



Highway 33 Specific Plan Update | Community Workshop No. 2 Summary

Participants

City of Newman

- Kathryn Reyes
- Justin Hendrix

Consultants

RRM Design Group:

- Debbie Rudd
- Rachel Raynor, AICP

W-Trans:

- Steve Weinberger
- Barry Bergman

Workshop Summary

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Justin Hendrix and Kathryn Reyes, with the City of Newman and lead consultant RRM Design Group, and supporting consultant, W-Trans conducted the City's second public virtual workshop for the Specific Plan Update project. The workshop consisted of a presentation from the consultant team, overviewing the project, presenting feedback from the online Community Questionnaire, and providing an overview of the preferred corridor concepts for the Highway 33 corridor. There were also Q & A / discussion segments intermixed throughout the workshop and concluding the presentation, in which community members could share comments, ideas, and/or questions verbally or through the Zoom chat feature. The workshop was recorded and put on the City website to offer the community flexibility to view the presentation at their own time.

In summary, there were a few questions and comments from the workshop participants. A question was asked about plans to connect the bike path to Gustine in the future. The team responded by stating that there is a facility proposed on the other side of the Merced County limit line and the ability to connect the path will be assessed in the implementation phase of the Specific Plan Update. City staff is to follow up with an email to the commentor. Participants could also share preferred improvements along the Hwy 33 corridor. The top preferences for priority bike improvements along the corridor included separated multi-use path east of



corridor from Sherman Parkway to Yolo Street and separated multi-use path from Inyo Avenue to City limits. The top preferences for priority along the corridor included directional signage, utility box art, and street trees / string lights.

The Zoom recording of Community Workshop #2 and this workshop summary will be posted to the City of Newman project webpage for the Highway 33 Specific Plan project. Additionally, the workshop summary will be included in the appendix of the specific plan document, along with the other outreach summaries conducted for the project, to act as a record of outreach efforts and feedback received from the public during the project. If you missed the live event and the preferred corridor concepts presented at Workshop #2, the project team encourages participation by viewing the recorded presentation on the project website, reviewing when the draft document is released for public review, and attending the public hearings, anticipated to be scheduled in January / February 2022.