
- Dirt trail along river
- Ensure that trail corridors will be preserved
- ⌘ Micellaneous
 - Balance between paved/unpaved trails
 - Trail signage
 - Talk to commissioners
 - Carson Valley Trails Association (trails ignored by developers)
 - Involve community in cleanups
 - Eliminate danger
 - Continual public input is necessary
 - Put bike racks at bus stops and on buses

Carson City Trails (urban area)

- ⌘ Add urban system sidewalks
- ⌘ Identify parks and schools and assess how well the trails serve them
- ⌘ Identify appropriate locations for sidewalks based on urban/rural characteristics
- ⌘ Split rail fence separation between trail users
- ⌘ Require developers to dedicate a portion of each subdivision as open space
- ⌘ Dedicated zoning for trails and access and greenways
- ⌘ Access from Curry Street to Douglas County
- ⌘ Work with Douglas County to develop a north/south route
- ⌘ All interchanges should recognize and sign for bicycles
- ⌘ Better use of “C” Hill – needs a formalized trail
- ⌘ Try to define a better route north and south between Graves Lane and 395
- ⌘ Extend path along contours of “C” Hill as part of a “rim” trail
- ⌘ Connect the train museum to the V&T Line
- ⌘ Improve maintenance on “on system” and “off systems”
- ⌘ Local names for individual trails, i.e. V&T Trail
- ⌘ Southern end of freeway needs to include a parallel alignment for multi-use trail
- ⌘ Linear Park trail develop as a major east-west route
- ⌘ Create a fire protection and trail easement (may purchase or tax benefit) behind private property on “C” Hill
- ⌘ Goni: There needs to be safe bike access along Goni road.
- ⌘ Arrowhead Road: bike lane vanishes at the tightest part of the turn - a biker would get smooshed if they tried to ride there. Make a bike lane along Arrowhead and do something with those roundabouts.
- ⌘ Sutro – The road is super narrow, and there are ditches on BOTH sides of the road. Any way to get a walking/bike path on at least one side of the road?
- ⌘ Acquire right-of-way for River Trail from Riverview Park to Centennial Recreation area
- ⌘ Create pedestrian bridge over Carson River to connect Carson City with BLM area
- ⌘ Create pedestrian crossing over/under Highway 50 to create trail to Centennial Park

Western Carson City Trails

- ⌘ Improvements to Curry/Cochise to include child-suitable bicycle access (off-street preferred when possible)
- ⌘ Contoured greenbelt connecting trails, a north/south trail across the urban/Sierra interface across from Kings Canyon to Lakeview and to Tahoe Rim Trail – Multi-use dirt non-motorized
- ⌘ Consider Spooner Summit as access point (future shuttle stop for mass transit)
- ⌘ Connect V&T grade trail to Washoe Valley – paved with dirt shoulder

- ⓧ Bike lanes from Ormsby Boulevard to continue west on King Street to Long Ranch subdivision
- ⓧ Access across Highway 50 east and west
- ⓧ Connect from Greenhouse Nursery up canyon to Kings Canyon (see map) Borda Meadow – connect with existing road to dry lake
- ⓧ Market a loop trail for tourism – connect to hotels, etc.
- ⓧ Abandon dead-end trails where appropriate and develop new, logical trail connections (don't connect existing trails where it doesn't make sense) show trails where you really want them
- ⓧ Connect Vicee Trail to Hobart/Lakeview Trail (use existing trails – expand) loop back to Timberline
- ⓧ Connection from Vicee Canyon to Ash Canyon, connect to Kings Canyon – improve existing trails
- ⓧ Connect through Meason property
- ⓧ Connection to Tahoe Rim
- ⓧ Spooner Summit maintenance SHFD/sand pit access point for horse parking
- ⓧ Connectivity on southern side
- ⓧ Parking for horse trailers
- ⓧ Mountain bike skills park

