
BRIDGEPORT VALLEY POLICIES
GOAL

Provide and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system in the Valley while retaining the rural qualities of the area and supporting a vibrant local Main Street.

OBJECTIVE A

Provide safety improvements to the existing circulation system in the Valley.

- Policy 1: Support operational improvements to Highways 395 and 182.
- Action 1.1:* Support shoulder widening along Highways 395 and 182 from the Evans Tract to the Bridgeport Reservoir Dam while continuing to provide for current uses, such as stock travel.
- Action 1.2:* Support study of safety/operational improvements at the following Intersections, which were also analyzed and considered in the Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project Final Report (see Appendix X): junction Highways 395 and 182; Emigrant Street junction with Highway 395; and Twin Lakes Road junction with Highway 395 southbound.
- Action 1.3:* Support the addition of bike lanes on Highway 182 consistent with the County Bike Plan.
- Action 1.4:* Support shoulder widening on Highway 395 north of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest housing complex.
- Policy 2: Request the California Highway Patrol to enforce the speed limit in Bridgeport.
- Policy 3: Provide parking improvements to address parking-related safety problems.
- Action 3.1:* Collaborate with Caltrans to study the ability to reduce red-curb-ing at the corners of side streets entering Highway 395 in Bridgeport due to the back-in angled parking design and/or reduction of curb cuts.
- Action 3.2:* Provide additional off-street parking for county office use, court use, oversize recreational vehicles such as RVs and trailers, and visitors to Bridgeport.
- Action 3.3:* Monitor the operational effectiveness of back-in angled parking design on Main Street, and continue to improve design and driver education methods.
- Policy 4: Support improvements to Highway 270 to enhance the visitor experience.
- Action 4.1:* Support efforts to pave/improve Highway 270 to Bodie State Historic Park.

OBJECTIVE B

Provide a trail system in the Valley for use by bicyclists, pedestrians, equestrians, and OHV use.

- Policy 1: Develop a Trails Plan for all skill levels, ages and user types.
- Action 1.1:* Develop a Bridgeport Area Trails Plan illustrating existing regional trails that is ready for publication and distribution.
- Action 1.2:* Develop a wayfinding system that directs travelers to recreation amenities from the town.
- Action 1.3:* Work with appropriate agencies to develop a Bridgeport Area Trails Plan that identifies future trail development opportunities.
- Action 1.4:* Seek all available funding sources for trail improvements and maintenance.
- Action 1.5:* Encourage trail users and recreationalists outside the Bridgeport Valley to come into town by seeking services such as a free hiker shuttle.
- Policy 2: Preserve historical access for equestrian use.
- Action 2.1:* Encourage dispersed equestrian use consistent with plans and land use designations.
- Policy 3: Explore winter trails and recreation opportunities.
- Action 3.1:* Survey winter trail resort areas, such as the Methow Valley in Washington state, for success stories, trail plan examples, the trail development process, and financing and maintenance options.
- Action 3.2:* Work with local winter trail organizations, such as Mammoth Nordic, in exploring development and maintenance partnerships.

OBJECTIVE C

Support Complete Street concepts which provide for safe travel for people using any legal mode of travel, including bicycling, walking, riding transit, and driving; the Livable Communities policies; and the results of the Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project (Appendix X).

- Policy 1: Develop plans for Main Street Revitalization in Bridgeport, including traffic calming, pedestrian safety and other enhancements to encourage exploration of the town and surrounding area.
- Action 1.1:* Retain, and refine as needed, the current design of one travel lane in each direction with a center turn lane, and recommend a colored center turn lane.
- Action 1.2:* Prioritize and support continued implementation of pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements, such as completing sidewalk gaps and repairs, (removable) curb extensions, pedestrian-scale street lights, pedestrian furniture, street trees, crosswalk improvements (increased number, pedestrian-activated lights), etc.
- Action 1.3:* Encourage Main Street properties to take pride in aesthetic appearances and implement building designs from the Bridgeport Idea Book (Appendix X).
- Action 1.4:* Actively seek partners to develop a multi-agency office and visitor center complex.

- Action 1.5:* Seek to install monument signs at each end of town to announce to highway travelers that they are entering a community.
- Action 1.6:* Request improved pedestrian access and crossings on the north and south sides of the Walker River Bridge.
- Action 1.6:* Work with Caltrans to install infrastructure for a banner over Main Street.
- Policy 2:* Improve multi-modal transportation facilities within and surrounding the town core, including residential neighborhoods.
- Action 2.1:* Improve pedestrian and bicycling facilities, such as bike lanes on Twin Lakes Road, striping bike/pedestrian lanes on County roads, and possibly pursuing raised sidewalks in the future.

APPENDIX C

Potential Local Transportation Projects

Potential Local Transportation Projects - Examples of Project Types

- Providing sufficient shoulders to allow for bike lanes and pedestrian paths;
- Providing additional bicycle and pedestrian facilities;
- Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists;
- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites;
- Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities);
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification;
- Historic preservation;
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals);
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails);
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising;
- Archaeological planning and research;
- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity;
- Establishment of transportation museums;
- Providing turnouts and parking areas for all season recreational use and sightseeing;
- Providing fisheries enhancement projects in waterways affected by highway improvements;
- Providing additional deer warning signs in areas of heavy deer use and/or improving existing signage to emphasize the hazard in the area;
- Providing wildlife guzzlers and enhancing forage to keep wildlife from crossing highways;
- Enhancing visually objective uses alongside highways through screening, painting, fences, etc.;
- Providing interpretive/information signs and exhibits.

Potential Local Transportation Projects by Area/Road

Highway 182 Walker River Bridge Project (at Bridgeport Reservoir Dam)

1. Swallow habitat enhancement.
2. Enlarge existing turnout/parking area and include interpretive facilities.
3. Portion of Highway 182 bikeway improvement.
4. Provide for improved pedestrian access and crossings on the north and south sides of the bridge.

Highway 395 Bridgeport Main Street

1. Construct northern sidewalk gap on the west end of town from Buster's Market site to existing sidewalk.
2. Improve northern sidewalk from Burger Barn to Walker River Lodge.
3. Add southern sidewalk section on west end of town from Twin Lakes Road to the rodeo grounds.
4. Construct (removable) curb extensions and pedestrian-activated warning lights at existing crosswalks.
5. Improve walkability using features such as pedestrian furniture, pedestrian-scale street lighting, trash/recycling receptacles, bike racks, additional crosswalks, and street trees/landscaping beautification.
6. Design and construct signage and wayfinding for the town core.

Bridgeport Valley Trails

1. Provide for a mountain biking trail in the Bridgeport vicinity.
2. Maintain existing trails.

Twin Lakes Road Resurfacing (Bridgeport)

1. Construct bike lane along shoulder or parallel to existing route, for approximately 13 miles.
2. Enhance wetland values or provide replacement wetlands.

Highway 395 Conway Summit Passing Lane

1. Complete four-laning or passing lane addition on 395 north of Conway Summit.
2. Interpretive signs at Mono Basin Overlook regarding deer migration, and restrooms.
3. In conjunction with Cemetery Road Project, enhance forage on BLM and State lands.
4. Preservation via land purchase or other measures of scenic Mono Basin properties.
5. Rehabilitation/stabilization of Conway Summit road cuts.