

**January 19, 2016**

**Regular Meeting**

**Public Comment**

**Organizing**

**Committee for**

**Mammoth Gran**

**Fondo Bike Ride**

**TO: MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**FROM: ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, MAMMOTH GRAN FONDO BIKE RIDE**  
**DATE: JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2016**  
**RE: REQUEST FOR A ROAD CLOSURE OF STATE ROUTE 120 AND BENTON CROSSING ROAD, ON SEPTEMBER 10 2016 FROM 8:00AM TO 12:30PM.**

**About the Mammoth Gran Fondo**

The Mammoth Gran Fondo (High Sierra Fall Century) is a recreational bike ride based in Mono County which currently attracts approximately 1250 riders during the first weekend after Labor Day.

The 2016 ride will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> running of this event.

The event is owned and hosted by Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation, (MMCF) a 501 c-3 foundation located in Mammoth Lakes. The foundation supports local schools and kids in their education, training, sports and mountain experiences. MMCF also aims to improve the quality of life in Mammoth through grant funding, programs and events, and by unifying the community through collaboration and support among organizations.

Partnering with MMCF in the Mammoth Gran Fondo is Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association, Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue, Bishop Broncos Football, Mammoth Women's Club, Mammoth Cross Country Running Team, Baseball Team, Mammoth Lions Club, Eastside Velo bike club, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

There are three rides during the day: 100 miles, 72 miles and 45 miles. All rides start and finish in Mammoth Lakes. (Map of rides enclosed)

- The 100 mile ride begins at 7:00am at The Village in Mammoth and goes east on #203 to highway 395, northbound on 395 to highway #120, east on #120 to Benton Crossing Road, south on Benton Crossing Road to highway 395, westbound on #395 to highway 203, and then finally west on highway 203 to the finish at The Village in Mammoth Lakes.
- The 72 mile ride starts at 8:30am. The route is:
  - Minaret Road to Scenic Loop Road.
  - Scenic Loop Road to Highway 395
  - Highway 395 to Crowley Lake Drive
  - Crowley Lake Drive to Crowley Lake Community Center
  - Crowley Lake north on #395 to Benton Crossing Road
  - Turn around at Watterson Summit and ride Benton Crossing Road to 395 northbound
  - West on highway 203 to the finish at The Village in Mammoth Lakes
- The 45 mile ride starts at 8:30am along with the 72 mile riders.
  - The ride follows the same route as the 72 mile ride but does not travel out to Watterson Summit. After Crowley Lake the ride route is on 395 north to 203 and back to The Village.

## **Permit Process**

The Organizing Committee completes an Encroachment Permit with the State of California Department of Transportation District 9 in Bishop. In 2015 we filed our first draft in February and finalized our permit in June. We are responsible for notifying and working with:

- CHP
- MLPD
- TOML Public Works
- TOML Recreation Department
- MLFD
- Emergency Services
- Mono County Public Works
- Mono County Sherriff
- Mono County Health Department
- Notifying participants that the highways are open to general traffic during the event and instructing participants to stay clear of traffic on the highway.
- Providing public notices regarding traffic slow areas, rolling breaks, closures and restrictions.
- We provide liability insurance coverage for state, county and town entities as required.

## **Request for Road Closure**

In October 2014 and 2015 we have met with CalTrans, CHP, MLPD, and the County Sherriff to debrief and analyze the event. We have specifically identified two areas of concern for the future of the event.

1. Highway 120 from #395 to Benton Crossing Road. The rolling nature of this road creates a number of blind spots for motorists who move over to pass riders. Much of the road in Adobe Valley area is double yellow lined, and it is difficult for most drivers not to cross the yellow line while passing riders who are single file at the time. CHP and CalTrans directly observed this situation in 2014 and 2015. CHP mitigated the effect by convoying cars in several areas, but this was not a satisfactory solution.
2. Benton Crossing Road from the Green Church to State Route 120. During the time period 10:00am to 12:30pm we have 100 mile riders travelling south on this road, and we have 72 mile riders travelling both north and south on the road at the same time. While line of sight is slightly better on this road than SR 120, it is a narrow, winding road with approximately 1,000 people on bikes travelling in both directions.

For the event to continue safely, and perhaps grow, we are asking for permission to include a closure of the two highways for 4.5 hours from 8:00am to 12:30pm Saturday September 10 2016 in our State Encroachment Permit.

