DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors  BY: Art Baggett  PHONE: 966-2006

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No X___)

Adopt resolution directing Chairman to sign letter to Caltrans District 10 Deputy Director of Systems Operations requesting that Caltrans install uniform "Service and Recreational Symbol" signs along Highway 140 in the Midpines area.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

At their meeting on January 12, 1993, the Midpines Community Advisory Committee took action to request that the Board of Supervisors send the necessary correspondence to Caltrans to request uniform "Service and Recreational Symbol" signs for specific tourist-oriented businesses and services in the Midpines area.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Adopt resolution as proposed; official request will be sent to State.
2. Adopt resolution, but modify letter to change list of businesses or services for which signage is requested; official request will be sent to State.
3. Continue matter for further discussion or additional information.
4. Take no action; request will not be sent to State.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

1. Letter to Caltrans with Signage Request
   List

2. Except from Caltrans Traffic Manual

3. Letter from Carol Davis/Midpines CAC

CLERK’S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 93-113  Ord. No.  
Vote: Ayes: 5  Noes:  
Approved:  
Minutes Order Attached:  
No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:  
ATTTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  
Deputy  

A.O. Initials:  

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

Recommended  
Not Recommended  
For Policy Determination  
Submitted with Comment  
Returned for Further Action

Comment:

Action Form Revised 5/92
February 23, 1993

John Van Berkel
Deputy District Director of Systems Operations
Caltrans, District 10
P.O. Box 2048
Stockton, CA 95201

RE: Uniform "Service and Recreational Symbol" Signs
Along Scenic Highway 140, Mariposa County

Dear Mr. Van Berkel,

As you are probably aware, State Highway 140 from the town of Mariposa to El Portal (Yosemite National Park) has been designated as a State Scenic Highway. The County’s efforts toward this designation are representative of the Board’s commitment to tourism, especially along the Highway 140 corridor. In this light, the County of Mariposa is formally requesting Caltrans to install uniform "Service and Recreational Symbol" signs for specific tourist-oriented services and businesses along Highway 140 in the Midpines area in Mariposa County. This County has reviewed information from Caltrans’ Traffic Manual regarding Caltran’s program for these types of signs, and is making this request for the primary purpose of providing information to the touring public. The Midpines area, within which these signs are being requested, is rural in character. Because of the topography of Mariposa County, Highway 140’s alignment is circuitous, and tourists travelling at the speed limit have little advance notice of services provided along the highway. By providing the service signs as requested, tourists will be given adequate advance notice of facilities ahead, and will be able to adjust their speeds accordingly.

The following attachment provides a list of the tourist-oriented services and businesses for which your uniform signs are hereby requested. If you have any questions regarding the County’s request, please contact Arthur Baggett, Supervisor District 1 (966-2006) or Tony Lashbrook, Planning Director (966-5151).
Thank you for your consideration of our request. We would appreciate formal notification of action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Eric J. Erickson
Chairman, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

cc. Midpines Community Advisory Committee

attachment
ATTACHMENT

SIGNAGE REQUEST FOR
TOURIST-ORIENTED SERVICES AND BUSINESSES
HIGHWAY 140, MIDPINES AREA

MARIPOSA COUNTY

1. APN 09-170-019 (Midpines County Park)
   Physical Address: 6362 Highway 140

   Services Offered:
   - Public Restrooms
   - Picnic Tables
   - Fire Department

2. APN 08-170-041 (KOA Campground)
   Physical Address: 6833 Highway 140

   Services Offered:
   - Campground
   - Food
   - Bus Stop

3. APN 09-160-018 (Midpines Store)
   Physical Address: 6428 Highway 140

   Services Offered:
   - Food
   - Gasoline

4. APN 08-400-023 (Midpines Post Office)
   Physical Address: 5033A Colorado Road (Highway 140 across from Ponderosa Way)

   Services Offered:
   - Post Office-Mail Box
   - Bus Stop

5. APN 08-170-041 (Muir Lodge)
   Physical Address: 6833 Highway 140

   Service Offered:
   - Lodging

6. APN 08-190-003 (Hillside Motel)
   Physical Address: 7069 Highway 140

   Service Offered:
   - Lodging
7. APN 14-010-027  (Sierra Faith Center)  
Physical Address:  4991 Triangle Road (corner of Highway 140 and Triangle Road)  

    Service Offered:  - Bus Stop  

8. APN 14-020-019  (Brand’s Automotive)  
Physical Address:  6004 Allred Road (corner of Allred and Highway 140)  

    Service Offered:  - Mechanic/Automotive  

POLICY

The G95B sign may be used as a separate installation on freeways and expressways where it is no possible to use the G95A.

The 96"x 60" size may be used where the facility is four-lane divided.

The 108"x 68" size may be used where the facility is six or more lanes divided.

The LIGHT RAIL symbol sign (G96) may be used to direct motorists to a light rail facility and to identify boarding points for the facility.

The TROLLEY supplemental plate (G96A), when used, shall be placed below the G96 symbol sign. An alternate message, such as LIGHT RAIL, etc., may be used to coincide with local terminology.

The RAIL STATION symbol sign (G97) may be used to direct motorists to a rail station facility.

