



Market Street/SR 20 Complete Streets  
DRAFT Community Workshop Summary  
May 11, 2010

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## Introduction

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On May 11, 2010 approximately 30 Colusa community members attended a Market Street/SR 20 Complete Streets Community Workshop. The workshop was sponsored by the City of Colusa and Caltrans District 3 and facilitated by MIG, Inc. This was the first of two workshops that will be held to solicit community input on potential improvements along Market Street/SR 20. The project team will bring forward the ideas generated in this workshop as design concepts for review and comment in following workshop. Ultimately, this project will identify a series of prioritized improvements along the corridor.

## Workshop Overview

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**Jan McClintock**, Winters City Manager, called the meeting to order, and thanked people for attending. **Bruce De Terra**, Planning and Modal Programs Chief at Caltrans District 3, added his welcome and appreciation for the participation of the community in this important project. **Lou Hexter** of the project consultant team of MIG, Inc., introduced himself as facilitator for the evening and reviewed the meeting purpose and agenda.

**Mukul Malhotra**, MIG, delivered a PowerPoint presentation that described previous project studies, relevant policies and existing conditions in the corridor as well as an overview of the complete streets design concept.

Following the overview presentation, attendees were invited to participate in facilitated group discussion to discuss potential corridor improvements. Participants were also provided with comment cards to record written comments about potential corridor improvements. Approximately 10 completed comment cards were submitted and they have been attached as an appendix to this summary.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to identify a community vision for Market Street/SR 20, as well as to generate specific input on potential improvements types and locations along the corridor. This summary highlights the findings from these discussions sorted according to Vision and Issues/Opportunities.

## A Vision for Market Street/SR 20

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Meeting attendees envision Market Street/SR 20 as an inviting and safe gateway to Colusa that supports both automobile and non-automobile traffic.

Participants have a vision for the Market Street/SR 20 corridor that:

- Provides a safe way for all modes of traffic to cross and travel along the corridor
- Is walkable and bikeable for families and safe for children
- Provides safe connections to community destinations
- Is aesthetically pleasing with trees and shady gathering places for people
- Provides adequate and accessible on-street and off-street parking

- Maintains and balances the role of the automobile for business, including farm and service vehicles
- Calms traffic speed and the associated noise.
- Is clean and attractive and reflects the rural/agricultural character of the area

## **Improving Market Street/SR 20: Issues and Opportunities**

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A number of assets, issues and opportunities for improvement along Market Street/SR 20 were identified during the workshop and are described below.

### **ASSETTS**

Colusa has a small town feel with a strong cultural identity and an impressive canopy of trees.

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- Noise
- Safety
- Automobile speed
- Parking availability
- Air quality.

#### **Culture/Identity and Amenities**

Participants explained that there are a lack of destinations along the corridor and that the corridor would benefit from the following improvements:

- Development of a gateway monument
- Gateway signage at Memorial Park and Bridge Street
- Building on the historic street light character
- Creating plazas and public spaces that integrate the local site context, and historic buildings.

#### **Pedestrian-Oriented**

Participants identified the following pedestrian-oriented issues and opportunities:

- Unsafe crosswalks
- Lack of pedestrians
- Uneven sidewalks.

#### **Bike-Oriented**

Participants identified the following bicycle-oriented issues and opportunities:

- The corridor is not bicycle friendly
- Design improvements should address the needs of bicyclists, including a grade-separated bikepath.

#### **Auto-Oriented**

Participants identified the following auto-oriented issues and opportunities:

- Developing a highway bypass
- The corridor has heavy volumes of truck traffic
- Need to maintain access for farm equipment during harvest time

- Need to maintain adequate parking
- Roundabouts are an option for improving the corridor.

### **Landscaping**

Participants identified the following landscaping issues and opportunities:

- Roots of trees are a nuisance
- Small evergreen/perennials may be good for future plantings.

### **Development**

Participants identified the following development issues and opportunities:

- New development at Bridge and Market Street
- Opportunities for new surface parking lots like one next to BOA building
- Vacant buildings.

## **Summary and Next Steps**

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The next steps for the Market Street/SR 20 Complete Streets Community include:

- Conducting focus groups with local businesses and the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians
- Developing conceptual designs and presenting them at a July workshop.

## APPENDIX A: COMMENT CARD RESULTS

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### What is your vision for the future of Market Street / SR 20?