## **Points of Closure**

- State Route 120 east of Highway 395. Event permitted vehicles and bike riders with number plate only allowed to travel eastbound.
- State Route 120 west of Highway 6: Notice of closure at intersection in Benton. "Road Closed 8:00am to 12:30pm 7 miles ahead." Hard point of closure at junction of SR 120 and Benton Crossing Road.

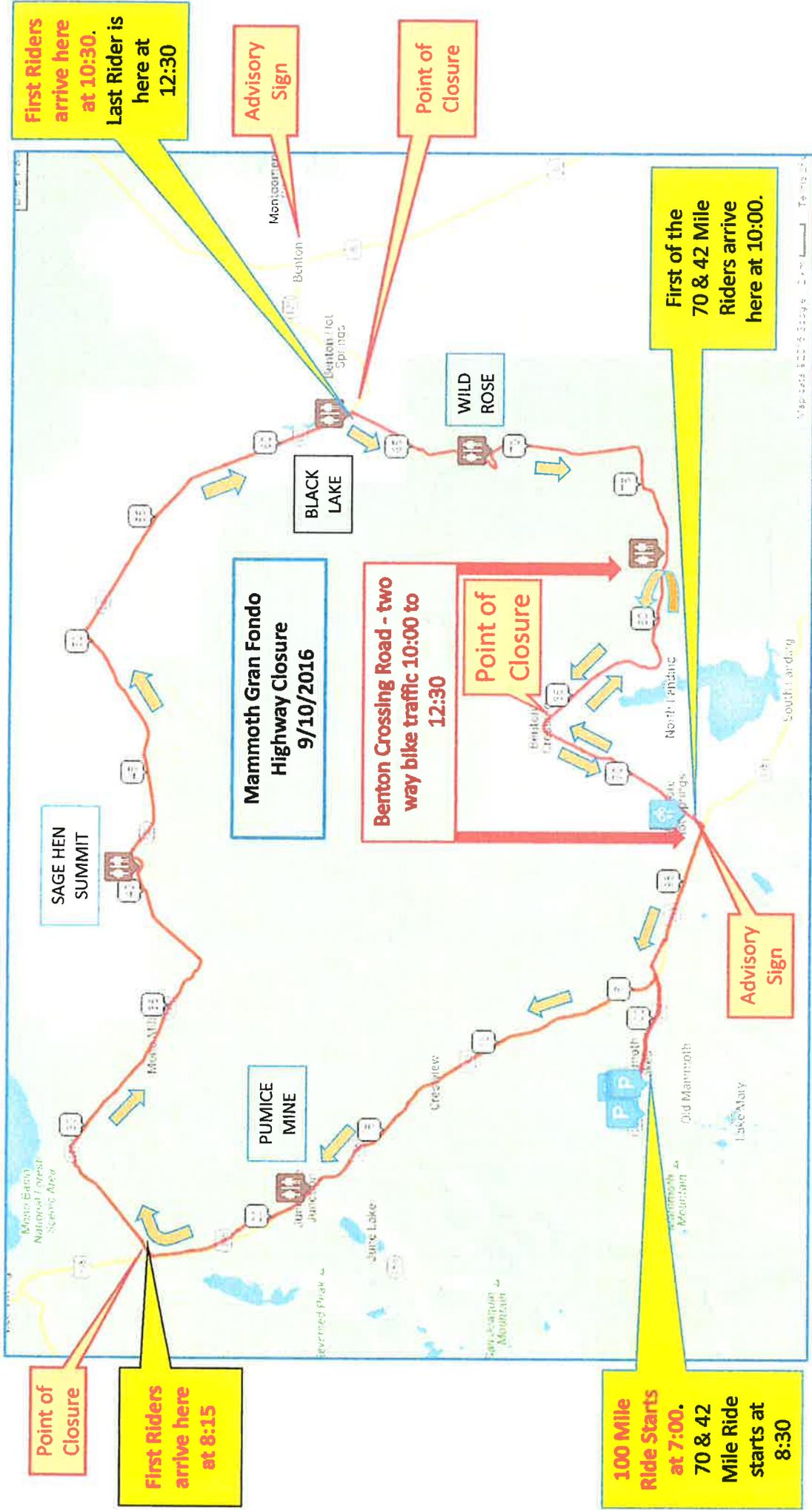
- Benton Crossing Road and 395 at Green Church: "Road Closed 8:00am to 12:30pm 8 miles ahead".
- Hard point of closure immediately after Browns Town Campground.
- CHP and Sheriff personnel to enforce closure.
- Event personnel at each point of closure.

