

BRIDGEPORT RPAC RTP COMMUNITY POLICY REVISIONS

Connectivity

Comment: Add language to “improve intermodal connections to our communities to the north and south.”

- What connectivity are we talking about?
 - Locations: Walker/Lee Vining? Devil’s Gate? Evan’s Tract and residential area adjacent to Bridgeport Reservoir?
 - Connectivity Type: Off-road vehicles? Hiking/pedestrian trails? Bike trails?

SR 270

Comment: Combine SR 270 policies into the winter recreation section, or potentially create a new objective.

SR 270 improvements mentioned: Pave or improve road surface, snow park.

- SR 270 improvements that increase vehicle speed, or provide access during the winter season or spring lekking period, may be problematic due to sensitive sage grouse habitat.
- Paving has been controversial in the past as it may reduce the “authenticity” of the experience.

Recreation

Comment: Add “year-round” to “trail system” and “cross-country skiers” to types of trail users. Include “motorized/non-motorized bikes.”

- Clarify bikes: What type – e-bikes and mountain bikes, or OHV dirt bikes? Is the policy seeking new trails for bikes, or to increase the number of existing trails on which bikes are allowed? Or something else?

Comment: Consider improved support/resources for Caltrans to improve seasonal access in the Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area.

- What type of access improvements are needed for BWRA?

Comment: Consider a new seasonal plowing plan to support winter recreation areas such as Twin/Virginia Lakes.

- Is the intent to advocate that the road be plowed to Virginia and Twin lakes, with a staging area at the end? Or to provide a better parking & staging area at the current road closure?

Comment: Expand new goals/policies/actions supporting Bridgeport’s Winter recreation and tourism opportunities.

- What is missing that should be added to Policy 20.B.3? Need specifics.

Bridgeport Main Street

Comment: Add a new policy/action to “partner with Caltrans to conduct a speed study in Bridgeport’s summer months.”

- Confirm that the issue to be addressed is continuing to reduce vehicle speeds on Bridgeport Main Street. If so, policy will be built around that issue.

Comment: Add “driving” and “OHV/OSV” to complete streets policy language.

- Streets are for vehicles and therefore driving does not need to be referenced. Legal OHV/OSVs can be driven on streets and are considered vehicles like cars. Non-street legal OHV/OSVs should be addressed under recreation policies for OHVs.

Comment: Add language to “work with Caltrans to maintain funding and support Bridgeport’s Main Street Banner infrastructure.”

- Caltrans doesn’t fund or maintain the banner – that is the responsibility of the community (and the County as the encroachment permit holder).