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Documentation of meeting with County Commissioner Hover and County Engineer Josh Thomson

On September 4 John Sunderland arranged, along with myself, for an informal meeting with Commissioner Hoover to familiarize him with the issues of planning at the main intersection of Mazama. The meeting was also to have Hover recognize the need for the county engineer to be involved.

We walked the entry area, discussed the issues that the Mazama entrance planning group have been dealing with. (intersection signing both vehicles and informational, the phone building, road alignment, pedestrian safety, long term Mazama town needs, and public involvement) He was given a map of the intersection and a sketch of the entry area concept.

A few days later Commissioner Hover arranged to have the County Engineer Josh Thomson meet on site with John and myself to also hear our concerns and needs. Again, the same topics discussed with Hover were presented to Josh. Key take-a-ways were:

* Funding from the county is very limited
* The numerous individual business signs are confusing and ineffective.
* An option would be to have a four way stop at the intersection with road realignment. All though not ideal, as an interim, a four-way stop could be implemented without relocating the roads.
* Maintaining the existing road alignment would enable temporary features at the intersection as long as they could be easily moved in the future.
* Eliminate major decision making at the actual intersection.
* All the directional / business signs should be located prior to the intersection. The county could provide business logo signs similar to what exists on Highway 20.
* The ‘911 Report Slides here’ sign may not be needed,
* Pedestrian safety would best be achieved by having the pedestrian crossing behind the stop signs. Have pedestrian clarity.
* Road/street names at the intersection needs improvement.
* Long term parking needs and pedestrian safety needs to be addressed near the store.
* The arch for the Ranch house and Mazama Country Inn should be moved back with better lettering/color to be more effective.