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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular meeting of the Needles Housing Commission scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2024, is hereby cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

The next regular meeting of the Needles Housing Commission will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

/s/ Candace Clark
Assistant City Clerk

Posted: August 28, 2024

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Notice of Cancellation was posted at the front entrance of the Council Chambers and City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated this 28th day of August 2024



(ACT) ACTION NEEDED
(INF) INFORMATION ONLY
(DIS) DISCRETIONARY

AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024, AT 4:00 PM
EL GARCES - 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES**

**THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TEAMS OR IN PERSON
AND MAY SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS IN WRITING PRIOR TO NOON ON THE DAY OF THE
MEETING BY EMAILING cclark@cityofneedles.com**

**TO JOIN THE LIVE TEAMS MEETING: log into the City of Needles website at www.cityofneedles.com
to access the agenda and [Click here to join the meeting](#)**

If asked, enter the following: Meeting ID: 540 486 407#

**OR listen in and participate by calling Teams: 1-323-488-2227 - Meeting ID: 540 486 407#
The meetings are being recorded.**

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONFLICT OF INTEREST
CORRESPONDENCE
INTRODUCTIONS

**AS A COURTESY TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, WE WOULD ASK THAT CELL PHONES BE TURNED OFF
OR SET IN THEIR SILENT MODE. THANK YOU**

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - Persons wishing to address the Commissioners on subjects other than those scheduled are requested to do so at this time. When called by the Chair, please announce your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a three-minute time limit per person has been established by Municipal Code Section 2-18. Amendments to the California Government Code Section 54950 prohibits the Commissioners from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Housing Authority of the City of Needles Update (INF)
2. Approve the Minutes of July 24, 2024 (ACT)

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

[City](#) Manager's Reports for the weeks of August 9 and August 16, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

**INTERNET ACCESS TO HOUSING COMMISSION AGENDAS AND STAFF REPORT MATERIAL IS
AVAILABLE PRIOR TO HOUSING COMMISSION MEETINGS AT: <http://www.cityofneedles.com>**

Posted: August 22, 2024

SB 343 - DOCUMENTS RELATED TO OPEN SESSION AGENDAS - Any public record, relating to an open session agenda item, that is distributed within 72 hours prior to a meeting is available for public inspection at the Needles Administrative Office, 817 Third Street, Needles, CA 92363.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Angelica Deermier, Housing Manager, at (760) 326-3222. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102-104 ADA Title II)

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the front entrance of City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2024

/s/ Candace Clark, CPMC, Assistant City Clerk



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ HOUSING COMMISSION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: August 28, 2024

Title: Housing Authority of the City of Needles Update

Background: The Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) received notice from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HACN is currently in Tier 3 (of 3) regarding the updates required to meet the HUD's standards for the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP), Pet Policy, and Public Housing Lease Agreement. These updates will be made as addenda to the current ACOP.

HACN has placed a legal notice to the public announcing that a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meeting will be held on September 13, 2024, at 908 Sycamore Drive, Needles, CA 92363, at 2 p.m. Public housing residents are encouraged to provide input via the comment process. RAB voting members will also submit comments on behalf of the residents.

Additionally, a public hearing will be held during the regular Housing Commission meeting on September 25, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Should the Housing Commission recommend approval of the updates, HACN will hold another public hearing during the HACN Board of Commissioners meeting on October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Both hearings will be held at the El Garces, located at 950 Front Street, Needles, California 92363.

1. Public Housing Vacancies and Transfers:

- Current Vacancies: 7 out of 52 units.
- Families Awaiting Transfers: 1
- Families Selected for Consideration from Waiting List: 6

2. Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV):

- Open and Pending Eligibility: 0 out of 23 allocated vouchers.
- Leased Up: 20
- Issued: 3

3. Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers:

- Open and Pending Eligibility: 22 out of 30 allocated vouchers.
- Referrals Received from VA Loma Linda: 3
- Leased Up: 2
- Issued: 6

4. Public Housing Waiting List:

- Always open for applications.
- Allows the public to submit applications for future selection and consideration.

5. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waiting List:

- Opened July 1, 2024 – **CLOSED** July 31, 2024
- Public submitted applications for future selection and consideration.

Attached Exhibits:

Exhibit A: August 7, 2024 Legal Notice

Exhibit B: August 19, 2024 Voucher Statistics Form

Fiscal Impact: None

Environmental Impact: None

Recommended Action: Information only

Submitted By: Angelica Deermer, HACN Housing Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 8/21/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____

LEGAL NOTICE

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) shall participate and make recommendations regarding the development of the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), Pet Policy and Public Housing Lease Agreement. Said meeting will be held at 908 Sycamore Drive, Needles, California, on **September 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. Public Housing residents** will be able to provide input via the comment process. RAB voting members will submit comments on behalf of the residents.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Housing Commission on **September 25, 2024** at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard regarding the proposed amended Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), Pet Policy and Public Housing Lease Agreement. Said hearing will be held in the **El Garces located at 950 Front Street**, Needles, California. THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND in person or VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS AND MAY SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS IN WRITING PRIOR TO NOON ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING BY EMAILING cclark@cityofneedles.com. To JOIN THE LIVE TEAMS MEETING log into the City of Needles website at <https://needles-ca.municodemeetings.com/> to access the agenda and click on the link to join. You can also listen in and participate by calling Teams: 1-323-488-2227 – Meeting ID: 507 243 553#

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN If the Housing Commission makes a recommendation to approve this matter, the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) will hold a public hearing on **October 8, 2024** at the hour of 6:00 p.m. regarding the proposed amended Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), Pet Policy and Public Housing Lease Agreement. Changes made by The Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) to the admission policies organization of the Public Housing or HCV tenant-based waiting lists, or rent determinations are considered a Significant Amendment to the HACN Annual and/or Five-Year Plan. Said hearing will be held in the **El Garces located at 950 Front Street**, Needles, California. THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND in person or VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS AND MAY SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS IN WRITING PRIOR TO NOON ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING BY EMAILING djones@cityofneedles.com. To JOIN THE LIVE TEAMS MEETING log into the City of Needles website at <https://needles-ca.municodemeetings.com/> to access the agenda and click on the link to open. You can also listen in and participate by calling Teams: 1-323-488-2227 – Meeting ID: 547 430 737#

