

Skyway Corridor Study

Process Summary

The Skyway Corridor Study is a collaborative effort between the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), the Town of Paradise, and the consultant team of W-trans and RRM Design Group to develop a streetscape design plan for the Skyway corridor to help define the downtown core of Paradise as a vibrant environment that is attractive and safe for pedestrians. A key component of this effort is to reach out to the community and stakeholders -the daily users of this area - to foster input and help shape effective design solutions.

The outreach process was initiated on May 19th of this year with a series of Key Stakeholder meetings where Steve Weinberger from W-trans and Keith Gurnee and Dave Javid from RRM Design Group met with a variety of individuals including members of the community, RDA Citizen Advisory Committee, Town staff, and members of the Town Council and Planning Commission. The meetings were very informative and supported the desire to develop a safe pedestrian-oriented setting along Skyway that includes wide sidewalks, street trees, defined crosswalks, and other traffic calming measures. Those interviewed also strongly agreed that the downtown area could be well served by a gathering space that would be highly visible on the corridor and would act as a gateway and welcoming destination in downtown Paradise.

With the information garnered from the stakeholder meetings and follow up meetings with the Town staff and BCAG, the consultant team developed a background report, drafted by W-trans. The baseline report outlines the existing street traffic conditions along the corridor including traffic counts, speed surveys, parking, and intersection operating conditions. The report also includes a discussion on future traffic conditions and alternatives solutions to address the communities concerns. That information along with supporting illustrations of the alternative solutions for both streetscape designs and treatments of public gathering spaces that have been crafted by RRM will be presented to the community at a workshop scheduled on September 18th. The workshop will provide an opportunity to meet with the community and discuss the alternatives to receive input that will be used in developing the preferred concept plan and final design for Skyway.

The consultant team will collaborate with Town staff and BCAG to work toward the most viable solution for Skyway which will be taken back to the community for final review and comment before it is implemented.