Eastern Carson City Trails

- ⓧ Prison Hill has no BLM designated trails – either open or closed
- ⓧ Bridges across river for trails
- ⓧ Paved trail on one side of river and unpaved on the other
- ⓧ Washoe Tribe of Nevada/California
 - Lands in valley floor
 - Stewart area (cemeteries and burials)
- ⓧ Utilities easements
 - Sierra Pacific (Lee Simpkins)
 - Southwest Gas
 - Paiute Pipeline
 - SBC Nevada phone company
- ⓧ Multi-use paved non-motorized trail along freeway corridor from Hwy 50 East to Edmonds Sports Complex and from sports complex to Hwy 50 West / 395
- ⓧ Connection from Mexican Dam to Snyder Avenue (dirt, non-motorized)
- ⓧ Pedestrian/equestrian crossing of southern portion of freeway to connect southeast Carson to Prison Hill and Carson River
- ⓧ Common idea “ring” trail, Multi-use trail around Carson City outside urban area – dirt, non-motorized
- ⓧ Keep Prison Hill open to OHV. Maybe even build a track to keep motorcycle riders in the designated area
- ⓧ 4x4 trails and rock crawling at Prison Hill and Pine Nut Mountains
- ⓧ Check with NDOT about parking
- ⓧ Trail “ambassador” program for enforcement
- ⓧ Fire road – 12' ideal
 - Wide enough to get something in there (fire/ambulance)
 - Gate it
 - Incorporate into new stuff
 - Trails right behind subdivisions to allow access
 - Turn-arounds
 - Improve existing roads to 4-wheel drive
- ⓧ Urban
 - North-south in town
 - Off-road east-west corridor

13.2.2 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING COMMENTS

Trails

- ⓧ More trails and trail connectivity:
 - Longer bike trails
 - Mountain bike
 - Horses
 - Backcountry/non-paved
 - For families
 - For walkers
 - Access Tahoe Rim Trail
 - Along river (adjacent)
- ⓧ Prioritize trails
- ⓧ Create biker friendly city with stoplights that recognize bikers, less street crossings, and bike lanes
- ⓧ Fire area can provide access to back country
- ⓧ Pave trails for skaters
- ⓧ Trail network with trails throughout city, both in and around residential areas
- ⓧ Dirt trail parallel to paved trail
- ⓧ Trails from golf courses to vistas (loop)
- ⓧ Bike trail on south gateway
- ⓧ Underpasses
- ⓧ Improve sidewalks
- ⓧ Park and school access for kids (trails)
- ⓧ Publicize trails map on-line
- ⓧ Promote Prison Hill's trails and possible shelter on summit
- ⓧ Sign national trails "Pony Express" "American Discovery Trail" and "California/Overland Trail"
- ⓧ Need equestrian access over new freeway
- ⓧ Equestrian access should have proper design criteria, i.e. height
- ⓧ Maintain public access to public lands
- ⓧ Develop a "ring" recreation trail around Carson, linking parks
- ⓧ Do not remove Mountain Street Trailhead and add trail

Recreation Facilities

- ⓧ Year-round swim lessons
- ⓧ Individual activities
- ⓧ Swimming pool – more public use (afternoons)
- ⓧ Challenging activities for kids are needed
- ⓧ No one uses playgrounds
- ⓧ Enclosed hockey rink
- ⓧ New skate park
- ⓧ Adult baseball field (Centennial)
- ⓧ Disc golf course
- ⓧ Basketball facility (covered) (outdoor)
- ⓧ Leisure pool needed (Douglas pool)
- ⓧ Year-round hockey facility
- ⓧ More indoor and outdoor basketball courts
- ⓧ More gyms for youth basketball and volleyball
- ⓧ Indoor soccer facility
- ⓧ Racquetball courts!!

Additional Facilities

- ⓧ Expanded concert facility (outdoor) i.e. like Red Rocks

- ⌘ Larger fairgrounds with better location – State Fair?
- ⌘ Horse facilities – east side of city
- ⌘ Stewart facility – explore opportunities with State
- ⌘ Retreat center
- ⌘ Campgrounds
- ⌘ Senior facility for classes (with transportation to site) for large groups
- ⌘ Rest stop in town
- ⌘ Upgrade Community Center
- ⌘ Community garden program that links seniors and youth