/s/ Dale Jones, CMC, City Clerk

Publish: August 7, 2024

Posted: August 7, 2024

HACN PUBLIC HOUSING / VOUCHER STATISTICS

AUGUST 2024

<i>Public Housing = 52 units, 7 current vacancies</i>	
<u>919- Vacated 02/01/2024*</u>	<u>Current PH family awaiting transfer</u>
<u>901- Vacated 05/1/2024</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<u>111- Vacated 5/1/2024</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<u>923- Vacated 05/09/2024</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<u>104- Vacated 06/10/2024</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<u>106- Vacated 07/01/2024</u>	<u>Wait list admission</u>
<u>103- Vacated 07/31/2024</u>	<u>Wait list admission</u>
<i>*Units require extensive repair/renovation</i>	

Units to be transferred

108→ 919

HUD allocated HCV Vouchers = 23

HCV Vouchers leased up = 20

HCV Vouchers issued = 3

HCV Vouchers open = 0

HUD allocated VASH Vouchers =30

VASH Vouchers leased up = 2

VASH Vouchers issued = 6

VASH vouchers open =22

VASH Referrals =3



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024, AT 4:00 PM
EL GARCES, 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Mauer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM*

ROLL CALL –

PRESENT:

Commissioner Tucker

Chair Mauer

Commissioner Ford

ABSENT:

Commissioner Kissell

Chair Mauer asked for an excused absence for Commissioner Kissell. Commissioner Tucker made a motion, second by Commissioner Ford to excuse Commissioner Kissell's absence. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Tucker, Chair Mauer, and Commissioner Ford.

Noes: None

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - *Led by Chair Mauer*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *Chair Mauer called for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ford made a motion, second by Commissioner Tucker. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:*

Ayes: Commissioner Tucker, Chair Mauer, and Commissioner Ford.

Noes: None

Absent: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - *None*

CORRESPONDENCE - *None*

INTRODUCTIONS - *Chair Mauer acknowledged Council Member JoAnne Pogue in attendance.*

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - *None*

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Housing Authority of the City of Needles Update - *Given by Housing Manager Deerner.*
2. Approve the Minutes of June 26, 2024

Chair Mauer called for a motion to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Ford, second by Commissioner Tucker. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Tucker, Chair Mauer, and Commissioner Ford.

Noes: None

Absent: None

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Commissioner Ford asked about the status of the 5-year plan. *City Manager Martinez and Housing Manager Deerner responded.*

Chair Mauer requested the second meetings in November and December be cancelled due to holidays.

Commissioner Tucker had no requests.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

3. Manager's Reports of July 5 and July 12, 2024 - *Given by City Manager Martinez*

ADJOURNMENT - *Chair Mauer adjourned the meeting of July 24, 2024, at 4:22 PM.*



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Councilmember Tona Belt
Councilmember Ellen Campbell
Councilmember Jamie McCorkle
Councilmember JoAnne Pogue
Councilmember Henry Longbrake
City Manager Patrick J. Martinez*

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 9, 2024

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1. The City of Needles, in partnership with Minagar and Associates, will be holding our second community meeting at 4:00 PM on August 14, 2024, at the El Garces. The meeting will focus on developing an Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Route Map as part of the OHMV Pilot Program. This program aims to designate specific city streets where off-highway vehicles can travel.

Minagar and Associates have prepared the attached map to gather feedback from the community. The map highlights existing connection routes to BLM interface points and proposed city streets with a speed limit of 35 mph by the proposed law (also attached). Your input is crucial as we move forward with this process.

We hope you can join us at the meeting, but if you are unable to attend, you can still provide feedback by emailing the attached map with your suggested routes to minagarf@minagarinc.com or by calling 949-707-1199 ext. 2#. Additional information is available on the city's website [link](#).

2. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has informed the City that it will initiate a significant bridge replacement project on Interstate 40 near Needles. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2027. The project will take place between Park Moabi Road and Topock Road in San Bernardino County.

This critical infrastructure project aims to enhance the bridge's safety and longevity by addressing existing deck deterioration and reinforcing the girders to increase the bridge's load rating. In addition to these structural improvements, the project will also include widening lanes and shoulders to meet current standards and upgrading the bridge rail system, all of which are designed to ensure the traveling public's safety further.

This project is a vital investment in the region's infrastructure. While the construction process will be extensive, the result will be a safer and more resilient

bridge for all who travel through the area. Refer to the attached maps, which outline the scope of work and location.

3. The City of Needles is partnering with the American Red Cross to address a national blood shortage. Supplies have been down over 25% since July 1, 2024. The Red Cross urgently needs blood donations to ensure patients receive lifesaving care.

To strengthen local efforts, a stakeholder event will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Organizations interested in participating can RSVP by contacting Utility Manager Rainie Torrance at rtorrance@cityofneedles.com.

Donating blood is a simple yet impactful action. You can schedule an appointment via the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

4. Rivers Edge Golf Course has announced its 2024 overseed schedule. The course will be closed from Monday, September 2, 2024, through Thursday, October 3, 2024, with full operations resuming on Friday, October 4, 2024. To ensure you don't miss out on enjoying our beautifully maintained course before the overseeding begins, book your tee time today by calling 760-326-3931 or visiting our [website](#).

Additionally, we're pleased to report that significant progress continues on Phase I of the Rivers Edge Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project. This initiative is crucial for enhancing the sustainability and playability of our course. Please refer to the attached images for a detailed status update on the project. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back to an even better Rivers Edge Golf Course in October!

5. The Laughlin Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 27th Annual Community Achievement Awards, a significant event that celebrates the contributions of individuals, businesses, clubs, and organizations to the Colorado River Region. If you know someone who has made a difference now is the time to submit their nomination. Nominations are due by August 19, 2024. Eligible nominees must work, reside, do business, or provide services in the Colorado River Region. Categories for this year's awards include Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Youth Group Award, Community and Social Service Organization Award, and Educator of the Year, among others.

Last year, Needles was proudly represented by several outstanding community members:

- George DeLeon received the annual Spirit Award for his substantial contributions to enhancing the quality of life within the region.
- Scotty Leonard, a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer and a sophomore at Needles High School, was a finalist for the Alice Garvey 2022 Excellence in Youth Award.
- Nicolle Wilson of Needles Unified School District was honored with the Educator of the Year Award.

