

Transportation Report July/August 2009

NACOG Regional Road Program FY 08-14

This plan now approved by the NACOG subcommittee and the VV Transportation Planning Committee includes the following in to be improved order: Cornville Rd from Aaspas to Kimberly's Way in Yavapai County, Broadway/Main St in Clarkdale, Mingus Ave in Cottonwood, and Main St in Camp Verde.

McGuireville TI Ramp Improvement ADOT Project

On schedule. Drivers in the vicinity should be alert for one-lane travel on I-17 and delays due to truck crossings to work sites. Caution in the area is strongly recommended.

Yavapai County Scenic/Historic Route Program

At the direction of Kala Pearson, BCRC President, information on this program was reviewed to check requirements for possible nomination of FR 119. It appears that this road fits the entry-level criteria in that it is all in Yavapai County and all in maintained Yavapai County ROW.

Any individual or group may make a road nomination and complete the extensive research and writing necessary for the application. As an example, the Page Springs Rd application required two years to complete. Selection is based on a point system.

Receiving the scenic/historic route nomination would not negate the recommendations of the VV Multimodal Transportation Plan to pave and improve this road. Some benefits of the designation is to allow special signage, limit access points to the road, conserve vegetation, and lessen impact from such possibilities as utility crossings.

The transportation committee requests that council representatives read the short document on this program at the Yavapai County home page and give an initial go ahead at either the August or September board meeting to proceed in gathering information toward preparing a draft application.

Local Trails

Starting on June 29, the transportation committee began meeting with Bill Stafford, our area representative to the Verde Valley Regional Trails Committee. We are working to connect interior trails to the encircling trails that Bill had worked on in the regional committee. We are considering the trails as alternative transportation in addition to recreation. The next trails specific meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11, at 10 AM at Bill Stafford's home. The attached statement shows what we have been working on. It is a rough draft.

Trails Information for BC Complian--DRAFT

Create a network of local and connector trails and pathways between and encircling residential areas throughout the Beaver Creek community that provide passage to schools, businesses, social centers, parks,

churches, governmental agencies, points of interest, National Parks, and trail access to Coconino National Forest. Trails and pathways may be primarily scenic, for connectivity between subdivisions, to commercial locations, for general access, historic, recreational or a combination of these purposes. The intent is to improve safety, relieve choke points, provide recreation, and encourage alternative modes of transportation. In some instances access points will help protect soil, water, plants, and wildlife which can also help to prevent forest land exchanges. Access points can increase recreational usage in a responsible manner.

1. Build or improve trails (may be road shoulders in some locations) to connect Montezuma Haven to Montezuma Estates, Montezuma Estates to Wickiup Mesa, Wickiup Mesa to Montezuma Avenue, Bice Road to the Coconino Forest, Bice Road to Beaver Creek alternative to the tunnel, Lake Montezuma Agricultural Acres to Brocket Ranch Road, Rollins Park to Sycamore Park, Montezuma Avenue to Beaver Creek Road (this includes a pedestrian bridge), McGuireville to FR-119 via Beaver Creek Rd or nearby, to cross the creek in several places to connect subdivisions, and to connect to Coconino National Forest trailheads and access points. This is not an exclusive list and other trails are expected to be added.
2. Designate with signage and include where possible the paths of the main historic trails; Chaves Wagon Trail, Russell Wash Trail, and the old stage road.
3. Provide a network of neighborhood links, secondary and "hub" trailheads to access trails and public lands. Trailheads will include parking, directional, interpretive, and resource protection information.
4. Those mentioned trails (in #1) and others to be named in the future (with the exception of the historic trails) are proposed corridors and not exact locations. Specific locations will be designated as projects are designed and approved. These are subject to site specific survey, design, and clearances.
5. Use volunteers, local, state and federal funding, grants, donations, and other sources of funding as available and appropriate to the project.
6. Decide the type of use (multiuse, non-motorized, ATV, electric golf cart, shared, etc.) and difficulty level (easy, moderate, and strenuous) in the design phase for the individual trail or trail portion for that project.
7. Specify the surface of the trail or path, width, and amount of improvement in the design phase of the project. Some trails may be designated wheelchair accessible and improved to that standard.
8. Create educational materials and guides that make the use of these trails fun and encourage users to help keep trails and paths clean and safe.
9. Encourage volunteers to help maintain the trail system.