Parks

- ⌘ Create residential/neighborhood parks with new developments/apartment complexes
- ⌘ Charge non-residents fee for park usage
- ⌘ Dog parks needed
- ⌘ Address dog clean-up
- ⌘ Enforce dogs off-leash policies
- ⌘ Park in freeway right-of-way (sculptures) “Freedom Park” concept
- ⌘ Post regulations
- ⌘ Small equestrian parks (horse park)
- ⌘ More nature parks with low maintenance (i.e. Riverview Park)
- ⌘ Every park should have a restroom
- ⌘ Maintain Fuji Park, better access for equestrian use. The arena needs maintenance.
- ⌘ Need another multi-purpose park – community park
- ⌘ Don’t add more neighborhood parks
- ⌘ Patrol Mills Park via carts
- ⌘ Mills Park needs renovation including replacing old trees and improving maintenance and cleanliness
- ⌘ Keep Edmonds going!
- ⌘ More parking on the north end of Edmonds
- ⌘ Parks in the northwest part of town
 - Silver Oak, Lakeview, and Arrowhead
 - Natural state, open space (between Lakeview and University Heights)
- ⌘ Renovate horseshoe pits at Mills Park

Miscellaneous

- ⌘ Greenbelt at Borda Ranch is a good idea
- ⌘ Preserve hillsides for open space
- ⌘ Lighting needs (preserve night sky)
- ⌘ Mitigate freeway impact on residents
- ⌘ Girls softball – improve administration
- ⌘ Good theater productions
- ⌘ Co-op work with Brewery Arts Center
- ⌘ Equestrian programs:
 - Horse shows
 - Exercise ring or small riding arena
 - Indoor riding arena
- ⌘ Corner of Carson River Road and East of 5th Street
 - Limit off-road vehicles
 - Illegal dumping
- ⌘ Concerned about subdividing Bigelow and Koontz – keep at 1+ acre – need to keep property zoned for horses
- ⌘ Favorite part of Carson is the PEP

13.2.3 SIDEWALK/BIKEWAY PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- ⌘ Introduction to project.
- ⌘ Orth-Rodgers (ORA) is the engineering consultant firm selected for this project.
- ⌘ ORA's responsibility in this project.
- ⌘ Tasks 1-10 were discussed. For further clarification, please see the scope outlined in ORA's proposal.
- ⌘ The public was involved in the pedestrian and bicycle parts of the project. The following items were discussed on the public's "vision" of Carson City, as it relates to bicycles and pedestrians. All comments were

Item	Description
1	Continuous sidewalk.
2	Divide between transportation and recreation – setback, etc.
2a	Look at it from a transportation standpoint.
2b	Unified Trail Plan was explained by Jeff Winston.
3	"Carson City is a place where people of all ages and abilities can walk and bike (and all other modes of transportation) in an environment that is safe, comfortable, and convenient as that provided for motor vehicles."
4	Someone can walk to Starbuck's from Douglas, if desired.
5	Anyone can ride their bike without risking their life.
6	Equestrian issues.
6a	Definition of "bicycles" by AASHTO
6b	Legal definition of "bicycles" in Nevada Revised Statutes.
6c	A mixed use trail should be constructed to accommodate equestrian use.
6d	Put trails that accommodate equestrian usage where horses are more prominent.
7	A standard is needed for all of these trails. The trails and this project should coordinate.
8	A hike/bike trail along the V&T Railroad is desired.
9	A trail that connects Carson City and Virginia City must be constructed.
10	A mixed-use trail is desired by the community college. This trail would be used heavily. It should then extend to the north to Washoe Valley.
11	Cut off bicycle access to Douglas County. Douglas has its own bike plan. Curry lane extends through Douglas County.
12	Connect interior and exterior spaces (public). Network different kinds of trails (paved and un-paved).
13	Horses are a big issue in this.
14	Carson City should be a nice place to go with a bike. However, the existing trails (equestrian and other) should not be adversely affected with this project. The potential freeway construction should be closely monitored.
15	The funding issue was re-inforced. Cost-benefits should be used to estimate the priorities of future projects.
16	Topsy Lane can get bicyclists from Carson City to Douglas County.
17	Health needs to be a big part of this project.
18	Use equestrian trails as a tourist attraction by providing good access.
18a	The lack of equestrian access can bring the value of properties down.
19	A trail should be tied with historic trails. These include the American Discovery Trail, the Pony Express Trail, and the California Overland Trail. These trail connections could grow in time.
20	Is there funding available for equestrian trails in this Project?

