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Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting
September 3, 2024 – 4:00 PM
In Person at Montecito Community Hall and Via Zoom
Minutes

Attendees: Albertson, Babbitt, Gottsdanker, Gray, Lee Johnson, Macfadyen, Overall, Robertson, Serrani, Pennino

Absent: Black, Chvatal-Keane, Slaff, Badat

I. Call to Order –Dorinne Lee Johnson, Chair, 4:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: Overall/Gottsdanker
Motion approved

III. Public Comment for Items NOT on Agenda: None

IV. Conference Agenda:

A. 101 Update – Kirsten Ayers, Principal Ayars & Associates

Montecito is entering into a more intense schedule next week, with crews working on creek bridges and pile driving underground supports for stability of the bridges as soon as September 4th. The Santa Barbara south segment will start later in the month with temporary fencing and then vegetation removal, some during the day and some during the night. Crews will finish the grading and grinding at night. Live shots can be seen on sbroads.com. Noise mitigation is achieved with new pavement and grinding, reducing the amount of noise by 2-5 decibels. Adding a new lane adds about 3 decibels so with new pavement it evens out and is quieter. The timeline for bridge work on the north side is being worked on this summer and the south side and medians next summer. There are two stages of grinding, one takes out the excess bumps and then a diamond grind with grooves improves traction and noise.

B. Hot Springs Trail Updates

1. Joe Cole

2. Cori Hayman

The presenters formed a nonprofit organization called Santa Barbara Wildfire Protection Team. Halfway up the trail, jurisdiction goes from County Park to US Forest Service. A month ago, a group went up the trailhead with tiki torches and there is a lot of fire activity. After last January's storm, a biologist assessed damage. The county served all the homes in the first mile and half of county jurisdiction with notices of fines and jail if they did not push their property back for parking spots. The county wanted to add twelve parking spots. Eleven property owners are talking with the county regarding encroachment permits. There is an urgent need to manage the flow of hikers to the hot springs due to many negative impacts such as parking, illegal removal of parking barriers, vandalism, illegal building of pools, wildlife and endangered species disturbance, and no way to fine violators. Representative Carbajal will meet with stakeholders on October first. There needs to be 24 hour a day supervision of the trails due to many issues with fire danger, a main issue with many residents without insurance. Montecito Fire cannot enforce anything other than respond to emergencies. The presenters asked that the Land

Use Committee help advocate. Santa Barbara Trails are encouraged to participate in a solution. The county's goal is parking versus safe access focus is not parking-added edge lining to keep safe access.

V. Old Business None

VI. New Business The Biltmore would like to present to LUC and working on logistics. It was proposed that LUC should see the revised plan not the one that was denied by MBAR. There was discussion about taking Hot Springs issue to the MA Board for direction.

VII. Adjourned 5:57 p.m.