This is your opportunity to highlight the hard work and dedication of those who make a difference in our community. Submit your nomination today by [clicking here](#).

6. City Staff has thoughtfully curated an extensive community events calendar to keep residents well-informed about Needles's diverse array of happenings. The city invites all organizations to collaborate with the City Clerk's Office to add or modify events on the community calendar. For contributions and updates, kindly contact Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com. Your active participation contributes to the vitality of our community experiences. Refer to the attached May 2024 events for further information. Here is a [link](#) to the city website with a digital version.

7. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **The Colorado River Station/ Needles Police** backpack and school supply drive bring your donated items to the Needles Sheriff's Station by August 14, 2024. The station is located at 1401 Bailey Avenue. For additional information, please get in touch with Community Officer M. Hunt at 760-326-9200 or mhunt@sbcscd.org.
- **City of Needles Recreation Center's** After School Program begins on the first day of school, **August 14, 2024**. The program offers homework help, STEM activities, physical education, and snacks. For more information see the attached flyer and contact the Needles Recreation Center at 1705 J Street, Needles, or call 760-326-2814.

1. OHMV STAKEHOLDER MEETING

1. PROPOSED ALLOWABLE OHMV ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEEDLES & CONNECTION TO BLM INTERFACE POINTS

Interface Point

Needles City Limits

Needles Parcels

BLM Routes of Travel

- Primitive Road (Havasu)
- Non-Motorized Trail (Havasu)
- Open (Needles)
- Unknown (Needles)

Caltrans D8 Roads

- Interstate
- State Highway3
- Surface Street
- Surface Street 3
- Railroad

Havasu Resources Area

Acquired 2002, Land & Water Conservation Fund

National Monument

Wilderness

Land Status

- BLM
- BIA
- FWS
- ST
- USBR
- Non-Fed/Private

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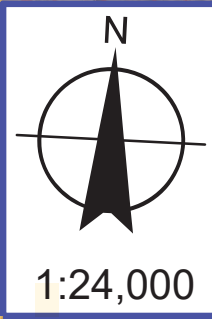
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Arizona

California

Proposed Allowable OHMV Routes Within the City of Needles

Proposed Connection Routes to BLM Interface Points





STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AUTHENTICATED
ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIAL

1. OHMV STAKEHOLDER MEETING

State of California

VEHICLE CODE

Section 38026.2

38026.2. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (e), the City of Needles may establish a pilot project to designate combined-use highways on roads in the city for no more than 10 miles so that the combined-use highways can be used to link existing off-highway motor vehicle trails and trailheads on federal Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service lands, and to link off-highway motor vehicle recreational-use areas with necessary service and lodging facilities, in order to provide a unified system of trails for off-highway motor vehicles, preserve traffic safety, improve natural resource protection, reduce off-highway vehicle trespass on private land, and minimize impacts on city residents.

(b) A pilot project established pursuant to this section shall do all of the following:

(1) Prescribe a procedure for highway, road, or route selection and designation.

The procedure shall be approved by a vote of a majority of the city council.

(2) Prescribe a procedure for the city to remove a combined-use designation, including a designation that is removed as a result of the conclusion of the pilot program.

(3) In cooperation with the Department of Transportation, establish uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices to control off-highway motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(A) Devices to warn of dangerous conditions, obstacles, or hazards.

(B) Designations of the right-of-way for regular vehicular traffic and off-highway motor vehicles.

(C) A description of the nature and destination of the off-highway motor vehicle trail.

(D) Warning signs for pedestrians and motorists of the presence of off-highway motor vehicle traffic.

(4) Require that off-highway motor vehicles subject to the pilot project meet the safety requirements of federal and state law regarding proper drivers' licensing, helmet usage, and the requirements specified in Section 38026.5.

(5) Prohibit off-highway motor vehicles from traveling faster than 35 miles per hour on highways designated under this section.

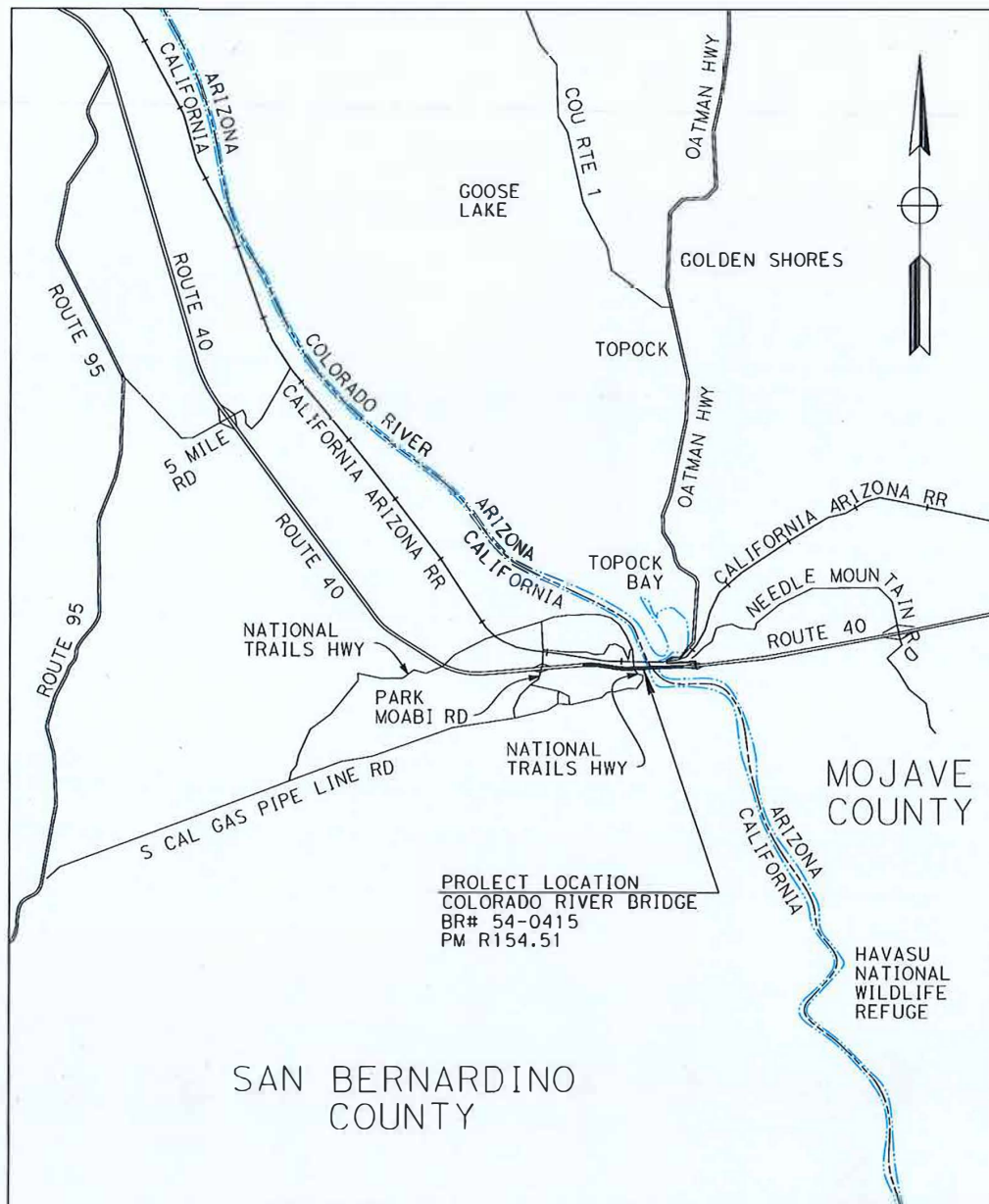
(6) (A) Prohibit a combined-use highway road segment designated under this section from exceeding 10 miles.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), two or more combined-use highway road segments may share a common starting point or ending point and may partially overlap as long as the resulting network of the highway road segments does not include more than three distinct locations of shared starting or ending points, or both.