20a	Possibly. Noted by Rich Romer.
21	There should not be a major distinction made between motorized and non-motorized vehicles.
22	All recreational trails are transportation-related. The Virginia City Trail is the only one funded. There should be a definition on what trails are transportation-related.
23	Bicycles should be used as transportation. This includes direct connections to commercial areas, schools, etc.
24	There should be the ability to link all regions; the Capital-to-Capital Trail is an example. The regions around Carson City should be addressed.
25	Accommodate maintenance and cleaning. It seems like trails take a “back seat” to roadways for motorized vehicles. All modes of transportation should be considered.

The following items were discussed on what the public views as “issues” for this project.

Item	Description
1	Transportation and recreation should be separate. Education on how the two differ is desired.
2	Transportation-related trails should have an origin and a destination, not a loop without an origin or destination. Noted by Michael Dulude.
3	The laws of side paths (next to the highway) are an issue. The law states that if a trail is adjacent to a highway, it is required to be a trail.
3a	Expansion joints are difficult to ride a bike over.
3b	This law could be altered or deleted. Smooth side paths are needed.
4	There is a lack of continuity.
5	A safe route to school plan needs to be addressed, specifically as it relates to engineering and education/law enforcement.
6	An inventory should be taken to determine where sidewalk is missing, and where it is needed.
7	Link between land use and pedestrian facilities, especially downtown. A transportation plan and/or land use planning should be used to accomplish this.
8	It is very hard to cross the street, especially downtown, where traffic moves quickly.
9	Educate the public on how to drive when a bicycle or pedestrian is around.
9a	Bicyclists and pedestrians also must adhere to the laws of the road.
10	It seems like things get pushed aside when it comes to trails. Implementation and maintenance are examples of this.
11	The recreation plan and the master plan should be done at the same time, in order to coordinate.
12	There is a statewide survey that provides information on sidewalks, connectivity, trails, etc.
13	Downtown should be decreased to 2 lanes with parking on each side.
14	The I-395 area should be cut off from trails, etc. The old 395/new 395 created an “island” that could be dangerous to pedestrians and bicyclists.
15	The trails should be made more “achievable.”

The following items were discussed on what the public views as “policies” for this project.

Item	Description
1	There was a list prepared by the public and provided to CAMPO prior to the meeting.
2	Bicycle policies should be looked at carefully.
3	Coordinate with the recreational plan.

The following items were discussed on the public's ideas for possible funding sources for future projects.

Item	Description
1	There was a 3% increase in taxes in Olympia, WA. Something like this could work locally (the utility tax franchise fee).
2	Projects could be bonded.
3	Health benefits like the Kaiser Foundation could be utilized.
4	Private funding could be used.
5	Tourism money could be used.
6	Question 1 money could be used.
7	Lake Tahoe money could be used.
8	The Open Space Committee could shift the way they do business and build facilities like trails.
9	A prioritized plan should be created in order to achieve efficiency and get more funds.

The following items were discussed on the public's ideas for possible future projects.

Item	Description
1	US 395 Bypass.
2	Capital-to-Capital Trail.
3	Walkable schools.
4	A path along V&T Railroad to Virginia City.
5	Retro-fitting to provide connectivity of sidewalk.
6	Connectivity to Washoe, Douglas, Lake Tahoe.
7	Raised median pedestrian crossings.
8	City-wide traffic calming.
9	Synchronize traffic signals.
10	Non-motorized freeway crossings. Specifically, South Carson, Spooner, Highway 50 E, and the Highway 50/I-395 S area.
11	Prioritization of future projects. This should be done later.

The following items were discussed on what should be included in the next meeting.

Item	Description	Status	Opened	Due	Respond to Issue
1	Maps that show where future projects could go	Open	7/7/05	Next meeting	Rich Romer
2	Any comments or concerns provided by the public between now and the next meeting. Comment sheets were provided to the public.	Open	7/7/05	Next meeting	Rich Romer
<i>Meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.</i>					

NEXT MEETING

Date to be determined by CAMPO staff, Carson City Staff, and ORA.

