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Public Works News Release

New Draft Bishop Transportation Plan Released

The City of Bishop invites comments on a new and final draft of the transportation chapter of its General Plan. This transportation chapter is called the Mobility Element of the General Plan.

The two documents that make up the chapter are available on the city website, ca-bishop.us, and at City Hall, 377 West Line Street. The new draft documents update the ones released for review in July. The July documents generated a large number of public comments mostly related to a truck route that was included in that draft. The current documents do not include a truck route.

The truck route was one of many transportation ideas presented as a part of the Mobility Element. The purpose of the truck route was to protect and improve the attractiveness of Main Street by removing the trucks that are just traveling through town. These trucks have a relatively large impact due to their size and noise but do little to benefit the local economy or community character. With the truck route out of the Mobility Element and with truck traffic expected to increase significantly, the presence of trucks felt on Main Street should be expected to increase year by year.

The Mobility Element contains goals and policies pertaining to all modes of transportation. It includes long-range plans for streets and bikeways and strategies for enhanced transit and pedestrian accessibility. The Mobility Element is important because activities, such as street improvements that the city, businesses, and individuals make in the city will follow the guide provided by the Mobility Element.

In addition to the opportunity to comment on the new and final draft Mobility Element documents, the public will have the opportunity to attend a hearing with the Bishop Planning Commission and a hearing with the Bishop City Council on the Mobility Element in the next few months. The City Council is expected to adopt the new Mobility Element in February, 2012.

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