(2) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2028, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2028, deletes or extends that date.

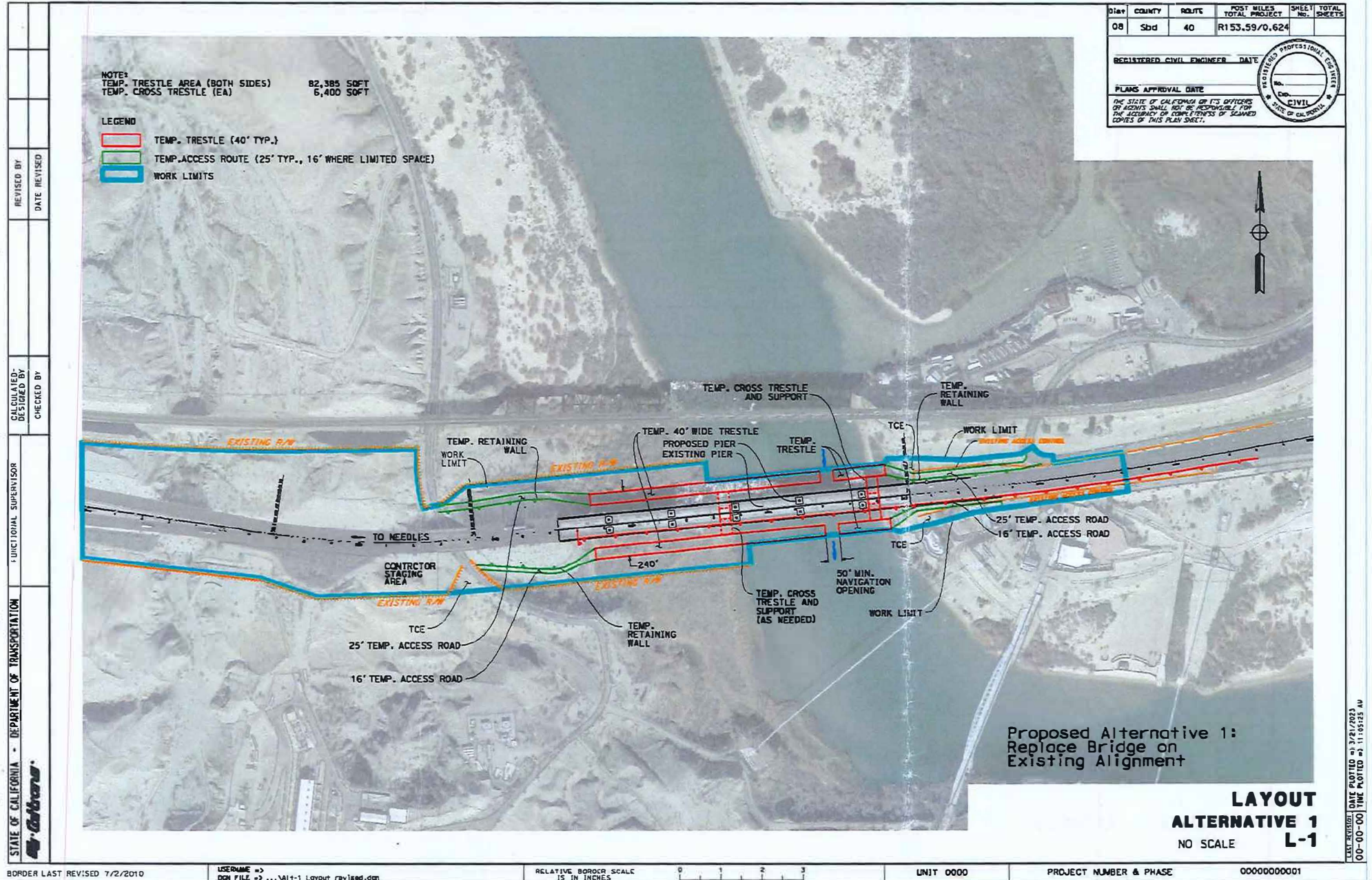
(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 185, Sec. 4. (AB 2152) Effective January 1, 2023. Repealed as of January 1, 2028, by its own provisions.)

