

Railroad Underpass Committee Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2008, 1:00p, Larkspur Town Hall

PRESENT

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ABSENT

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 Kat White (Larkspur Planning Commission), 303.681.2473, k3360@aol.com

AGENDA

- I. **Call meeting to order** – 1:15p Peter Caplan
- II. **Accept minutes of last meeting** – Peter Caplan
 Bob Owens moved to accept minutes as presented (with one minor change);
 Dale Hamilton seconded, motion carried.
- III. **Old Business** -- Peter Caplan
 - A. Overview of previous meeting
 - B. Action item status

	Item	Description	Responsible	Assigned	Due	Comments
R	1	Critical path for project	Fred / Art / Larry	6/26/08	8/7/08	8/7 Peter to check
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
	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	After 9/1/08	Get date
G	6	Supply Committee with railroad data	Larry/Rod	06/26/08		8/7 Rod to work with Larry and check for expected date
G	7	Follow up regarding access through the Federation property. Past letter from Max. What needs to be done (from the County perspective) to get	Gary	8/7/08		

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		Douglas Rd up to snuff (cost) would the County pay? Is access to the Federation property restricted to emergency?				
G	8	What does LFPD think needs to be done?	Gary	8/7/08		
G	9	Questions for survey to be put into the PP Sentinel.	All committee members	8/7/08	9/4/08	
G	10	Continue to pressure the County, through Steve Board (County Commissioner) to re-prioritize budget commitments.	Peter	8/7/08	Ongoing	

C. Subsequent discussions with the County/LFPD

IV. New Business -- Peter Caplan

A. Establish goals and set objectives

1. Sentinel survey (formulate survey, one of the questions around how much would “you” be willing to pay for the benefit of an underpass?)
2. Special district (mapping)
3. Legal crossing times (they have up to 20 minutes to vacate the crossing)
4. Negotiations with the railroad (Dale/Rod)
Rod -- railroads take the position that at-grade crossings present a safety element and will contribute money to and assistance for an under/over pass in lieu of the at-grade crossing. How to proceed?? Because we know that it will be a long, time consuming process, we need to do the following: 1. approach the RR for the money budgeted and take their direction toward getting additional funds, 2. work with County Commissioners, 3.
5. Emergency access plan (initial, short-term effort)
6. Traffic control (long-term solution)
When doing the traffic study, break down the type of vehicles and drivers that pass through the crossing, focusing particularly on School buses and other high occupancy vehicles transporting children – this will generate numbers to be used in potential disaster modeling.
7. Underpass location options/suggestions
 - Objection to locating the underpass at the current grade crossing: the businesses object; the Pines won’t have access, Arfsten’s won’t have access -- growth has precipitated the issues.
 - Lake Gulch Road is a natural place to have the underpass.
 - Eliminate the at-grade crossing on Perry Park Avenue.
8. Convenience

MOTION: Bill Lucero moved to go forward with the underpass solution to the best of our ability – Bob Owens/ Dale Hamilton seconded. Discussion ensued by Dale Hamilton (wanting to know the “solution” before estimates are generated). Explore three

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locations: 1) the existing Perry Park Avenue crossing, 2) north of town (Lake Gulch), and 3) through Arfsten's property. Roll call vote – unanimously in favor.

V. Set next meeting date, time, and location

September 4, 1:00p Town Hall

October 2, 1:00p Town Hall

VI. Adjourn

2:32p Bob Owens moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Gary Abel.

Quote of the meeting

If the County doesn't have the money, they shouldn't have an opinion about what we do or want to do. Dale Hamilton

AGENDA for next meeting

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Accept minutes of last meeting
- III. Old Business
 - A. Locations – accept one, perhaps two
 - B. Questions for survey
- IV. New Business
- V. Set next meeting date, time, and location
- VI. Adjourn