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# MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

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## LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Pursuant to notice made by mailing agendas to news media, a selected list of jurisdictions and individuals in Lane County, a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held.

Questions should be directed to The Board Office Specialist 3, ext. 4203.

March 6, 1991  
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harris Hall  
Main Floor

Chair Jack Roberts presided with Steve Cornacchia, Ellie Dumdi, Marie Frazier and Jerry Rust present. Judy Haldeman, Recording Secretary.

12. PUBLIC HEARING/Considering a Project Design for the Clear Lake Road, Lakeview Drive to Kirk Road, Improvement Project

John Goodson, Director of Public Works, stated that on October 24, 1990, the Roads Advisory Committee conducted a Public Hearing at the Alvadore Fire Station on proposed improvements to Clear Lake Road. The Committee subsequently adopted findings and recommendations on December 5, 1990, which were sent to property owners on December 15, 1990. He stated that approximately 52 percent of the property owners responded to the Department with objections to the improvements and this Public Hearing was scheduled. He stated that notice was sent to all adjoining property owners and interested parties on February 15, 1991.

Tom Stinchfield, Transportation Planning Engineer, summarized the project design as it was recommended by the Roads Advisory Committee (see material on file).

Roberts opened the Public Hearing.

Blythe Cook, 27075 Clear Lake Road, testified that this realignment would place three roads approximately one quarter-mile apart and that the noise and traffic will be worse with the realignment. She stated that there was a need for a turn lane into the park and she stated that traffic problems only exist a few months of the year. She stated that it would be more responsible stewardship to widen the present road and to put in turn lanes rather than build a whole new road.

Nancy Cook, 27138 Orchard Road, Junction City, testified that she was opposed to the proposed realignment because the new road would be placed in an established rural residential neighborhood. She commented that it

would be difficult for traffic to turn on and off of the existing section of Clear Lake Road with the new 50 mile per hour corner. She commented that seasonal traffic could be addressed with turn lanes. She stated that every property value will be impacted along the realignment and that 12 of these residences are going to be within 10 feet of the road. She stated that this was not a low impact proposal and does not eliminate the problems in a satisfactory manner.

Bonnie Meisenholder, 27967 Buckskin Drive, President of the Alvadore Community Group and past owner of the Fern Ridge Store, endorsed the County plan for Clear Lake Road. She commented that there was a plan to keep the lake full all year and this would increase traffic on the road. She commented that this was a great plan all around.

Daniel Johnson, 27297 Orchard Road, Junction City, testified that he was opposed to the proposed improvements to Clear Lake Road. He stated that his view was affected and his neighbors will lose about three-quarters of an acre of land. He stated that increasing the speed will cause more accidents, especially during the summertime. He stated that shoulders and turn lanes are needed and suggested that the County install caution lights and signs to keep the speed down.

Alan Cook, 27138 Orchard Road, Junction City, testified that 12 manufactured homes will be within 10 feet of the right-of-way and would place these lots out of compliance. He commented that there will be a problem with severing the mobile home park from the people who operate it. He stated that the traffic will be no closer to any of the existing houses on Clear Lake Road than it is currently. He stated that those people on Clear Lake Road purchased their homes knowing that they were near the road. He stated that he would rather see public land used than private land.

Wendell Cook, 27075 Clear Lake Road, testified that this proposed realignment would sever his property from his house. He stated that there were 56 permanent mobile homes in the mobile home park plus a small house and that the park has been at or near capacity for the last 20 years. He stated that the realignment would almost eliminate the possibility of future development and damage the livability of the park. He suggested that with some curbing and existing line shifts, the existing road could easily be improved at a great savings to tax payers. He asked why the Roads Advisory Committee was not aware of the property severance at its original meeting and may not be aware of it now. He also asked why there had not been a 1990 traffic count report done.

Stewart Cross, 27250 Orchard Road, testified that he is opposed to the proposed improvements to Clear Lake Road. He commented that he purchased his property because he wanted the country atmosphere and stated that he would have to landscape 300 feet of property if the road is realigned.

Dennis Cole, 90375 Shore Lane, testified that there were hundreds of yards of straight road on both sides of Shore Lane for access and that Barker

Road would be much more difficult to pull out of. He suggested that the County address the speed of the traffic coming out the park in the summertime. He suggested that there be an intersection with lights at the entrance to the park. He commented that he would like the County to add to the existing Clear Lake Road and commented that he would like to see a bike lane.

Ray Liebl, 27352 Orchard Road, testified that there were too many uneducated drivers on the road. He stated that this project would wipe out a lot of people's property and would put the road about 150 yards from his back patio.

