

Railroad Underpass Committee Meeting
June 26, 2008, 1:00p, Larkspur Town Hall

PRESENT

Gary Abel (community resident), 303.881.9046
Jamey Bumgarner (LFPD Fire Chief), 303.681.3284, jbumgarner@larkspurfire.org
Peter Caplan (PPE resident), 303.681.3463, P_Caplan@msn.com (that's P_Caplan)
Larry Corcoran (Douglas County Engineering), 303.660.7490, lcorcora@douglas.co.us
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Fred Koch (Douglas County Engineer), 303.660.7490, fkoch@douglas.co.us
Matt Krimmer (Larkspur Town Clerk/Manager), 303.681.2324, clerk@TownofLarkspur.org
Laura Kronick (PPE resident), 303.681.3517, laurakronick@hotmail.com
William E. Lucero (Larkspur Planning Commission), 303.681.2129
Robert (Bob) Owens (PP resident and President of Metro District), 303.681.2508,
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Kat White (Larkspur Planning Commission), 303.681.2473, k3360@aol.com

ABSENT

Rod Flores (Larkspur business owner), 303.621.6658, rflores@inno-tech-sys.com

AGENDA

I. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

a. Committee Members

1. Gary Abel
2. Jamey Bumgarner
3. Peter Caplan
4. Dale Hamilton
5. William E. Lucero
6. Bob Owens
7. Kat White

b. Guests

1. Larry Corcoran
2. Art Griffith
3. Fred Koch
4. Matt Krimmer
5. Laura Kronick

- c. Bill Lucero suggested that Laura Kronick be admitted as a Committee member; Laura agreed to become a Committee member

II. Basis for Formation of Committee – Matt Krimmer

The railroad underpass committee has been formed at the behest of the Douglas County Commissioners and the Town of Larkspur to reassess the need for an underpass at the railroad crossing on Perry Park Avenue. Residents of Larkspur and surrounding communities have expressed strong concern about the frequent interruption of traffic flow at the crossing and the impact on emergency vehicle movement.

III. Charge to the Committee – Matt Krimmer

The Committee is expected to review the history of prior underpass planning, previously proposed options, and associated costs, using the information to

prepare new requirements, plans, proposals, and costs, where appropriate. No predetermined timeline has been set. Monthly Committee meeting minutes will be submitted to the Larkspur Town Council, Larkspur Clerk/Manager, and Douglas County Commissioners.

IV. Selection of Committee Chairperson, Vice-Chair, and Scribe

Peter Caplan was elected Chairperson

Laura Kronick volunteered (in the absence of other volunteers) to be Vice-Chair and Scribe

V. Establish goals and set objectives

Committee goals and objectives will be set at the next meeting.

VI. Open discussion

History

Presented by Fred/Art/Larry showing the three proposed alternatives from previous efforts

Current activity

Traffic patterns are currently being assessed and this will help determine the numbers benefited by any projects in the area

Quite zone studies are being done

Funding

This project is estimated to cost \$6-10M today; costs rise for every year it is delayed

Douglas County participants stated that a “cooperative” concept (several funding sources) be proposed to show that there is genuine commitment

It was also stated that this project is not on the County’s “front burner;” it *might* be considered for 2015 funding and the estimate at that time would be significantly higher

Remember that project funding (not just the County, but State and Federal projects as well) is done by the numbers, e.g., if the County is receiving \$100K dollars in annual taxes from all the residents in 80118 (not just from the Town proper), to justify a project of this magnitude is difficult to reconcile when other projects demonstrate similar “safety” issues and can be done on a lower dollar per resident basis

- Federal grants come with LOTS of red tape
- Railroad money is FAR in the future, if at all (speak with Rod Flores)
- Other grants could be explored and will take time

Alternative solutions

The “Fox Farm” option (involving the Federation) is an interim, affordable solution (under the railroad trestle at the south end of Town, paralleling Fox Farm; Larkspur Fire will be granted access by the Federation for emergency use only on Douglas Road to Perry Park Avenue thus bypassing the crossing when a train is present and an emergency exists) – cost estimated at \$750K-\$1M

The Larkspur Fire Station at Perry Park is scheduled for completion November 2009; this could service residents west of the railroad crossing

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Other discussion items

- East Upper Lake Gulch annexation
- Next public transportation meeting will be just after Labor Day
- Larkspur annexation plans may affect the underpass options
- “Super Slab” (railroad track changes) not happening anytime soon
- Plans for frontage road between Douglas interchange and Tomah
- Douglas Lane interchange kills the frontage road option; east frontage road remains
- Tomah interchange at KOA

VII. Set next meeting date, time, and location

Thursday, August 7, 2008, 1:00p, Town Hall

VIII. Adjourn

Approximately 2:10p

ACTION ITEMS

	Item	Description	Responsible	Assigned	Due	Comments
G	1	Critical path for project	Fred / Art / Larry	6/26/08	8/7/08	
G	2	Determine funding alternatives, including Special Districts and transportation bonds	Committee	6/26/08		This is an ongoing activity
G	3	Updated transportation plan	Larry		9/26/08	Approximate due date
G	4	Establish a plan for the Committee	Committee	6/26/08	8/7/08	Preliminary plan and intended timeline
G	5	Next public transportation meeting	Larry	6/26/08		
G	6	Supply Committee with railroad data	Larry	06/26/08		

AGENDA for next meeting, Thursday, August 7, 2008, 1:00p, Town Hall

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Read and accept minutes of last meeting
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
- V. Adjourn