

ECIA Road Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2016

1. Call to Order: Chair Felicia Probert called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. in the Foyer at the ECIA Community Center

2. Introductions/Attendees:

- Road Committee Members: Felicia Probert - Chair, Bob Blanchet, Ken Kleiber, Karen Murry, Fred Raznick, Terry Reilly, Russell Winslow
- ECIA Board Liaison: John Henriksen
- Excused absence: Rob Wickham, John Reynolds
- Public:
  - o Bill Keeffe, 10 Azul Drive
  - o Cecil Rich, 34 Fonda Road
  - o Sylvia Wohlmuth, 18 Descanso Rd
  - o David Ford, 4 Condesa Rd
  - o Ross & Debbie Iverson, 8 Condesa Rd
  - o ?? Rader-Tate, 7 Condesa Rd
  - o Ronnie & Fritz Uelius, 7 Condesa Ct.
  - o Steve Rudnick, 59 Condesa Rd
  - o Donald Keith & Toni Carrell, 39 Condesa Rd
  - o Mike Grebinski, 44 Condesa Rd
  - o Ray & Mary Anne Burkard, 12 Condesa Rd
  - o Pete Atha, 41 Condesa Rd

Felicia noted that there was a quorum present.

3. Public Comments

Bill Keeffe, a resident of Azul Drive, addressed the Committee about the lack of a hike/bike path along Avenida Azul. Mr. Keeffe said that he has observed significant pedestrian and bicycle traffic

along Avenida Azul but the road is narrow, there is no shoulder, and there are visibility problems due

to the curves. Mr. Keeffe advised that the possibility of a hike/bike path along Avenida Azul had been

discussed at some point in the past and that a previous County employee, Ish Lovato, had said it was

doable without taking any private property, however Mr. Lovato has since passed away and Mr. Keeffe was not sure who with the County might have the information. Mr. Keeffe plans on bringing

this issue to the Facilities and Grounds (F&G) Committee at their January meeting. Felicia will coordinate with F&G on this item.

Cecil Rich, a resident of Fonda Road, addressed the Committee about the Siberian elm trees that are

being cultivated within the right of way along Avenida Vista Grande, Avenida Eldorado, and several

other roads in Eldorado. Mr. Rich indicated that he sees flagging on these trees and they are not

being cut by the County mowers. Mr. Rich expressed concern about the visibility and safety issues

created by allowing larger vegetation to grow in the roadway right of way. He also stated that

Siberian elms are designated as an invasive species and questioned why cultivation of this type of species was occurring. Mr. Rich said that he had contact the County road department to inquire about why this was occurring and was told that in some cases the County does not mow if requested and if no safety issues are being created. Felicia will follow-up with the County on this issue. Sylvia Wohlmutter of Descanso Road reported that the chamisa along Monte Alto Road at the intersection with Descanso is obstructing drivers' view when pulling out onto Monte Alto from Descanso. Ms. Wohlmutter also reported that there is a drainage problem on Descanso at Questa road that is causing deep rutting and muddy potholes on Descanso after it rains. Felicia will report these items in the County's road concern database.

#### 4. Modification/Adoption of Agenda

Because of the number of residents from Condesa Road in attendance for the Earthbind agenda item, this item was moved to the front. Agenda was approved without further modifications.

#### 5. Chair Comments

- Felicia has been coordinating with the F&G Committee on the gravel aprons crossing the multiuse path and attending the upcoming PASER rating of the path by the County and a rep from F&G.
- A request by the Flora & Fauna Group to post temporary wildlife crossing signs has been referred to the Road Committee from the Conservation Committee. Felicia is waiting for a more detailed proposal from the Flora & Fauna Group and will coordinate with the Santa Fe County Traffic Manager on review and approval.
- All five of the County's general obligation bond fund questions on the November 8th ballot passed including question #1 for \$13.6 million dollars for road improvements in Santa Fe County. Paving Balsa Road was the only Eldorado road identified for funding under question #1.

#### 6. ECIA Board Liaison Report

- Isabel Ugarte has been selected as the permanent general manager.
- Isabel is coordinating a date with the County to complete the PASER rating of the multi-use trail.
- Two existing vacancies on the ECIA Board have been filled. John Henriksen was selected to fill Claudia Daigle's remaining term and Mike McDowell was selected to fill Greg Colello's remaining term.
- The 2017 budget is still under development. There will be no increase in home owner dues in 2017. The budget will be available for public review shortly and there will be a public hearing in December.
- The revised architectural guidelines are out for review. There will be a public forum on Saturday, December 17th at 10:00 am.
- Three board seats are opening up in 2017. Anyone interested in running for a position on the Board may pick up a nominating petition at the ECIA office in January. Ballots will be sent out in

March.

- Work is still being done to get the security camera at Compadres Park up and running. Two cameras at the Stables will be replaced.

#### 7. Old Business/Open Action Items

- a. The minutes from the April 11th meeting were reviewed and approved.
- b. The minutes from the June 20th meeting were reviewed and approved subject to clarification on

two open issues.