The AMTRACK (G97A-2) and the CALTRAIN (G97A-2) supplemental plates shall be used for all new installations identifying Amtrak and Caltrain facilities.

SERVICE AND RECREATIONAL AREA SYMBOL SIGNS

The SERVICE AND RECREATIONAL AREA symbol signs (G200 Series) may be used in advance of an exit where roadside businesses are available (gas, food, lodging, campers, and diesel) and to give notice of various recreational facilities available to motorists in rural areas. The use of these symbol signs shall conform to the warrants shown in Section 4-04.15, General Services Signing, and Section 4-04.16, Recreational and Historical Signs.

The symbols should be placed below the first ground-mounted advance directional sign. If the G200 signs are placed separately, the NEXT EXIT message should be used on freeway installations and the NEXT RIGHT/LEFT message used on expressways and conventional highways. The appropriate Educational plate may be used with a symbol sign where deemed necessary.

Approved symbol signs shall be used for all new installations of service signs and for all routine maintenance replacements.
B. TERMINAL ACCESS

Exit of STAA trucks from the National Network to terminals is allowed only if the STAA Terminal Access symbol sign (G66-56) is displayed in advance of the ramp or intersection. Before signing such egress, trailblazer and “end” access signing of the access route(s) shall be erected.

STAA Truck Terminal Access Route signing shall be provided as follows:

1. STATE HIGHWAYS

- Only routes or route segments meeting geometric criteria for STAA trucks shall be signed.
- Signing shall be placed at every decision point on the route indicating which direction(s) an STAA truck may proceed.
- The end of any route segment shall be signed as such.
- Signing of egress from a terminal access route to a local street or highway shall be erected only if:
  a) such signing is requested by the local jurisdiction; and,
  b) the State-owned ramp or intersection utilized for such egress meets the geometric criteria for STAA trucks; and,
  c) the local route has been signed.

2. LOCAL STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

- A sign shall be placed by the local agency at every decision point on the route to the terminal.
- Roads should have adequate turning radii and lane width to safely accommodate these vehicles.
- General traffic conditions such as sight distance, speed and traffic volumes will not preclude safe operation.
- If the route passes through more than one local jurisdiction, the city or county where the terminal is located shall acquire concurrence from all affected jurisdictions before requesting access from the National Network or the state terminal access route.

Maps identifying the National Network and the state terminal access routes are available at Caltrans district offices.

4-04.16 Specific Service Signing (Logo)

Section 101.7 of the Streets and Highways Code provides for specific service signing (Logo) on rural sections of Route Interstate 5. This is the only area that they may be used on. The definition of “rural”, as used by Caltrans for this purpose, is a community with a population of 7,500 or less.

The specific service signing (logo) program is intended to provide a service to the motorist, not an alternative advertising method for highway oriented businesses.

A business logo may consist of the business identification symbol, name, brand, trademark, or combination, and shall be shown on a separate panel which is attached to the specific service sign. Logos other than a business identification symbol or trademark shall have a blue background with a white legend and border.

Messages, symbols, and trademarks which resemble any official traffic control device shall not be used.

All policies and warrants are set and administered by the Caltrans Division of Right of Way, Traveler Information Advisory Committee. All requests should be directed to the District Right of Way Services Coordinator.

4-04.17 Recreational and Historical Signs

Recreational Area signs (G71, G72, G91 series and G200 Series) shall have a white reflectorized legend and border on a brown background. Historical Landmark signs (G13, G14) shall have a brown legend and border on a cream-colored background. Recreational Area signs are supplemental signs and subject to the same spacing (and number of message) limitations set forth in Section 4-04.12. Under these limitations, eligible supplemental destinations and recreational areas must compete for signing on the basis of traffic service. Historical Landmark signs may be in addition to the normal complement of signs, but minimum spacing will be maintained.

1. Signs may be placed directly to Historical Landmarks that are registered with the Department of Parks and Recreation. On freeways such signs will be limited to those more important and better known landmarks where some physical evidence remains, such as missions, forts, state monuments, etc., rather than mere sites of former buildings or happenings.

The Office of Historic Preservation in the Department of Parks and Recreation (or the Resource Protection Division in the case of State Historic Park sites) shall be notified prior to the removal of an existing Historical Landmark sign. The G15 sign may be used to direct to Points of Historical Interest that are registered with the Department of Parks and Recreation.
February 3, 1993

Sarah Williams, Assistant Planner
Mariposa County Planning & Building Dept.
5101 Jones Street
Mariposa, Ca 95338

Dear Sarah,

At the January 12, 1993 meeting of the Midpines Community Advisory Committee, the committee voted to request that "UNIFORM SERVICE & RECREATION INFORMATION SIGNS"by placed at the following locations:
Brand Automotive Service
K.O.A. Camping & Store
Mountain View Grocery groceries & gas
Midpines Post Office
Muir Lodge Motel
Hillside Motel
Each Bus Stop
County Park Restrooms, picnic, & Fire Dept

I am returning the maps with most of the places marked. Would you please have your department ask the Board of Supervisors to prepare and send the necessary correspondence to Caltrans? Thank You.

Sincerely,

Carol P. Davis
Committee Member