



## SR-4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project

### Workshop #2 Summary Report

May 25, 2010 | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Bret Harte High School Theater

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- The workshop was closed with apologies from Tim McSorley of the Calaveras Council of Governments as the conditions in the building were becoming no longer safe with the electricity out and the safety lighting starting to go out. A conclusion to the workshop is being scheduled to occur in late June.
- *A copy of the workshop PowerPoint presentation is available on the project website at <http://www.calacoq.org/wagon.shtml>.*

### Summary of Community Feedback

- **Avoid Impacts to Residential Property**

No clear consensus emerged from the discussion regarding alternative alignments A and B. In discussions, it became clear that the community wanted more detail regarding the impacts of the two different alternatives on residential property owners. To avoid property owner impacts, participants expressed a desire to see what a lower design speed would involve if the road is left close to its existing location through the neighborhood.

- **Avoid Impacts to Natural Features and Areas**

Although some participants agreed with the safety benefits of routing the realigned highway away from the existing neighborhood, others expressed that this would involve two paved roads where there was only one. The new paved road would impact the natural ranch land where there is not currently a road. There was also concern associated with bridging the existing road to maintain local access. There were comments that bridges should be avoided if possible.

- **Involve the Property Owners so that All Impacts may be Reviewed**

Participants stated that the property owners know the area much better than anyone else and that they need to be involved in the details so that critical areas are avoided.

- **Focus on Safety**

Participants felt strongly that safety should be the key factor in the design. The existing issues at Pool Station and Appaloosa must be addressed. There were concerns voiced regarding the current condition where school buses drop kids off on the existing highway. Safety was also brought up with respect to the ability for traffic to pass and if the entire roadway would have a double yellow line.

- **Keep Speeds Low**

Related to both safety and community character was the topic of keeping roadway speeds low. The Caltrans correspondence regarding the design speed was shared, however,

some questioned why this area couldn't have a special exception. Concern that a higher design speed makes people go faster which causes more accidents

- **Look at Alternative Routes**

A proposed corridor was sketched and handed to the team during the presentation. Community members expressed that they would like to see the profile and costs associated with their suggestion compared with those presented. The Team plans to analyze and post to the website.

- **Suggestions for Future Workshops**

Community members requested that future workshops provide the opportunity to use the "clicker" to express preferences. Some felt uncomfortable with speaking out next to neighbors that had different opinions.