2. CALTRANS I-40 BRIDGE PROJECT



In San Bernardino County on Route 40 near Needles between Park Moabi Road and Topock Road in Mojave County Arizona, at the Colorado River Bridge

2. CALTRANS I-40 BRIDGE PROJECT



DATE PLOTTED 01/22/2023
 TIME PLOTTED 01:11:02 PM
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4. GOLF COURSE OVERSEED



2024 Upcoming Over-Seed Schedule



2024 OVERSEED SCHEDULE **CLOSED**

Monday, September 2nd -Thursday, October 3th 2024

BACK OPEN TO FULLTIME HOURS

Friday, October 4th

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FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

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4. GOLF COURSE PHASE I IRRIGATION PROJECT



4. GOLF COURSE PHASE I IRRIGATION PROJECT



Aug6st 2024

6. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Womens Club PULLED PORK - \$10 305 W BROADWAY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	7 MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY PALO VERDE COLLEGE 10AM - 2PM PLANNING COMMISSION	8	9	10
11	12	13 CITY COUNCIL	14 SB Co. Sheriff's Dept. Backpack & School Supply Drive Ends	15	16 FOOTBALL NHS vs BATTLE MTN AWAY - BEATY, NV JV 4PM V 7PM	17
18	19 PARKS & RECREATION	20 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	21	22	23	24 FOOTBALL NHS vs PARKER ANDERSON FIELD HOUSE JV 1PM V 4PM
25	26 MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	27	28 HOUSING COMMISSION	29	30 FOOTBALL NHS vs MONUMENT VALLEY AWAY - FLAGSTAFF V 7PM	31

September 2024

6. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	4 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN BERNARDINO PLANNING COMMISSION	5	6	7
8	9	10 CITY COUNCIL	11 MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY PALO VERDE COLLEGE 10AM - 2PM CANDIDATE FORUM EL GARCES - 6 PM	12	13	14 FOOTBALL NHS vs KINGMAN ACADEMY ANDERSON FIELD HOUSE JV 1PM V 4PM
15	16 PARKS & RECREATION	17 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	18	19 FOOTBALL NHS vs WILLIAMS HOME JV 6 PM	20 MOBILITY 21 SUMMIT - SEPT. 19-20	21
22	23 MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	24 FOOTBALL NHS vs WILLIAMS AWAY JV 6 PM	25 HOUSING COMMISSION	26	27 FOOTBALL NHS vs MEADOWS AWAY V 7 PM	28
29	30					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	2 FOOTBALL NHS VS MALC AWAY JV 6PM SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN BERNARDINO PLANNING COMMISSION	3	4	5
6	7	8 CITY COUNCIL	9 MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY PALO VERDE COLLEGE 10AM - 2PM	10	11 HOMECOMING FOOTBALL NHS vs WHITE PINE JV 4PM V 7PM	12 ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUND RAISER ELKS LODGE - 5 PM
13	14	15 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	16 LCC ANNUAL CONF. - LONG BEACH - OCT. 16-18	17	18 FOOTBALL NHS vs LINCOLN AWAY V 7 PM	19
20	21 PARKS & RECREATION	22 CITY COUNCIL	23 HOUSING COMMISSION	24 FOOTBALL NHS vs GVC HOME V 7 PM	25	26
27	28 MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	29	30	31		

November 2024

6. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FOOTBALL NHS vs LAKE MEAD AWAY JV 4PM V 7PM	2
3	4	5 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	6 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN BERNARDINO PLANNING COMMISSION	7	8 FOOTBALL NHS 1ST ROUND REGION TBD	9 NEEDLES TOURISM HONORING VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST SANTA FE PARK 8AM - 11AM
10	11	12 CITY COUNCIL	13 MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY PALO VERDE COLLEGE 10AM - 2PM	14	15	16
17	18 PARKS & RECREATION	19 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	20	21	22	23 FOOTBALL NHS STATE SEMI FINAL TBD
24	25 MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	26 CITY COUNCIL	27 HOUSING COMMISSION	28	29	30

December 2024

6. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	4 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN BERNARDINO PLANNING COMMISSION	5	6	7 OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY FUN FAIR
8	9	10 CITY COUNCIL	11	12	13	14
15	16 PARKS & RECREATION	17 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	18	19	20	21
22	23 MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	24 CITY COUNCIL	25 HOUSING COMMISSION	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2024

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1. On August 13, 2024, City Staff responded swiftly to a hazardous materials incident at the Westside Chevron after a freight truck driver accidentally fueled a diesel truck with gasoline. In an attempt to correct the error, the driver improperly drained the fuel onto the station grounds, causing contamination to a nearby storm drain. City Staff, in coordination with the San Bernardino County Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, acted quickly to secure the area and implement a road closure to protect public safety. Thankfully, no fires, injuries, or evacuations were required. The driver was cited by law enforcement, and the City will recover all costs related to the spill. An environmental specialist was immediately brought in to oversee the cleanup, ensuring that the area was fully remediated. Despite the incident, the business remained open, and by early morning, the site was declared safe for the public. The City will continue monitoring the area to ensure long-term environmental safety.
 2. The City of Needles, in partnership with Minagar and Associates, held a successful community meeting on August 14, 2024, at El Garces. The meeting gathered input on developing an Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Route Map as part of the OHMV Pilot Program, which aims to designate specific city streets for off-highway vehicles. Approximately 40 community members and law enforcement representatives participated, providing valuable feedback on potential routes. Please see the photo and attached map for details. If you could not attend, you can submit feedback by emailing your suggestions to minagarf@minagarinc.com or calling 949-707-1199 ext. 2#. Route Map is available on the [city's website](#).
 3. The City of Needles is excited to host its upcoming Community Fall Festival on November 2nd, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 950 Front Street. This fun-filled event will provide a day of food, friends, and entertainment for our residents, with minimal cost to the city thanks to vendor support covering expenses. The festival is a key part of the Council's efforts to enhance community engagement and build a vibrant,

connected city while promoting a pro-business environment and sustainable economic growth. Please see the attached event flyer and feel free to share it with your networks. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager, via email at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com or directly at 760-326-2814.

