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SPECIAL MEETING—BY TELECONFERENCE AND IN PERSON

DRAFT MINUTES

**THURSDAY, October 20, 2022
5:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE MAIN STREET
RIO VISTA, CALIFORNIA 94571**

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Walt Stanish started the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Walt Stanish, Vice Chair Lisa Hechtman, Edwin Okamura, Emmette Holtslander, Judith Adamson, and Lisa Duke

ABSENT: Tom Donnelly, Rick Dolk and Maryellen Lamothe

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – See instructions on Page 1

Public comment was received.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Minutes from October 20, 2022, were approved with modifications

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Overview of Transportation Planning Efforts

The consultant team started their presentation with the overview of the meeting agenda to cover topics such as defining land use designations, constraints for new development, opportunity areas/sites in the City and Sphere of Influence, estimating population and employment growth, and next steps/action items.

Traffic consultant, Fehr and Peers, shared the overall components of a Circulation Element. The goal of the General Plan would be to provide the City with an overarching policy document, and to establish a vision for the community. Since the last General Plan update in 2001, there have been a number of State policy changes such as:

- AB 1358 – Complete Streets
- AB 32 – Global Warming Solutions Act
- SB 375 – Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act
- SB 743 – VMT
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The Circulation Element update will be comprised of various analyses and studies including a Citywide Transportation Analysis, Vehicle Mile Travel (VMT) CEQA Analysis, and the Highway 12 Analysis.

The Circulation Element would contain information related to community values and needs identified during the GPU process by helping frame key issues, translating key analysis findings into new policy and implementation measures, and proposing modifications to the City's transportation and roadway system.

The Citywide Transportation Analysis would be holistic and supported by data such as: movements of current fleet (cars and trucks), who and how people travel in Rio Vista, traveler's destinations, and safety/accidents. The data would be used to forecast traffic movement and needs and would also correlate with the Land Use Element.

The VMT CEQA analysis would consist of the VMT analysis, evaluate existing data and tools, checking policies and thresholds, implementing mitigation measure, and help streamline environmental reviews.

Last but not least, an analysis of Highway 12 will be performed and be comprised of the following: modeling Highway 12 traffic from new Rio Vista development, modeling Highway 12 traffic resulting from new growth outside of Rio Vista (commuter traffic) and developing measures to reduce/manage Highway 12 congestion (short-, near-, and long-term).

4.2 Related Transportation Planning Efforts

- Caltrans -SR 12 Rio Vista Complete Streets Update
 - State Route 12 Roadway Rehabilitation
- Drouin Drive to Sacramento County Line
 - Rehab pavement cracks and potholes

- Address drainage issues
- Complete Streets Improvements
 - Install continuous ADA accessible sidewalks
 - Create new pedestrian crossing
 - Update existing crossings

4.3 Key Transportation and Circulation Issues

- Accessibility vs. Mobility
- Funding constraints (expansion and maintenance)
- Technology
 - Carshare, rideshare, bikeshare
 - Navigation apps
 - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Induced travel
- Safety
- Evacuation
- Caltrans coordination

4.4 Accommodating Highway 12 Traffic

- Short- and near-term strategies (reduce/manage congestion)
 - Prioritize residents
 - Active transportation and safety
 - New technologies to manage events
- Long-term solutions
 - New bridge
 - Pricing

4.5 Questions/Comments

- The airport will be addressed in the Circulation Element.
- How is pedestrian traffic data collected? Streetlight has the ability to capture bikes and pedestrian movement.
- Please include Highway 84/River Road in traffic analysis?
- What is meant by traffic calming? Range of strategies – slow traffic, redirect traffic, roundabouts (slows traffic), menu of options.
- Would Highway 160 toward Antioch (and possibly toward Sac) be included in the model.
- Real McCoy Ferry – Highway 84 – runs intermittently and impacts route options.
- Virginia access near bridge is not well-planned and there is no adequate pedestrian crossing under the bridge.
- Bridge is not the only option. A tunnel could be feasible.
- Highway 12 connects from Fairfield to Lodi. It is a two-lane highway with three bridges. The bridges should be replaced, and the highway improved over its entire length.

- Highway 12 and County setting are important, but also need to focus on the system of local roads that allow people to move within the community.
- The key focus should be on getting cars to move along Highway 12 more quickly. The focus should be on car movement rather than pedestrians and bikes.
- The ferry service from the Bay Area to Rio Vista should be explored.

4.6 Next Steps

Next steps will include reviewing other General Plans of cities similar in size/geography to Rio Vista. Staff would extract goals and policies from existing documents and observe how other communities have managed State Highways like Highway 12. Staff would enter a phase of data collection and evaluate planning tools.

5. Information Items

None

6. Staff Announcements/ Comments

6.1 The draft Housing Element has been prepared and is available for public review. A joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 1st.

6.2 The Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting in late October. Staff will attend the Commission meeting to help provide input on the General Plan Update.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Walt Stanish adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM

Krystine Ball, General Plan Working Group Clerk