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Discussion of Hemenway Valley Roadway Alternatives

At the December 8 City Council Meeting, the Hemenway Valley roadway alternatives will be an item for discussion by the City Council. The Council will also give staff direction on how to proceed regarding the alternatives. The Council has discussed this item previously, and a meeting was held on October 21 for further input from residents.

At that meeting, Public Works Director Scott Hansen presented various alternatives for an access road, which would give residents an option for ingress and egress without using US 93 in the steep reach of highway where speed limits are 45 miles per hour. A short presentation of these alternatives continues to air on BCTV.

Hansen pointed out the difficulties and expense of right-of-way acquisition associated with the alternative located between Valencia Drive and St. Jude's Ranch. He explained that it is unlikely that a bypass would be built within the next 30 years, and building an overpass or a frontage road adjacent to US 93 is highly unlikely, again, due to the expense involved and no funding source readily available.   Without a bypass in the near future and no overpass or frontage road, the only alternative remaining is to construct a road near the animal shelter on Yucca Street that would follow the existing high voltage transmission lines to Marina Drive where an access road would tie in.

Both Police Chief Tom Finn and Fire Chief Kevin Nicholson expressed their support for an additional access road into Hemenway Valley. Both of them feel they can better serve the residents in the Hemenway Valley when another access is available.

The Hoover Dam Bypass bridge will be open within 12 months. Whether or not a second access into Hemenway Valley is built will be discussed and direction will be given to staff by the City Council on Tuesday, December 8. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

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