

OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL-  
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT 33 COMMITTEE  
Revised DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Chair Todd Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00. Members present were: Terry Wright, Carin Kally and Tom Kennedy and Brian Segee. Catherine Lee's absence was excused.

Officer Steve Reid of the California Highway Patrol noted that a special focus of the CHP was on motorcycle speed enforcement, and the CHP had received a grant for additional weekend enforcement. Terry Wright commented that he had experienced speeding motorcyclists on Maricopa Highway. Bill O'Brien said that groups of bicyclists sometimes block traffic on Highway 150 and Highway 33. Officer Reid said that bicyclists do receive tickets, and that citizens can call the CHP office at 477-4100 to report problems.

Kirk Patel of Caltrans introduced himself and On Phun. On Phun said that additional "35 MPH" signs had been installed in Oak View and "No Parking" signs in Casitas Springs as requested by the committee. Ginnette Waterman said that speeding and use of Jake Brakes in Casitas Springs are ongoing problems. On Phun said that Caltrans cannot restrict truck brake use, and that Caltrans was planning to install pedestrian-activated push-button warning lights for the crosswalk in Casitas Springs.

Bill O'Brien requested that signs be installed at Highway 101 and 150 saying "Now entering the Ventura River Watershed."

Terry Wright said that the "No Right on Red" on Baldwin Road leaves cars stopped unnecessarily during low-traffic hours, and requested that the sign be removed. On Phun said that Caltrans would review the Baldwin-33 intersection. Terry Wright noted that the recent Caltrans repaving omitted potholes at the entrance to the Circle K. Steve Offerman said he would provide photos of this to Caltrans.

Jim Pawlowski said that the reflectors on the freeway portion of 33 were dim and should be replaced.

Tom Kennedy said that the No Right Turn on Oak View Avenue was no longer necessary because visual obstructions had been removed. On Phun said that Caltrans would reevaluate this intersection.

Todd Wilson praised the recent repaving and noted that it had also reduced noise levels.

Jim Pawlowski made a motion to recommend the installation of radar speed feedback signs in both directions in Casitas Springs. Ginnette Waterman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation. Ginnette recommended that the signs be operated by solar power.

Representing the Ojai City Planning Commission, Kathleen Nolan said that the Commission is working on the next update of the Housing Element.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.