- c. Felicia distributed the results of her research on the Earthbind™ product as a possible solution to

dust control concerns raised by the Condesa Rd residents. The major points from the Committee's discussion and listening to the comments and concerns from the Condesa Rd residents in attendance are:

- The estimated per mile cost for Earthbind™ exceeds the County's current per mile road maintenance budget.
- Some residents expressed concerns about potential environmental and safety concerns with Earthbind™.
- There were differing opinions among the residents in attendance about how bad the dust problem was, depending on where they lived along the road or how much they walked or bicycled along the road.
- There was general consensus among the residents that speeding was exacerbating the problem. Some by residents but also the school bus, and delivery and trash trucks.
- The Committee agreed to look into the following suggestions to reduce speeding:
  - o Ask the Board to send a letter to the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, Waste Management, and the school district requesting that drivers pay more attention to speed limits throughout Eldorado.
  - o Ask the Board to include a letter to all residents in the upcoming mailing of the annual assessment to request that all pay more attention to speed limits.
  - o Contact the Sheriff's office to request increased traffic enforcement.
  - o Request that the Sheriff's electronic radar warning sign be periodically placed on Condesa Rd to raise drivers' awareness of their current speed.
  - o Ask the County Traffic Manager if there are other sign options to raise awareness of the speed limit.
- The Committee will also talk with the County about the possibility of any other sand/gravel top coat options that may help harden the road surface and reduce dust.

#### 9. New Business

- a. The latest road inspection report was reviewed by the Committee. There were no significant changes to the top priorities for road improvement. It was noted that overall the roads in Eldorado are in decent shape. A motion was made approved to recommend to the Board that a capital outlay funding request in the amount of \$500,000 be submitted to Senator Wirth and Representative McQueen in the 2017 legislative session.
- b. Felicia and Karen reported on the initial "adopt-a-shoulder" pilot program that Karen coordinated along west Herrada Road this summer to preserve the wildflowers, remove the weeds, and keep the County from having to mow the shoulders. Felicia will contact Robert Martinez for the details about formalizing a program and will bring it back to the next meeting for Committee review

and  
consideration.

10. Committee Round Robin - None

11. Next Meeting - To be announced after the first of the year.  
Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

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Action Item Follow-up  
Siberian Elms

Talk with the County regarding the Siberian elms that are being maintained by an Eldorado resident within the right of way along Ave. Vista Grande, Ave. Eldorado, and several other roads.

Felicia checked with the County and the local Ag Agent at the extension office. Siberian Elms are a Class C noxious weed/invasive species. Propagation is discouraged but not prohibited. The trees in question are within the road right of way and are therefore the County's responsibility. They have given permission for the individual to maintain the trees. The trimming is not in violation of any regulations or ordinances and they don't believe it is causing any problems at this time.

Condesa Road Dust and Speeding

Ask the Board to send a letter to the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, Waste Management, and the school district requesting that drivers pay more attention to speed limits throughout Eldorado.

The GM will send a letter out to the delivery companies, Waste Management, and the School District.

Ask the Board to include a letter to all residents in the upcoming mailing of the annual assessment to request that all pay more attention to speed limits.  
Instead of a letter to residents, the Board will post a friendly reminder on the website and send out an E-blast.  
Request that the Sheriff's electronic radar warning sign be periodically placed on Condesa Rd to raise drivers' awareness of their current speed.

Contact the Sheriff's office to request increased traffic enforcement.  
Per a telephone conversation with the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office on 12/9/2016, the speed trailer will be placed on Condesa Rd to increase driver awareness. This will be followed up by increased patrols by the Sheriff's office. The speed trailer is currently out of service but will be put out on Condesa as soon as it is repaired.

Ask the County Traffic Manager if there are other sign options to raise awareness of the speed limit.

Per the County Traffic Manager - experience has shown that more and/or larger signs aren't always as effective

as one would think. Enforcement is key to changing driver behavior. Also, the traffic count data for Condesa

Road as of June 10, 2016 indicates that 85% of the vehicles counted (72) were driving 26 mph, with the

average speed at 21 mph. The traffic counter was located on Condesa just west of Carissa. He will have his

crew take another look to make sure that there is adequate signage.

Talk with the County about the possibility of any other sand/gravel top coat options that may help harden the road

surface and reduce dust.

Felicia spoke with Robert Martinez, Deputy Director of Public Works for Santa Fe County, about top coat

options. Specifically I asked him about using cold millings (i.e. ground up asphalt) like we've seen used on

some privately maintained roads on the east side of Highway 285. The County does use cold millings in some

cases and when they are available however application of the cold millings requires reconstruction of the road

to the subgrade and processing the millings with some new asphalt. This would cost as much as a chip seal

project and funding isn't available for either. The only other dust control measure would be applying water

when grading but given drought conditions and how precious water resources are, the County generally does

not apply water to roads for maintenance purposes. Instead they try to take advantage of wetter conditions

following a rain event but there are more miles of road than they can get to before the moisture dries up.