- Is there enough room for a bike lane? What type of traffic calming issue will be considered? Signage to the State Park and boat ramp.
- “Smart” growth; sharing the road and promoting alternative transportation.
- A beautiful street that passers through will want to stop, look, buy, and move on.
- 1 lane each way with vertical parking and median with turn lanes. Plantings and trees in median. Better lighting (period décor). Reduce speed to 20 mph.
- Keep the town’s character while improve the streets infrastructure.
- Better signs that are artists banner friendly. Flowers around banners maybe not trees which destroy sidewalks.
- Appealing storefronts – with architectural consistency. Maintain historic and old look. Maintain trees – old fashion lighting. Slow moving traffic. Interesting stores and restaurants.
- Keep in mind this is a farming community – my harvester is 25’ wide.
- Better landscaping. Designated parking. Safer for bicycles.

### What do you consider to be the greatest strengths about the Market Street / SR20 area today?

- “Scenic:” gives a great view of downtown. Good connectivity: Yuba City, I-5 from both directions, etc.
- Wide street, mature trees
- Defines the character of our town.
- Historical area
- Atmosphere
- Many historic buildings worth preserving. Viable businesses that need access (parking/walking choices).
- Old buildings and trees. Greatest obstacles: old buildings – too expensive to retrofit because of building codes and handicap issues. Vacant buildings – truck traffic – lack of parking.
- Lots of businesses – most of them.

### What are the greatest issues of concern you have about the Market Street / SR 20 area, from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Bridge Street?

- The speed of the vehicles that travel this roadway
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety. More 4-way stops or traffic lights needed (without halting/obstructing vehicles too much).
- Big rigs, speed, failure of a lot of drivers to stop at the stop sign at 5<sup>th</sup> and Market.

- Safety, unfriendly for businesses and shoppers
- Bicycle lanes not present not bicycle friendly. Wheelchair access non-existent. Sidewalks need improvement.
- Fast cars and not stopping for pedestrians, especially big trucks.
- Large truck traffic – air pollution (diesel fumes, noise, safety). Maintain historic building. Encourage maintenance and use of commercial town center. Access to river and levee. Parking to encourage walking central core. Safe bike/walk routes to schools.
- What to do with truck traffic and farm equipment. This will cause a lot of problems. No parking – trucks/farm equipment toll road by-passing Market Street. No cars on toll road – revenue from tolls and tickets. No trucks on Market or ticketed.
- Blocking or preventing farm equipment from Market Street. Also permit loads travel through Highway 20.
- Dirty, noisy, hard to cross street.

**What opportunities do you see for improving the Market Street / SR 20 corridor for pedestrian, bicyclists, and motorists? Where?**

- 2 lanes for vehicles; widen sidewalks and add bike path. Separate road from bike/sidewalk with dividing wall/berms, grade separation. 4-way stops at 10<sup>th</sup>, or signal.
- Trade Market Street for Main Street for truck traffic.
- Bike lanes #1 priority
- Parking
- Similar to old town San Luis Obispo
- Safety issues for all

<b>What opportunities do you see for improving the corridor...Where?</b>	<b>Number checked</b>
Sidewalks	5
Trees	5
Benches	5
Road Closure	0
Signalized Intersections	3
Bike Lanes	5
Signage	4

**Which improvements should be given priority?**

- 1) 4-way stops or signals; 2) bike lanes and wider sidewalks; 3) separate road from pedestrian pathways.
- Beautification
- 1) Bike lanes; 2) signage; 3) sidewalks; 4) benches. Wheelchair/handicap access.
- Handicap sidewalks

- Signalized intersections – crosswalks at least
- Signage – park, entrance to city
- I have no idea

Which improvements should be given priority?	Number checked
Sidewalks	4
Trees	1
Benches	3
Road Closure	0
Signalized Intersections	3*
Bike Lanes	2
Signage	4**

\*One respondent did not mark this option but included a comment which made it clear that they considered it a priority.

\*\*Two respondents did not mark this option but included a comment which made it clear that they considered it a priority.

**Other Comments:**

- I would like to follow up if there will be any utility improvements/changes (PG&E, telco, etc.)
- Fremont and Main for trucks. Return to this plan.
- I need a grant to turn the O'Rourke building (now the gym) into a brewery. Got any ideas?