#### **Closure Process**

1. Description in Encroachment Permit, copied to all agencies.
2. Mono County Tourism notification.
3. Notification prior to the event in local media.
4. Letter to landowners accessed by both highways.
5. Signage at both ends of 120 and Benton Crossing Road two weeks prior to the event.

#### **Summary**

- We believe the temporary closure of the two roads will significantly enhance the safety and control of the event and allow it to grow in size and reputation.
- The closure process will require attention to detail and diligence in communicating with residents, guests and tourists and we trust that our track record of working with state, county and town agencies in the past will give you the confidence we can produce a high quality event in 2016.
- We look forward to working with you in taking this valuable event to the next level of professionalism and appeal for our guests.



**First Riders arrive here at 10:30. Last Rider is here at 12:30.**

**Advisory Sign**

**Point of Closure**

**First of the 70 & 42 Mile Riders arrive here at 10:00.**

**Mammoth Gran Fondo Highway Closure 9/10/2016**

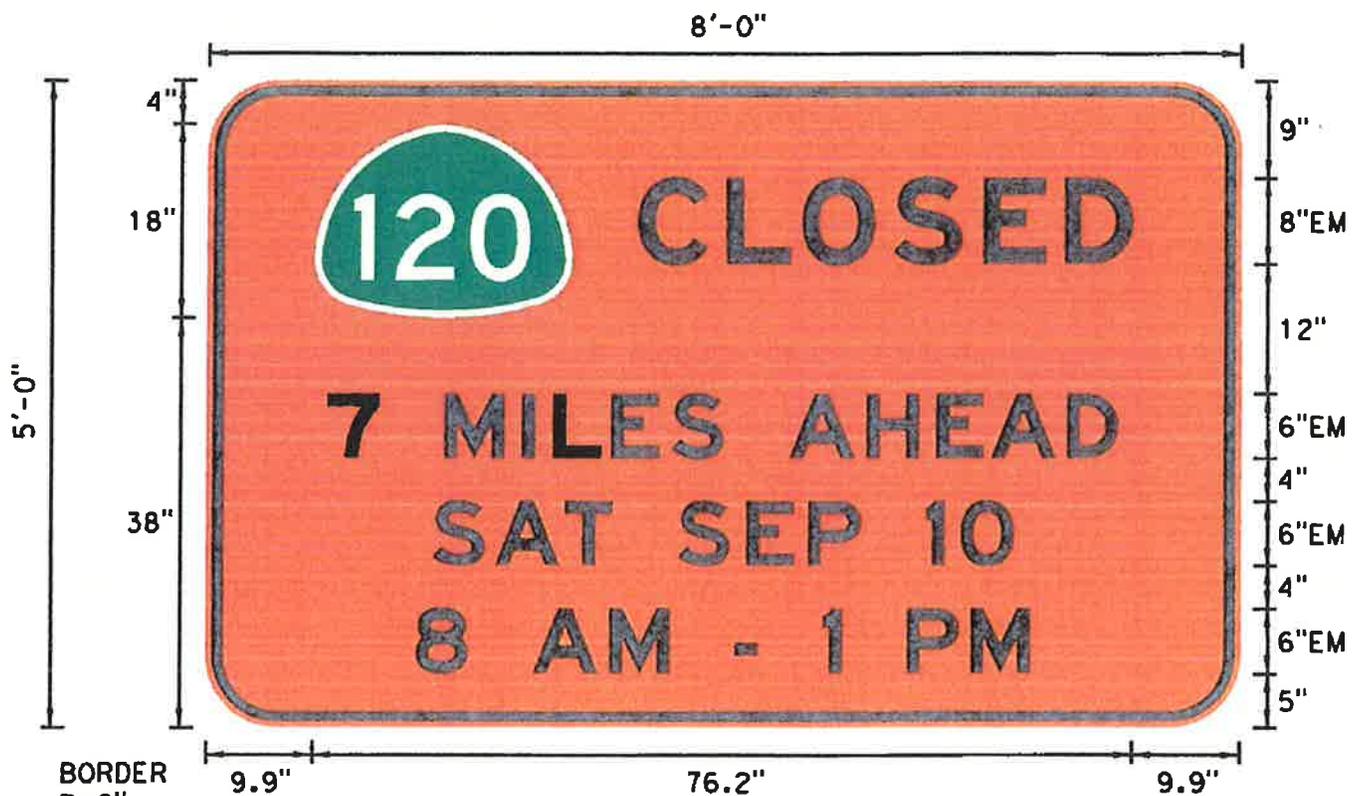
**Benton Crossing Road - two way bike traffic 10:00 to 12:30**