ATTACHMENT: Policies provided by the public prior to this meeting

The proceeding minutes are based on ORA's understanding of the above meeting; however, should your recollection differ, please notify us in writing so that corrections can be made.

13.2.4 CARSON RIVER AQUATIC TRAIL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING COMMENTS

Santa Maria River Access

- ⓧ Access is already available, facilities are not
- ⓧ By Spring 2007, river signage should be installed to inform boaters to exit here

River Access above Mexican Dam and below Santa Maria

- ⓧ Not recognized as part of this plan
- ⓧ Opposition from private landowners and many river hazards
- ⓧ In Lyon County, Dayton State Park offers public access but there are many diversion hazards between Santa Maria and the Park.

Boating Rentals

- ⓧ Some rentals already available at Sporting Rage in Carson City (Lynn, I know Kevin has lake kayaks, but does he have whitewater kayaks and rafts?)
- ⓧ A rental business near the river can offer economic potential and safety education

Great Basin Sports (Pat Fried)

- ⓧ Has guided on the East Fork of the Carson River, and can offer boating services here
- ⓧ Already gives school presentations on water quality and related water education
- ⓧ Already works cooperatively with Paul Pugsley and Dan Kaffer on many programs, including “Kids Don’t Float”

Shooting Activities in Carson River Canyon

- ⓧ The area is private property, so patrol is difficult
- ⓧ When/if there is patrol, radio communication is difficult. Therefore, sheriff’s department must send two deputies
- ⓧ Class I section had similar problems in past
- ⓧ Problems should be mitigated with the V&T Railroad and/or Carson City Open Space property acquisition

Junk Cars

- ⓧ Similar to shooting activities, problems should be mitigated with the V&T Railroad and/or Carson City Open Space property acquisition

Residential Neighborhoods and Road

- ⓧ Posted speed limit is 25 mph
- ⓧ Education on respect of speed limits and related safety

Overnight Camping Along River

- ⓧ This is a day-use only facility

Funding Sources

- ⓧ \$2.5 million is available from Question 1 to Carson City for property acquisition, environmental and improvement projects, etc.
- ⓧ Federal Lands Bill may help with some acquisitions such as Buzzy’s Ranch
- ⓧ We have money to implement

Reference of Registration and Permitting in Master Plan

- ⓧ Users may be requested to register at access areas, which will help track user numbers, etc. Users will not need a permit and there will not be user fees.
- ⓧ Clarification that permitting is required for river projects

Rescue and Emergency

- ⓧ Interaction with Fire Department for swift water rescue and hasty teams (I know Sheriff Department has a Search and Rescue team. What are their capabilities?)
- ⓧ Ensure funding for Fire Department to meet additional needs
- ⓧ Additional repeater towers to allow cell phone coverage throughout canyon

Education on River Flows and Safety

- ⓧ Install a flow meter on bridges and have a corresponding chart to translate river safety

Liability on Carson City

- ⌘ River policy everywhere is “At your own risk”

Miscellaneous

- ⌘ I am all for this project and the education “tourism”. Advertising it for day use. I can’t wait to do this. When can you do this in the year, what months? Work on land trails to combine with this project. Cell phone tower and fire and rescue team.
- ⌘ Please consider Repeater Towers for 2-way radios or cell phones service. This allows much better response in the event of an accident. This allows for the public to police the property.
- ⌘ Do you have insurance for liability issues? Recommendation to Supervisors prior to developing signage that funding and training be made to the police & fire department developing a hasty team. Ensure this is in the plan and well documented.
- ⌘ Kiosk with info and warnings at put-ins.
- ⌘ Signage
 - CFS - What is the flow that day
 - Upper limits excerpt
 - Life Vests required (strongly recommended)
 - Holes - How to handle
 - Strainers - How to handle
 - Fall out of boat - How to handle
 - Swim - Upstream Ferry
 - Bike trail along river
 - Homeless structures at beginning of Brunswick Canyon
- ⌘ Morgan Mill needs a lot of work to be a take-out at high water. Get the name of the golf course right on the map. It is Empire Ranch (do it right)

