PROPOSED REVISED BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN POLICIES - REDLINE

Sept. 12, 2024

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- Parking is a problem on Main Street and around the County buildings, especially during the months with the most visitors and when court is in session. There is some interest in providing additional off-street parking for county employees, people attending court, and visitors to the area, possibly next to the Probation Department or on empty lots on Emigrant Street.
- <u>Preliminary work on There is interest in developing</u> a bike lane connecting Bridgeport and Twin Lakes indicated wetland constraints were prohibitive. However, bicyclist safety and comfort remains a concern on this road and, overall, residents continue to be interested in identifying routes that support increase road and mountain bike uses, either by widening the shoulder or by creating a separate bike path that parallels the existing roadway.
- There is interest in eventually developing local bike trails and/or loops, and hiking/pedestrian trails, in Bridgeport and the surrounding recreational areas. <u>Areas of particular interest are Twin Lakes, Bodie Hills,</u> and Jordan Basin.
- There is a need to consider the installation of call boxes where cell service is lacking or where it is unlikely cell service would ever be successful due to topography.
- Off-Highway and Over-Snow Vehicles (OHV/OSVs) are important summer and winter recreation and economic sectors for Bridgeport and should be supported and enhanced, including access to the townsite if feasible. Investigations into Combined Use Road designations resulted in challenges due to road classifications and concerns over resource impacts to public lands.
- Opportunities for walking within the Bridgeport townsite exist that enhance the visitor experience.

Bridgeport Valley

GOAL 20. Provide and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system in the Valley while retaining the rural qualities of the area and supporting a vibrant local Main Street.

- **Objective 20.A.** Provide safety improvements to the existing circulation system in the Valley.
 - **Policy 20.A.1.** Support operational improvements, <u>including multi-modal facilities</u>, to US 395 and SR 182.

Action 20.A.1.a. Support shoulder widening along US 395 and SR 182 from the Evans Tract to the Bridgeport Reservoir Dam and state line while continuing to provide for current uses, such as stock travel.

Action 20.A.1.b. Support study of safety/operational improvements at the following intersections, which were also analyzed and considered in the Bridgeport Main Street

Revitalization Project Final Report: junction of US 395/SR 182; Emigrant Street junction with US 395; and Twin Lakes Road junction with US 395 southbound.

Action 20.A.1.c. Support the addition of bike lanes on SR 182 consistent with the county Bikeway Plan.

Action 20.A.1.d. Support shoulder widening on US 395 north of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest housing complex.

Action 20.A.1.e. Support a left turn lane on Virginia Lakes Road from northbound US 395. **Action 20.A.1.d.** Improve pedestrian and bicycling facilities, such as bike lanes on SR 182, striping bike/pedestrian lanes on County roads, and possibly pursuing raised sidewalks in the futureconnectivity to surrounding residential areas (e.g., Evan's Tract).

Action 20.A.1.e. Continue to evaluate viable options for an uphill bicycle climbing lane on Twin Lakes Road.

Policy 20.A.2. Work toward reducing traffic speed in Bridgeport.

Action 20.A.2.a. Request that the California Highway Patrol enforce the speed limit in Bridgeport.

Action 20.A.2.b. Implement Main Street Revitalization Plan traffic calming features. Action 20.A.2.c. Request speed surveys from Caltrans as needed and focus on speed reduction on higher traffic summer months.

Policy 20.A.3. Provide parking improvements to address parking-related safety problems. Action 20.A.3.a. Collaborate with Caltrans to study the ability to reduce red-curbing at the corners of side streets entering US 395 in Bridgeport due to the back-in angled parking design and/or reduction of curb cuts.

Action 20.A.3.b. Provide additional off-street parking for County office use, court use, oversize recreational vehicles such as RVs and trailers, and visitors to Bridgeport.Action 20.A.3.ac. Monitor the operational effectiveness of back-in angled parking design on Main Street, and continue to improve design and driver education methods, and consider modifications when opportunities are available.

Policy 20.A.4. Support improvements to SR 270 to enhance the visitor experience.

Action 20.A.4.a. Support efforts to pave/improve SR 270 to Bodie State Historic Park. Objective 20.B. Provide Action 20.B.1.b. Develop a wayfinding system that directs travelers to recreation amenities from the town.

Objective 20.C. Support recreation and trails improvements that increase connectivity within Bridgeport and to adjacent communities, and provide for multiple user groups, including non-motorized, motorized, and equestrian users (e.g., a multi-use system).

Policy 20.C.1. When opportunities arise, consider supporting improvements to intermodal connections to adjacent communities (Antelope Valley and Mono Basin).

Policy 20.C.2. Implement the Bridgeport policies and programs in the Mono County Trails and Bike Plan (see appendices).

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Policy 20.<u>CB.32</u>. Preserve historical access for equestrian use.

Action 20.<u>CB.3</u>2.a. Encourage dispersed equestrian use consistent with plans and land use designations.

Policy 20.CA.4. Support Consider improvements to nearby recreation destinations SR 270 to support economic development and enhance the visitor experience.