**Point of Closure**

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**First Riders arrive here at 8:15**

**100 Mile Ride Starts at 7:00. 70 & 42 Mile Ride starts at 8:30**



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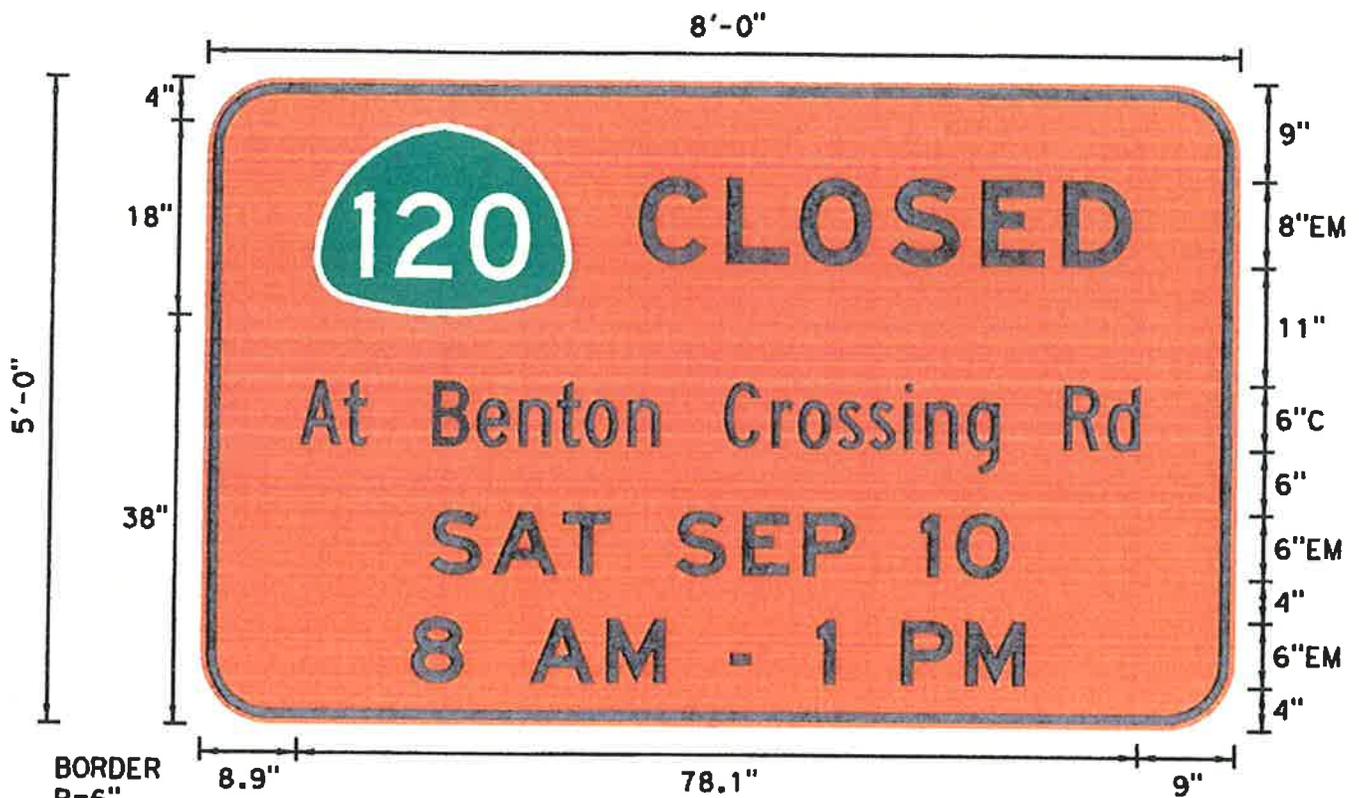
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**NOTE: EXACT LOCATION OF SIGNS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PERMIT ENGINEER**



**SIGN PLAN**

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Mammoth Lakes Recreation  
Mono County Supervisor's Presentation January 19, 2016

Good morning – a quick update to the Supervisors about the work that Mammoth Lakes Recreation has engaged in over this past month and some of our next steps –

The **Vision for MLR** is to create the best alpine recreation community in the country.