4. This past May, the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) implemented the HUD-VASH program, a collaboration between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) aimed at supporting homeless veterans. HACN was awarded 30 HUD-VASH vouchers, and as of this week, six have already been issued to veterans in need. In partnership with Nations Finest, a dedicated organization assisting low-income veterans, is working with HACN to secure permanent, sustainable housing for veterans through comprehensive case management and temporary financial assistance. For immediate assistance or to begin the intake process, please contact Khristina at Nations Finest at (928) 615-4965.
5. Last November, City Staff created the "City of Needles Resources" guide to connect our community with vital services. From low-income housing, social services, and food distribution programs to employment opportunities, utility assistance, veterans' services, and more, this guide is valuable for those seeking support. In response to recent domestic violence incidents within our community, we've updated the guide to include a dedicated section for domestic violence resources. We aim to be proactive in preventing these tragedies by providing support to those experiencing or concerned about domestic violence before it escalates. Refer to the attached updated City of Needles Resources Guide.
6. The City of Needles is dedicated to improving its aging street infrastructure through a comprehensive 15-year Pavement Management Plan (PMP), made possible by revenues from the City's cannabis tax. Before the availability of cannabis tax funding, road improvements were incremental, relying primarily on limited Measure I funds (a half-cent sales tax collected throughout San Bernardino County for transportation improvements) and minimal federal funding. With the introduction of cannabis tax revenue, the City has significantly accelerated progress, investing millions of dollars into revitalizing our roads. Please refer to the attached map for a detailed overview of the completed street projects over the last seven years. If you have any questions regarding the Pavement Management Plan, please contact Patrick Martinez, the City Manager, at 760-326-2115 ext. 113 or by email at pmartinez@cityofneedles.com.
7. For the first time since 2015, the City Council has established a new Vision, Mission, Goals, and Values to set the direction for Needles. These guiding principles are crucial to shaping every decision the City makes, including the development of our annual operating and capital budgets, city plans, projects, and programs. Our 2024-2025 goals focus on improving infrastructure, fostering economic growth, enhancing family support, and boosting tourism. The City of Needles is committed to conducting all business in alignment with these adopted

statements to ensure we continue moving forward as a welcoming and vibrant community. Refer to the attached 2024-2025 Goals for more details.

8. On August 7, 2024, the City of Needles Planning Commission unanimously approved a Special Use Permit for Pacific Clinics to establish a new 1,200-square-foot social support center at 1060 East Broadway Street. Pacific Clinics, a California non-profit public benefit corporation contracted by the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, provides mental health services throughout the state. The new Social Support Center will offer much-needed services to the community, focusing on behavioral health recovery, peer support, and essential resources. In addition to mental health services, the center will address a broad range of needs, offering resources for families, individuals affected by domestic violence, those facing food insecurity, and others seeking assistance with healthy living and community engagement. By providing additional resources for our residents, this center ensures a low-barrier, accessible program tailored to local needs. Services will be available to adults aged 18 and older, with membership applications required to participate in the program. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled, and more information will be provided as the date approaches.
9. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:
 - Groundbreaking Ceremony: Phase 4A Pavement Management Plan and Obernolte Project

1. WESTSIDE CHEVRON HAZMAT INCIDENT



2. 2ND OHMV COMMUNITY MEETING



1. OHMV STAKEHOLDER MEETING

2. PROPOSED ALLOWABLE OHMV ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEEDLES & CONNECTION TO BLM INTERFACE POINTS

Dead Mountains Wilderness

Interface Point

Needles City Limits

Needles Parcels

BLM Routes of Travel

Primitive Road (Havasu)

Non-Motorized Trail (Havasu)

Open (Needles)

Unknown (Needles)

Caltrans D8 Roads

Interstate

State Highway3

Surface Street

Surface Street 3

Railroad

Havasu Resources Area

Acquired 2002, Land & Water Conservation Fund

National Monument

Wilderness

Land Status

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Proposed Connection Routes to BLM Interface Points

Proposed Allowable OHMV Routes Within the City of Needles

Arizona

California

Mojave Trails National Monument



*The City of Needles
Community*

FALL *festival*

NOVEMBER 2ND, 9AM-2PM



**FOOD, FRIENDS
& FUN**

**950 Front Street,
Needles, CA**

**FOR VENDER APPLICATION EMAIL
PARKSANDRECREATION@CITYOFNEEDLES.COM**

Low Income Housing

- Needles Housing Authority (760) 326-3222
- Lilly Hill Apartments (760) 326-2433
- Mesa Grande Apartments (760) 326-2404
- Riverview Terrace Apartments (760) 326-4800

Social Services

- Adult Protective Services/ In-Home Support Services (760)326-9328
- Behavioral Health Services (DBH) (760) 326-9313
- Children and Family Services (760) 326-9339
- Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) (877) 410-8829
- Social Security Administration (866) 931-4956
- Fort Mohave Tribal Social Services (928) 346-1550
- Department of Child Support (866) 901-3212

Employment Resources

- First Institute (657) 799-6388
- California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) (800)640-2462
- Department of Labor (800) 333-4636
- Employment Development Department (EDD) Unemployment (800)300-5616
- Fair Employment and Housing (800) 884-1684
- Paid Family Leave Act (877) 480-3287
- San Bernardino County Job Line (909) 387-5611

Shelters

- Set Free Church (760) 326-2941
- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter (909) 888-4880
- Domestic Violence Unity Home (760) 366-9663

Food Distribution/Meal Program

- St. Vincent De Paul (760) 326-4420
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- Santa Fe Park (760) 326-3522
- Salvation Army (760) 877-3940
- Isabel's Pantry (760) 443-4342
- Calvary Church Of Needles (760) 326-2904
- Bonnie Baker/Meals on Wheels (760) 326-2898
- Ft. Mohave Tribal Senior Nutrition Program (760) 629-2371
- Needles CAPK WIC Program (866)327-3074

Utility Assistance Programs

- Lifeline Telephone Service (866)-272-0349
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) (909) 723-1500
- Salvation Army Utility Help (760) 228-0114

Local Utility Companies

- Needles Public Utility Association (NPUA) (760) 326-5700
- Southwest Gas Co. (877) 860-6020
- Rt. 66 Broadband (760) 326-4190
- Frontier Communications (928) 453-0532
- Mohave Broadband (928) 768- 0110

