



**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Conference Room B

Thursday July 27, 2023

9:00am

(Supervisors Brown and Oneto)

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CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA: Approval of agenda for this date. Any and all off-agenda items must be approved by the Committee.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Committee at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Public Works Committee; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or Committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Committee meeting. Please note – there is a five (5) minute limit per topic.

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the April 26, 2023 meeting.

ITEMS:

1. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Amador Regional Campaign Against Impaired Drivers**
2. **Discussion and possible action regarding Firewise Bulletin Board Placement**
3. **Discussion of Proposed Improvements to Upper Ridge Road and potentially other major county roads**
4. **Discussion of Caltrans District 10 Director attendance at August 8 Board of Supervisors meeting**

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

For Discussion

NEXT MEETING:

TBD

ADJOURNMENT:



AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE AND TIME:

April 26, 2023, 1 pm

ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Brown, District 3
Supervisor Oneto, District 5
Richard Vela, Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brown.

AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as posted.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 16, 2023 Committee meeting were approved.

ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Electra Road Maintenance MOU with PG&E

The Committee reviewed and discussed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the maintenance of Electra Road between the County and PG&E. Scott Perkins of PG&E was in attendance to discuss the MOU and address any questions/concerns the Committee may have. The Committee wished the agreement to specifically state that all proposed road closures are to be coordinated with the County. Regarding the Heavy Maintenance item, the Committee requested a language tweak for the County to "expeditiously review, comment and *consider approval*" of recommendations for heavy maintenance activities proposed by PG&E. Mr. Perkins indicated that those recommended changes would be made. This item will be scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval at its May 23, 2023 meeting.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 23-24 Budget Unit 3000, Public Works

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed FY 23-24 budget for Unit 3000, Public Works. Public Works Director Vela provided clarification on the equipment acquisitions appearing both in Expenditure 52900 – GSA and In-County Travel and the FY 23-24 SB1 expenditure list. The Committee requested staff to verify the Buena Vista

Community Fund revenue. After discussion, the Committee recommended approval of the FY 23-24 budget as presented.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 23-24 SB1 Projects

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed FY 23-24 SB1 project expenditures. Public Works Director Vela expressed that the proposed expenditure list is similar to that from the previous couple of years. After discussion, the Committee recommended approval of the proposed FY 23-24 SB1 expenditures as presented.

4. Scheduling of Public Works Committee Meetings

The Committee discussed the scheduling of Committee meetings, wishing to set a regular meeting schedule. The Committee expressed that a bi-monthly schedule would be suffice, with meetings scheduled otherwise as necessary. Staff indicated that meeting the same week as Board meetings provides time to prepare items discussed at the Committee meeting for the upcoming Board meeting. The Committee decided to hold regularly occurring Committee meetings on the Wednesday following the second Board meeting of the month.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

TBD

NEXT MEETING:

Tentative - Wednesday June 28.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.



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AGENDA ITEM 1

To: Public Works Committee

From: Richard Vela, Public Works Director

Subject: **Discussion and possible action regarding the Amador Regional Campaign Against Impaired Drivers**

For a number of years, Amador County has experienced an increase in the number of fatalities and serious injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes attributed to driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs. To combat this problem, the CHP Amador Area was awarded a 12-month grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. The grant is funding a DUI public education campaign and enhanced enforcement operations to reduce fatalities and injuries resulting from DUI crashes. This program is called the Amador Regional Campaign Against Impaired Drivers (ARCAID). Program operations started on October 1, 2022, and end on September 30, 2023.

As part of this program is the placement of traffic safety corridor signage along roadsides reminding motorists to drive sober and arrive alive. Attached is a sample of the signage. In addition to strategic placement of signage along the state highway, there is a request for strategic placement of signage along county roads. The program would fund the development and supply of the sign decal and request the county to provide the sign blank and post as well as sign installation. The County seal would be placed along the bottom of the sign along with the seals of the other sponsoring agencies.

Staff has concerns regarding the size of the proposed signage and the cost associated with the purchase of materials and sign installation.



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November 29, 2022

Lieutenant Todd Thibodeau, Commander
California Highway Patrol
Amador Area
301 Clinton Road
Jackson, CA 95642-2604

Dear Lieutenant Thibodeau:

I am writing in support of a grant awarded to the California Highway Patrol's (CHP) Amador Area command by the California Office of Traffic Safety. The grant provides funding for enhanced law enforcement patrols, a regional task force, and an impaired driving public awareness campaign throughout Amador County. The 12-month project will provide motorists with a safer roadway with an emphasis on reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries resulting from fatal and injury (reportable) traffic crashes attributed to driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs in Amador County.

Over the last several years, the CHP Amador Area has experienced an increase in the number of DUI-involved reportable crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injuries. Grant funding provides for an aggressive anti-DUI public awareness campaign aimed at deterring such behaviors and to remind the public of law enforcement's zero tolerance for impaired driving. The CHP Amador Area will also deploy additional officers on jurisdictional state routes and unincorporated streets and highways in Amador County.