In order to achieve this goal, Mammoth Lakes Recreation will focus its efforts and resources on developing **strategic partnerships** and shared-use agreements, **raising and leveraging capital**, and **fostering and implementing** a wide but specific range of **recreation elements and projects**.

Our **Mission** is to enhance and create premier recreational and cultural opportunities, facilities and programming for Mammoth Lakes.

The **Town of Mammoth Lakes** (TOML) has created a process to define and activate a strategy that clearly aligns and integrates the work of the Non-Government Organizations to achieve sustainable economic security for the community. This strategic plan outlines **four strategic priorities and nine major goals**.

- The work of MLR is clearly aligned with **TOML strategic priority # 3** – “Enhanced amenities serving residents and visitors” and **major goal #8** – “Integrated sustainable recreation through expanded and enhanced facilities and programs.”

The **Guiding Principles** to achieve the vision assumes key partners all working together to make the Mammoth Lakes region the best alpine recreation community in the United States. These principles are to be used as overarching guidelines to support a long term and sustainable vision when new ideas, strategies, investments, and priorities are being considered for implementation. The guiding principles include the following:

- **Stewardship / Management:** Recreation can serve as a way to manage and preserve recreation capacity including existing and new recreation opportunities while stewardship allows for greater education of the public in their role of resource uses and protection.
- **Economic Development:** The use of recreation as an economic tool is important to improve and grow the overall local economy. This includes the ability to build upon existing core recreation activities and creates an overall defensible market position for TOML as a recreation destination for people of all ages and abilities.
- **Quality of Life:** Recreation is the fundamental pillar of our economy, our community character, and our quality of life. The quality, breath and unique character of our “recreation product” directly affect the desirability of Mammoth Lakes as a place to live, work, invest and do business.
- **Innovation:** We want to innovate existing programs in an effort to develop improved recreation experiences and efficiencies. Our ability to partner with outdoor industry partners, to create think tanks with diverse stakeholders to imagine the future, to challenge the status quo, and to encourage change in our community will sustain our economy.

Public Comment

1. MLR presented their first draft **Capital Project Planning** document to the Mammoth Lakes Town Council on September 2, 2015 for feedback and direction
2. Town Council took action of the MLR Board recommendations to **allocate \$270,000** of Measure R & U funds for special events and event programming as elements of economic development. Our next step is to create a strategy for these allocations as aligned with the town's priorities.
3. Town Council Action on 12.15.15
  - a. Approved MLR recommended **"Priority Phase Projects"**
    - a. Mammoth Park West Complimentary Community Center
      - i. Multi-Use Facility / Ice Rink, Community Center and Inclusive Playground
    - b. The Mammoth Arts and Culture Center
    - c. To move forward with the identification of property for an outdoor event venue that can seat between 5000 and 7500 and has the potential to grow over these next ten years with a minimum of three events
  - b. Approved MLR / MTC Funding for **Summer 2016 Trails Maintenance for \$80,000** as an element of the Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the USFS
4. Town Council Action on 01.06.16
  - a. Approved contracts for consultants to complete the required **environmental reviews and design** elements for the Complimentary Community Center
    - i. Plan Your Park – Tell Us How You Want to Play
5. The **Trials User Groups** gathered this past Thursday at the Mono County Library to continue to build their relationships with presentations by the USFS, the BLM and our Trails Coordinator. A Winter Recreation Summit is being planned for late March – stay tuned ☺
6. Town Recreation Commission
  - a. Engaged the contractors and the public to begin the planning aspect for this new amenity - next meeting is **January 29 @ 4pm** in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chambers – Suite Z
7. Next steps:
  - a. MLR is creating **Project Specific Prospectus** to raise funds for these new amenities
    - i. We will celebrate Mammoth Hockey with a banner unveiling at the ice rink for raising \$7200 through a crowdise "Raise the Roof Campaign"
    - ii. We acknowledge the \$27,000 that MLTPA has raised in cash and in-kind contributions to support the work of our Trails Coordinator
  - b. MLR is creating their long term business plan with a focus on maximizing by leveraging the restricted Measure R & U funds

Our goal is to create a collective vision based on the greater good that we can execute with a passion for excellence.