Gary Bainum, 27176 Orchard Road, Junction City, testified that he is opposed to this plan. He stated that he had moved to this area to get away from traffic and smog and commented that he would lose trees and an irrigation well to this project. He suggested that there be a four-way stop sign at the intersection of curve A.

Jean McClellan, 90481 Alvadore Road, asked what months the vehicle count was made. She stated that accidents occur on straight stretches of road as well as on curves. She stated that it was time that traffic was controlled rather than making roads to encourage faster traffic. She stated that she was concerned about people who use the bus and wondered where the bus will go if the road is realigned.

Bonnie Turner, 27322 Orchard Road, commented that she had moved out in the Alvadore area 22 years ago to get away from traffic and that she had built her house 125 feet off of Orchard Road to stay away from traffic. She stated that she was going to be attacked from the other side with a major highway and that this would be taking away her dream. She stated that all of her neighbors were being affected by this project and were very upset. She stated that this was just a road to the County, but it was their life.

Glenna Parker, 91217 B Street, testified that she was opposed to this option. She stated that four acres of land will be covered with blacktop where it was previously protection from intrusion. This road would be within a few hundred feet of two other blacktop roads and it seems needless. She stated that no environmental concerns have been addressed and suggested that there be a closer look at the wetlands issue.

Lovell Barton, 90490 Alvadore Road, commented that he agreed with what had been said during the testimony.

Jerry Parker, 91217 B Street, testified that he believes in the environment and he would question the use of asphalt for landscaping. He stated that this was a residential area and the qualities of people's lives would be destroyed with this project. He would support the turn lanes and the shoulders for bicycles, but would not support the realignment. He wondered if it was valuable to have public testimony and asked the Board what the weight of the testimony tonight would be.

Martha Wright, 27178 Clear Lake Road, owner of the Orchard Point Kennel, testified that this road has been a zoo for years. The ban against parking on the street has helped the problem tremendously and she stated that people do obey the signs. She suggested that the speed and the turns be disciplined and that this would be more than adequate.

Ray Meisenholder, 27967 Buckskin Drive, testified that if corner A is modified, the speed will be increased on Clear Lake Road.

There being no one else present who wished to testify, Roberts closed the Public Hearing.

Stinchfield commented that if the setback was affected, the County would process a variance at the time of acquisitions. He stated that a traffic count was done in 1990 and he did not believe that traffic had declined on Clear Lake Road. He commented that the County was looking at the wetlands issues along the road and had discussed mitigation with the Corps of Engineers.

Rust asked what the theory was for making the curves broader. Stinchfield stated that the theory was that travel speed on the curves should be as consistent as possible with the rest of the road so that people do not overdrive the low speed curves.

Frazier asked at what time of year the traffic study was done and what the maintenance costs would be for the realignment portion of the road. Stinchfield commented that he did know which month the traffic count was done and that the maintenance costs would be an average of \$4,500 per mile for the bypassed portion of the road.

Roberts commented that it was his impression that the real safety problem on Clear Lake Road was speed and both of these proposals recommend designing the road to speeds which people are going to drive. He asked if this current road could accommodate the traffic if people traveled at a slower speed. Stinchfield responded that it could and Goodson added that it does not address pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Stinchfield stated that traffic volumes were not high enough to justify the installation of a traffic signal and he did not feel that a signal would address the problem.

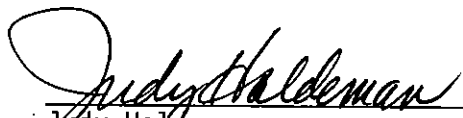
Dumdi thanked those that attended and testified at this meeting. She stated that the Board does listen to the comments and will think this through.

Rust commented that he wondered what options the Board would settle for if it did not have the money for this project. He stated that he is against the realignment and would like to use the current road bed with bike lanes and an improved entrance to the park. He suggested that the County try to address the alcohol issues and try to design a way to educate the kids and make sure that there are drug and alcohol free drivers in the automobiles when they leave the park.

Cornacchia expressed appreciation to staff for their work on this project. He stated that the realignment makes technical sense, but there is more to the issue than technical considerations. He would support taking public lands before private lands and stated that he did not want to affect private property if there is an alternative.

Roberts commented that he did not have the impression that this road was badly in need of reconfiguration and that he is interested in exploring some interim solutions for now. He stated that he will take the impact to the community into consideration. He stated that he will hold the record open until next week and that the Board will hold a Work Session the last week of March or the second week of April to discuss this project.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Judy Haldeman  
Recording Secretary