

Community Focus Statement C: Improve the local road system for increased safety and function.

Action Statement C.3: Continue efforts to designate California State Highway 247/Old Woman Springs Road declared a Scenic Highway.

IN PROCESS

Benchmark: Scenic Highway 247 proposal submitted to the Caltrans District Scenic Highway Coordinator for review within a three-year period.

Champion: Scenic 247 Committee

Estimated Cost: Volunteer time.



Example of a California Scenic Highway sign. Photo source: CalTrans

Local leaders and stakeholders from Lucerne Valley, Johnson Valley, and other Homestead Valley communities along California State Highway 247/Old Woman Springs Road have spearheaded the campaign to have the route declared a State Scenic Highway by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The County updated related development codes in 2015 to be consistent with the Caltrans Scenic Highway Program.

Strong citizen engagement is a requirement of Caltrans as a part of the designation process. The local leaders have taken the lead in engaging stakeholders and the general public, as well as document those efforts. The committee is coordinating with San Bernardino County and will request the County initiate the submittal as outlined in the Caltrans Scenic Highway Guidelines.

IN PROCESS

| Action | Action Leader | Timeline | Resources |
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| 1. Meet with County Land Use Services Department to develop a full understanding of the steps remaining to have Highway 247 designated a Scenic Highway by the Caltrans director. | Scenic 247 Committee | Month 1 | San Bernardino County: Land Use Services Dept. http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Home.aspx |
| 2. Seek certified landscape architect to assist in preparing and overseeing visual assessment. Check with local organizations and colleges (currently in progress). | Scenic 247 Committee | Month 2 | Other agencies: Caltrans, Scenic Highways Program http://www.dot.ca.gov/design/lap/livability/scenic-highways/index.html |
| 3. If required, apply for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and/or other grants to fund the preparation of the required documents. | Scenic 247 Committee | Month 3 | Financial resources: Community Based Planning Grants http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html |
| 4. Prepare drafts Visual Assessment and submit to County for review and submittal to Caltrans. | Scenic 247 Committee | Month 3-Month 12 | |
| 5. Once visual assessment is accepted by Caltrans, prepare draft corridor protection program for County review. | Scenic 247 Committee | Year 2 | |
| 6. Conduct public outreach for the corridor protection program. | Scenic 247 Committee, Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association | Year 2 | |
| 7. Make changes to corridor PP based on public input before resubmitting to County for final review and submittal to Caltrans. | Scenic 247 Committee | Year 3 | |