

**Transportation Report for August 2008 in Beaver Creek
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Chip Sealing

Public Works does not anticipate doing any chip sealing in this area before spring of 2009. It will depend on the budget if any is done then.

ATV Problems

At the June meeting when Sheriff Waugh spoke at LMPOA, he suggested that there be interface with his office to set up some educational meetings to explain the laws pertaining to the operation and licensing of ATV vehicles and drivers. Jeannette Estes, chair of the YCSO interface committee (BCCAC), will be asked to arrange and schedule the first event.

Verde Valley Multimodal Transportation Plan—In Progress

The full draft of Chapter 3 Future Conditions has been completed. Participants and members of the public have been asked to comment to Lima & Associates and to the office of Supervisor Davis. **At present, these are our concerns.**

1. Beaver Creek Rd is mislabeled as Lake Montezuma Avenue.
2. NF 618 is shown incorrectly as entering the Beaver Creek area near Montezuma Well rather than much farther north near SR-179 to VOC/Sedona. This may affect the traffic counts shown for NF 119 which are shown as a little higher than for the eastern part of Beaver Creek Rd.
3. The traffic counts do not appear to make sense. The middle of Beaver Creek Rd shows a lower traffic count than the farthest portion of Beaver Creek Rd from I-17. The actual Lake Montezuma Ave shows no traffic counts.
4. Bice Rd is modeled. Thank you. It would be helpful to us to see the traffic counts.
5. Brocket Ranch Rd and the 2nd access are neither shown on the maps nor modeled. This omission is a huge concern for many residents.
6. The Yavapai-Apache Reservation in Rimrock is not shown on the map. The recently added properties to the Yavapai-Apache Nation are not shown on the map. Some of these properties are located in the vicinity of Middle Verde Rd and I-17 and at one time were planned as future commercial. Has this been considered and has input been received from the Nation on these and other properties?

We understand that Lima & Associates would like comments about the mapping and possible solutions and are grateful for the opportunity to comment. But given the current visual representation of our area, we feel a lack of confidence in the study at this time.

NAIPTA Transit Study-In Progress

NAIPTA will be leading short-term citizen advisory committees in Sedona and Cottonwood to develop service recommendations that respond to the study area's needs and capacities. **We recommend that a public meeting be held in Beaver Creek on September 20 at 10 AM, place to be determined, for the purpose of brainstorming public transportation solutions and getting input from area residents.** Representatives of NAIPTA and Supervisor Davis's office should be invited so that we can work together on potential service solutions. A committee may wish to do a resident survey in order to get more information on this subject to share with NAIPTA and Supervisor Davis.

Arizona Rural Public Transit Needs Study--Completed

Camp Verde has been recommended as a top candidate for rural public transit services. Cottonwood-Camp Verde-Prescott-Sedona has been named as a top candidate for rural corridor public transit services. We suggest that we ask Supervisor Davis and NAIPA officials how we can work toward being connected to this corridor at the meeting mentioned in the above paragraph.

Bice Road Tunnel

Residents have come forward with 4 or 5 solutions to help alleviate this problem that range from relatively inexpensive to astronomical. **It is recommended that a meeting be held with residents, ADOT, FHWA, YC Public Works, and Supervisor Davis on September 27 at 10 AM, place to be determined.** It would be the intent of the meeting to get input from everyone on how we could work together to secure a resolution to this long time problem.

LM Second Access

Last year this project was tentatively planned for 2011/12. Now the situation is unclear. Given the current economic situation, constructing this project may not have high priority. But now is the time to purchase the ROW for the route. Is this happening? How can we work together to accomplish this and plan for the future?

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Beaver Creek Road

This month the friction course will be added to the surface of Beaver Creek Rd. When the road is restriped afterward, the business section lanes in Rimrock will be narrowed to allow for a wider paved shoulder. Yavapai County Public Works is working with Principal/Superintendent Karin Ward to improve the turn lane design into Beaver Creek School. LMPOA has submitted a request to Public Works for the Lookout Point and Beaver Creek Road intersection to be improved as Lookout Point is now very narrow. If it is not possible to widen Lookout Point at this location, center striping of that road may be a safety aid.

McGuireville Interchange

This \$10 million dollar project went out to bid on June 30. Bids will be opened on August 28. The bid recommendation will go before the State Transportation Board on September 19 in Winslow. Work on the project will start soon afterward. In June there was a presentation at the LMPOA monthly meeting. We have requested that additional information be provided at an information table at the annual BC Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner at the Montezuma-Rimrock Fire Station on September 26 from 5 to 7 PM.

Traffic Mitigation Plan

LMPOA will coordinate a traffic plan (which will need approval from the Montezuma-Rimrock Fire Chief, Yavapai County Public Works and resident input) that generally includes Montezuma Avenue from the Y to the girls' school. This plan has been paid for by a donor for that specific area only, otherwise the plan would encompass more area. LMPOA requested that Yavapai County have a plan done for the entire area, but that request was not approved this year. Currently we have asked several engineering firms to prepare a proposal and bid which will be due on August 15. These will be available for discussion at the September LMPOA meeting. Briefly, the proposals have been asked to address the following:

1. Show traffic mitigation, calming, and safety solutions for: Rimrock Dr, Montezuma Avenue/Montezuma Lake Rd, Lake Shore Dr, Beaver Vista Rd, and Meadow Ln. **Education and enforcement will be included as components.**
2. Provide plans for a pedestrian/bike bridge near Sycamore Bridge. These plans and cost estimates should be specific enough that we can plug them directly into grant applications. Provide plans for pedestrian/bike accommodation along Montezuma Avenue from the bridge going south to near Russell Wash. Should crosswalks be included?
3. Study advantages and disadvantages of making Lake Montezuma Rd, Sweetwater Dr, and Lookout Pt Rd a one-way loop. This would provide room for a separate multi-use path. Design such if deemed appropriate.
4. Specify a pedestrian/bike bypass out to near Beaver Creek Rd that would give these road users an alternative to taking the Lake Montezuma Rd switchbacks up to the Y intersection if item 3 does not look feasible. Specify other trails or pedestrian bridges that may be advisable in the target area. Need enough details for grant applications.