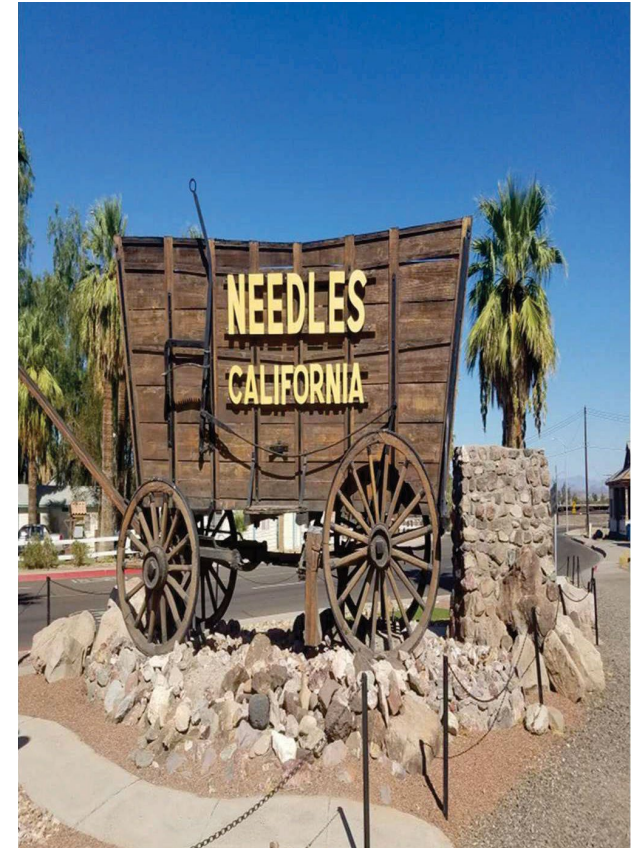
Transportation

- Needles Area Transit (NAT) (866) 669-6309
- Needles Dial-A-Ride (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Medical Transport (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Shopper Shuttle (760) 326-4789

Medical Supply

- Shield Healthcare (800) 557-8797
- Anything Medical (928) 763-5959
- Preferred Home Care (928) 704-4654
- Lin-Care (928)704-9033

5. City Of Needles Resources



City of Needles
(760) 326-2113

Educational Resources

- Department of Environmental Health Services (800) 442-2283
- Needles Unified School District Administration (760) 326-3891
- Katie Hohstadt School HeadStart/Preschool (760) 326-5221
- Vista Colorado Elementary School (760) 326-2167
- Needles Middle School (760) 326-3894
- Needles High School/ Educational Training Center (ETC) (760) 326-2191
- Seventh Day Adventist School (760) 326-4406
- WIOA Program (760) 326-4590
- SB County Library – Needles Branch 760-326-9255
- Palo Verde Community College (760) 326-5033
- Mohave Community College (928) 758-3926
- First 5/ West Care (760) 326-3135

Homeless/ Low Income Veterans

- Nations Finest (928) 615-4965 Ask for Khristina
- VA Loma Linda Healthcare System HCHV Program (800) 741- 8387
- Veterans National Homeless Call Center (877) 424- 3838
- VA Crisis Chat Line 988 then press 1

Legal

- Inland County Legal Services (888) 805-6455 Ext: 4520
- Inland Fair Housing and Mediation (800) 321-0911
- Victim Witness (760) 552-6946
- SB County Superior Court – Needles (760) 269-4962

Health Services

- Health Department (760) 326-9230
- Colorado River Medical Center (CRMC) (760) 326-7100
- Valley View Medical Center (928) 788-2273
- Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC) (928) 763-2273
- Havasu Regional Medical Center (928) 855-8185
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Tri-State Community HealthCare (760) 326-0222

Safety

- Ambulance (760) 326-5299
- Highway Patrol (760) 326-2000
- Fire Department (760) 326-2833
- Sheriff Station (760) 326-9200
- Poison Control (800) 222-1222
- Teen Rescue (800) 494-2200

Hotlines

- Adult & Elder Abuse (877) 565-2020
- Child Abuse (800) 827-8724
- Database Information 211
- WE TIP (800) 782-7462 Report Crime
- Alcoholics Anonymous (760) 242-9292
- Gamblers Anonymous (760) 261-4267
- Narcotics Anonymous (888) 322-6817
- Victim Witness Services (800) 777-9229
- National Sexual Assault (800) 656-4673

Domestic Violence

- National Domestic Violence (800) 799-7233
- Faith and Grace (928) 302-9028
- WestCare (928) 763-1945
- Haven Family Rescue Center (928) 505-3153

Churches

- Needles Assembly of God (760) 326-2751
- Christian Church of Needles (760) 326-2781
- Needles Church of Christ (760) 326-2441
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (760) 326-3363
- Calvary Chapel (760) 326-2904
- Set Free (760) 326-2941
- Grace Lutheran (760) 326-3128
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness (760) 326-2520
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- St. John's Episcopal Church (760) 326-3552
- Seventh Day Adventist (760) 326-4406
- Church of God in Christ (760) 326-3113
- Fire House Ministries (760) 443-4342