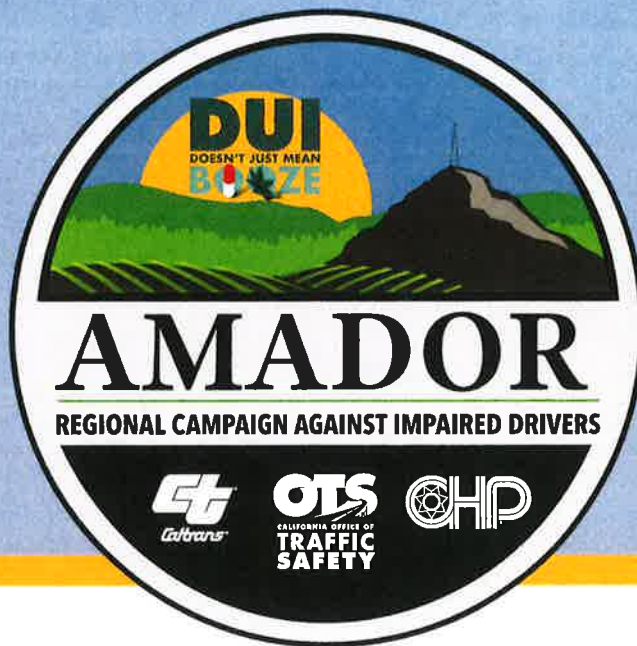
I am also writing to lend my support to the newly established, Amador Regional Campaign Against Impaired Drivers Task Force. The task force will focus on providing increased awareness of anti-DUI traffic safety problems and help educate the local communities throughout Amador County.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you need further information, please feel free to contact me at 209-223-6457.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard R. Vela".

Richard R. Vela, P.E.
Director of Transportation and Public Works
County of Amador



AMADOR REGIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST IMPAIRED DRIVERS SAVE A LIFE! DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!

In Amador County, 18 people were killed and 106 injured in traffic crashes attributed to driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs in years 2018-2020.

MOTORIST SAFETY RULES – PLAN AHEAD

- Designate a sober driver before going out and if it's not you, give that person your keys.
- Always know how you're getting home before going out and have a back-up plan.
- Carry money for transportation.

IF YOU DRINK – DON'T DRIVE!

- Call a taxi or use public transportation.
- Call Uber, Lyft, or Curb for a sober ride home.
- Call a sober friend or stay where you are until sober.
- Ask the bartender, manager, or food server to assist you.

KNOW THE REAL COST

- Impaired driving is illegal and endangers lives!
- The first Driving Under the Influence violation can cost: **\$13,500.**
(Fines, assessments, towing fees, auto insurance, attorney fees, and restitution fund.)

LEARN MORE AT:

<https://www.chp.ca.gov/Programs-Services/Programs/Impaired-Driver-Enforcement-Programs>

<https://www.facebook.com/Uber>

<https://twitter.com/uber>

<https://www.lyft.com/rider/cities/amador-ca>

<https://www.facebook.com/lyft>

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AGENDA ITEM 2

To: Public Works Committee

From: Richard Vela, Public Works Director

Subject: **Discussion and possible action regarding Firewise Bulletin Board Placement**

The Amador Fire Safe Council has worked to establish Firewise sites, communities that are taking part in addressing concerns on their property in regard to vegetation removal and maintenance (defensible space), preparing their homes to withstand damage caused by wildfire (home hardening), educating their neighbors about the risk of wildfire and how to prevent possible damage incurred, and offering preparation assistance to those in need. Coordination of Firewise community signage installation with Public Works is ongoing. Some communities are requesting a bulletin board to be strategically placed within the community to post relevant information. The question has risen whether a policy pertaining to this needs to be developed.



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To: Public Works Committee

From: Richard Vela, Public Works Director

Subject: **Discussion of Proposed Improvements to Upper Ridge Road and potentially other major county roads**

Amador County has secured \$2.3M from the State of California for the improvement of upper Ridge Road from Climax Road to SR88 in Pine Grove, a section 3.04 miles in length. Ridge Road in Amador County is classified as a major collector and is approximately 7.75 miles long. Its Average Daily Traffic (ADT) ranges from 12,000 (at the west end) to 7,000 (at its east end). It is an in-county connector between SR 49 and SR 88 and is the preferred route to access the Jackson Rancheria. It is also the route provided by GPS devices to travelers travelling between the valley and Kirkwood ski resort.

The \$2.3M should fund a majority of a rehabilitation of the entire 3 mile length of upper Ridge Road. Using the Shenandoah Road rehabilitation project as a reference, the County received six bids for the 3.0 mile base bid ranging from \$ 1,984,742.70 to \$2,615,460.00, with an average of \$ 2,331,218.45. One should allow for approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000 for engineering. This does not leave any allowance for significant geometric improvements (widening, straightening, etc.) or any major safety improvements to the road.

Staff is looking for guidance from the Committee for the extent of improvements expected for this road section. In addition, staff recommends proceeding with securing engineering services for the design of the improvements.

It is the understanding of staff that approximately \$1.9M will be received from the Buena Vista Rancheria for repayment of funds advanced by the County. Staff understands that these funds will be directed to the Transportation and Public Works Department for the improvement of roads. Three roads with collector designation would be good candidates for improvements: Fiddletown Road (Hale Road to Brockman Mill Road), Shake Ridge Road (from Rams Horn Grade to Fiddletown Road) and Buena Vista Road (one-half mile east of Coal Mine Road to Camanche Parkway). Staff is looking for guidance from the Committee for the application of these funds should they become available.



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AGENDA ITEM 4

To: Public Works Committee

From: Richard Vela, Public Works Director

Subject: **Discussion of Caltrans District 10 Director Attendance at August 8 Board of Supervisors meeting**

At the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Caltrans District 10 will be in attendance (in person or Zoom) at the August 8 Board of Supervisors meeting to primarily discuss the SR 88 Pine Grove Improvements project. The purpose of this agenda item is for the Committee to discuss any talking points it wishes to pursue with the Caltrans District 10 director.