Action 20.CA.4.a. Work with applicable agencies to consider Support efforts to pavinge/improvinge SR 270 to Bodie State Historic Park and/or creating a snowpark or staging area for improved access- while mitigating resource concerns such as impacts to Bi-State sage grouse.

Action 20.C.4.b. Evaluate whether access improvements to the Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area are needed and/or warranted.

Action 20.C.4.c. Consider improving access to winter recreation areas such as Twin Lakes and Virginia Lakes, which may include but is not limited to plowing roads and creating snowparks and/or staging areas.

Action 20.C.4.d. Continue to seek opportunities to move combined use roads forward in order to provide access for OHV/OSV users to services in Bridgeport.

Policy 20.C.5. Action 20.B.1.e. Support the ability for Encourage trail users and recreationalists outside the Bridgeport Valley to come into town by <u>advertising and encouraging</u> services such as a free hiker shuttle. ESTA currently will pick up passengers along US 395 by arrangement. **Policy 20.C.6.** Develop a wayfinding system that directs travelers to points of interest within town and recreation amenities outside town.

Objective 20.C. Support Complete Street concepts that provide for safe travel for people using any legal mode of travel, including bicycling, walking, riding transit, and driving; the Livable Communities policies; and the results of the Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project.

Policy 20.C.1. Develop plans for Main Street Revitalization in Bridgeport, including traffic calming, pedestrian safety and other enhancements to encourage exploration of the town and surrounding area.

Action 20.C.1.a. Retain, and refine as needed, the current design of one travel lane in each direction with a center turn lane, and recommend a colored center turn lane.

Action 20.C.1.b. Prioritize and support continued implementation of pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements, such as completing sidewalk gaps and repairs, (removable) curb extensions, pedestrian-scale streetlights, pedestrian furniture, street trees, crosswalk improvements (increased number, pedestrian-activated lights), etc.

Action 20.C.1.c. Encourage Main Street properties to take pride in aesthetic appearances and implement building designs from the Bridgeport Idea Book.

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Action 20.C.1.e. Seek to install monument signs at each end of town to announce to highway travelers that they are entering a community.

Action 20.C.1.f. Request improved pedestrian access and crossings on the north and south sides of the Walker River Bridge.

Action 20.C.1.g. Work with Caltrans to install infrastructure for an arch/banner over Main Street. Support maintenance of the banner over Main Street into the future and ensure banners are relevant, timely, and attractive.

Policy 20.C.2. Improve multi-modal transportation facilities within and surrounding the town core, including residential neighborhoods.

Action 20.C.2.a. Improve pedestrian and bicycling facilities, such as bike lanes on Twin Lakes Road, striping bike/pedestrian lanes on County roads, and possibly pursuing raised sidewalks in the future.

Move to Trails Plan and rewrite:

Policy 20.B.1. Develop a <u>year-round</u> Trails Plan for all skill levels, ages and user types, <u>including</u> motorized, <u>non-motorized</u>, <u>and equestrian users</u>.

Action 20.B.1.a. Develop a Bridgeport Area Trails Plan illustrating existing regional trails that is ready for publication and distribution.

Action 20.B.1.c. Work with appropriate agencies to develop a Bridgeport Area Trails Plan that identifies future trail development opportunities.

Action 20.B.1.d. Seek all available funding sources for trail improvements and maintenance.

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Action 20.B.2.a. Survey winter trail resort areas, such as the Methow Valley in Washington State, for success stories, trail plan examples, the trail development process, and financing and maintenance options.

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ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS BY PLANNING AREA

BRIDGEPORT VALLEY

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COMMUNITY POLICIES FOR TRAIL ELEMENT

Bridgeport Valley

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Increase pedestrian safety from Evans Tract to town and along SR 182 from the reservoir to town.

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APPENDIX G

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Portions of the RTP which reference EV Charging Stations, Electric Vehicles, Alternative Fuels

GOAL 4. IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY OF RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE COUNTY.

Objective 4.B.4. When alternative fuel infrastructure (such as compressed natural gas fueling facilities and electric vehicle charging stations) is installed for County government use, ensure public access and use of agency facilities is considered in the design and operation of such facilities.

Policy 4.D. Encourage the use of alternative fuels in County operations and throughout the community.

Objective 4.D.1. Develop permitting standards for installation of electric vehicle charging stations at residential and commercial buildings.

Time frame: Within the 10-year short-term time frame of this plan.

Objective 4.D.2. Encourage the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at public facilities, such as at parking lots and airports, for community use.

Time frame: Within the 10-year short-term time frame of this plan.

Objective 4.D.3. Streamline the permitting process for installing home or business electric vehicle charging stations.

Time frame: Within the 10-year short-term time frame of this plan.

Objective 4.D.4. Work with Caltrans and electrical providers (SCE and Liberty Utilities) to develop and implement an electric vehicle charging infrastructure plan. Coordinate efforts for major routes, such as US 395, to provide alternative fueling infrastructure for the entire corridor, in compliance with state initiatives.

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Objective 4.D.5. Encourage new commercial and visitor-serving projects to include electric vehicle charging stations in parking areas.