Support Services

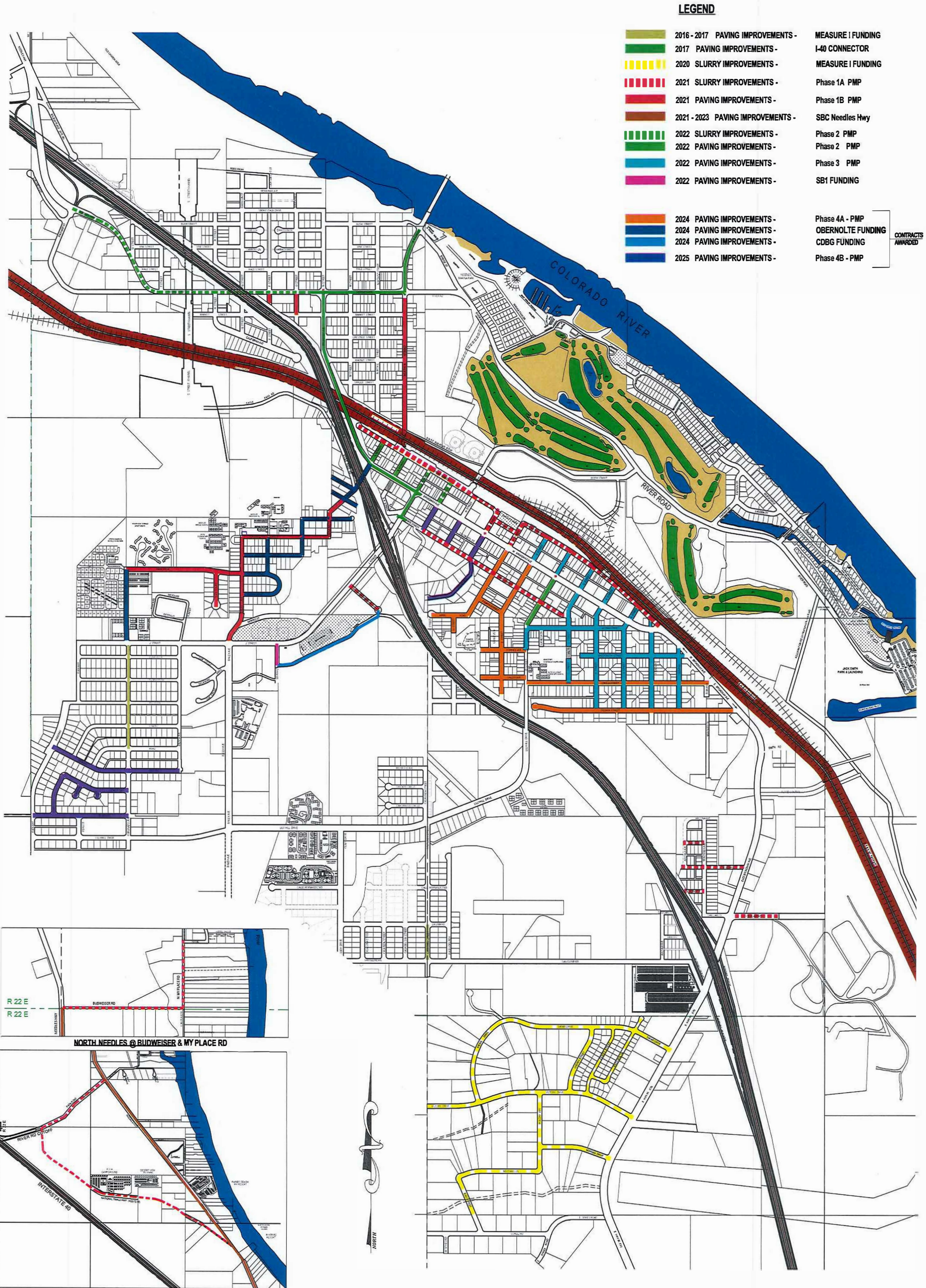
- Department of Social Services (DSS) (877) 410-8829
- Needles Senior Center (760) 326-4789
- Needles Animal Control (760) 326-4952
- Inland Medical Center (909) 890-3000
- Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) (760) 326-9224
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HTCAP) (800) 434-0222
- California Relay Services (877) 546-7414
- Fort Mohave Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (928) 768-1144
- Camp Good Grief (909) 558-8212

6. CITY PAVING PROJECT

City of Needles Capital Projects

Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement

COMPLETED TO DATE 2024





Vision Statement

Our vision is to celebrate our small town's charm and prime location on the Colorado River, enhancing our family-oriented desert paradise. We are committed to improving infrastructure and public spaces, fostering economic growth, and promoting a pro-business environment through collaboration with various government entities. We aim to build a vibrant, connected community through a variety of art and cultural events, public celebrations, and activities that strengthen Needles' unique identity. By supporting the community with enhanced amenities, removing engagement barriers, and promoting athletic tourism, we aspire to make Needles the welcoming gateway to California, an ideal place to live, visit, and raise a family.

Mission Statement

The mission of the City is to create a thriving, sustainable environment that supports families and businesses by celebrating our small town's charm and prime location on the Colorado River. We are committed to ensure long-term access to essential services such as quality healthcare, ample job opportunities, and comprehensive support for all life stages. We are dedicated to enhancing infrastructure and public spaces, fostering job growth, and offering exceptional recreational and business opportunities. We strive to build a connected and engaged community through open communication, active public participation, and promoting sports tourism. We aim to make Needles the welcoming gateway to California, a vibrant desert paradise where people can live, visit, and raise families.

Value Statement

The City will conduct all of its business in accordance with the following values:

Honesty

Communicate in the most forthright and clear manner, inviting open dialogue with the public.

Integrity

Adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and personal responsibility, worthy of the trust our citizens place in us.

Fairness

Treat all citizens and businesses with justice and equity.

Teamwork

Value the contributions of everyone, seamlessly blending individual skills through unparalleled collaboration and cooperation.

Respect

Treat everyone in our diverse community, with dignity and fairness.

Excellence

Deliver the best and highest quality service through the dedicated effort of every team member.

Stewardship

Sustain and reinvest in our mission and extended communities by wisely managing our human, natural and financial resources.

2024-2025 Council Goals

1. Enhance Infrastructure and Public Spaces

Develop and improve key areas of infrastructure and public spaces to create a sustainable, attractive, functional, and engaging environment for residents and visitors. Promote clean-up initiatives and beautification efforts to maintain and enhance the city's appeal and livability.

- Attract grants and programs to fund and invest in infrastructure for public and private spaces.
- Implement clean-up initiatives and beautification projects for public and private spaces.
- Improve roads through a continued pavement management program.
- Better utilization of community spaces, such as the Rodeo Grounds, parks and pool to engage residents and visitors.

2. Foster Economic Growth and Business Development

Create a thriving pro-business environment that attracts diverse sectors including residential, retail, industrial, hospitality, manufacturing, small-businesses and tourism. Attract and support diverse business sectors, including residential, retail, industrial, hospitality, and tourism.

- Enhance public relations to promote and communicate the city's business-friendly environment and provide a stream-lined permitting process to encourage development.
- Engage with regional cities, county, state, and federal representatives to secure support for economic growth initiatives.
- Monitor and maintain a balanced budget while controlling costs to ensure sustainable economic development.

3. Community Engagement

Enhance community engagement by organizing diverse cultural events, public celebrations, and community activities to foster a vibrant and connected community.

- Facilitate community activities by organizing events such as food truck gatherings, Farmer's Markets, scavenger hunts, geocaching, and other events that connect the community.
- Strengthen Needles' unique identity and increase community involvement by launching initiatives that encourage participation in local activities and build trust in local government and community events.

4. Family Support

Re-attract, maintain, and attract families through enhanced supportive amenities to create a healthy, family-friendly environment, removing engagement barriers, promoting athletic tourism and activities to strengthen Needles identify as the Gateway to California on Rt. 66.

- Develop and improve a family-friendly environment with amenities and programs that create a safe, healthy, community supported by City of Needles services.
- Identify and address obstacles to community engagement and participation.
- Promote and support sports and recreational activities to attract visitors and boost local tourism.