



Att: Heidi Duron, SB County Land Use Services

re: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS S.R.247 SCENIC CORRIDOR PROTECTIONS

July 16, 2022

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Thank you, Heidi,

We are delighted you have been reviewing the Scenic 247 information. As you know, the issues Karen discussed with us were a last-minute surprise to us.

To expedite the agreement by other agencies to abide by the Corridor Protection Plan, we do believe that the contacts listed in our last update are in favor and indeed may be eager to respond to a formal request from Land Use Services ASAP!

The mileage within the Barstow sphere of influence could be excluded only if we do not subtract it from the total mileage and percentage of intrusions established in the Visual Assessment. (It puzzles us that Barstow raises any objection, as we have had endorsements from a mayor and the Chamber of Commerce. The Visual Assessment even singles out the Barstow landfill as only a moderate intrusion, for its planning and appearance, blending very well with its natural surroundings. Please inform us what objection they have raised.)

You may not realize that the findings in the Visual Assessment are based on total mileage: the percentage of visual intrusions per miles assessed. The Visual Assessment was personally vetted and approved by Karen with Almabeth Anderson, Caltrans Landscape Architect.

Please inform us exactly what concerns have been raised by Edison and when.

Scenic Corridor: At the outset of this campaign, then Landscape Architect Ray Desselle informed me and confirmed later that:

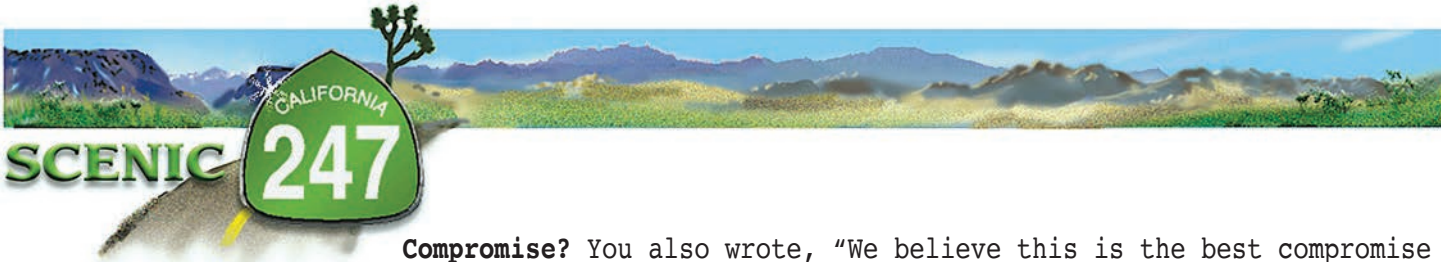
- 1) The Scenic Corridor includes everything visible from the highway.**
- 2) Official designation changes nothing in already existing codes.**

You wrote, "In addition, we are recommending a 1-mile mitigation area off the highway (200 feet existing v. 20 miles proposed)."

The Visual Assessment of each section in the County proposal includes **all** scenic values and intrusions visible to the traveler. The "200 feet existing" exists only in the County Scenic Byway descriptions. We do not know where "20 miles proposed" comes from; we do not propose this.

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Compromise? You also wrote, "We believe this is the best compromise to keep this effort moving forward." We do not understand. Compromise with whom? About what exactly?

Now that we hear Land Use Services has resumed work on the County proposal to the State, we will resume work on the Scenic 247 Committee special requests in the Corridor Protection Plan, originating from comments in public meetings.

When we go back to our draft CPP, we will add these special requests as Karen advised: including establishing turnouts with educational kiosk and other traffic safety improvements, special signage, protection of Joshua trees, etc. etc..

Thank you for your attention,

Betty Munson
Chair

P.S. this message will c/c to contacts at these agencies, to members of the Scenic 247 Committee, to Homestead Valley Community Council, its parent organization, to Caltrans Landscape Architect Almabeth Anderson, to County Supervisor Dawn Rowe

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