
BRIDGEPORT VALLEY POLICIES
GOAL

Provide and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system in the Valley while retaining the rural qualities of the area and supporting a vibrant local Main Street.

OBJECTIVE A

Provide safety improvements to the existing circulation system in the Valley.

- Policy 1: Support operational improvements to Highways 395 and 182.
- Action 1.1:* Support shoulder widening along Highways 395 and 182 from the Evans Tract to the Bridgeport Reservoir Dam while continuing to provide for current uses, such as stock travel.
- Action 1.2:* Support study of safety/operational improvements at the following Intersections, which were also analyzed and considered in the Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project Final Report (see Appendix X): junction Highways 395 and 182; Emigrant Street junction with Highway 395; and Twin Lakes Road junction with Highway 395 southbound.
- Action 1.3:* Support the addition of bike lanes on Highway 182 consistent with the County Bike Plan.
- Action 1.4:* Support shoulder widening on Highway 395 north of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest housing complex.
- Action 1.5:* Support a left turn lane on Virginia Lakes Road from northbound Highway 395.
- Policy 2: Request the California Highway Patrol to enforce the speed limit in Bridgeport.
- Policy 3: Provide parking improvements to address parking-related safety problems.
- Action 3.1:* Collaborate with Caltrans to study the ability to reduce red-curbings at the corners of side streets entering Highway 395 in Bridgeport due to the back-in angled parking design and/or reduction of curb cuts.
- Action 3.2:* Provide additional off-street parking for county office use, court use, oversize recreational vehicles such as RVs and trailers, and visitors to Bridgeport.
- Action 3.3:* Monitor the operational effectiveness of back-in angled parking design on Main Street, and continue to improve design and driver education methods.
- Policy 4: Support improvements to Highway 270 to enhance the visitor experience.
- Action 4.1:* Support efforts to pave/improve Highway 270 to Bodie State Historic Park.

OBJECTIVE B

Provide a trail system in the Valley for use by bicyclists, pedestrians, equestrians, and OHV use.

Policy 1: Develop a Trails Plan for all skill levels, ages and user types.

| *Action 1.1:* [Publish and update as needed](#) ~~Develop~~ a Bridgeport Area Trails Plan illustrating existing regional trails that is ready for publication and distribution.

Action 1.2: Develop a wayfinding system that directs travelers to recreation amenities from the town.

Action 1.3: Work with appropriate agencies to develop a Bridgeport Area Trails Plan that identifies future trail development opportunities.

Action 1.4: Seek all available funding sources for trail improvements and maintenance.

Action 1.5: Encourage trail users and recreationalists outside the Bridgeport Valley to come into town by seeking services such as a free hiker shuttle.

Policy 2: Preserve historical access for equestrian use.

Action 2.1: Encourage dispersed equestrian use consistent with plans and land use designations.

Policy 3: Explore winter trails and recreation opportunities.

Action 3.1: Survey winter trail resort areas, such as the Methow Valley in Washington state, for success stories, trail plan examples, the trail development process, and financing and maintenance options.

Action 3.2: Work with local winter trail organizations, such as Mammoth Nordic, in exploring development and maintenance partnerships.

OBJECTIVE C

Support Complete Street concepts which provide for safe travel for people using any legal mode of travel, including bicycling, walking, riding transit, and driving; the Livable Communities policies; and the results of the Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project (Appendix X).

| Policy 1: Develop ~~projects~~ [plans](#) for Main Street Revitalization in Bridgeport, including traffic calming, pedestrian safety and other enhancements to encourage exploration of the town and surrounding area.

Action 1.1: Retain, and refine as needed, the current design of one travel lane in each direction with a center turn lane, and recommend a colored center turn lane.

Action 1.2: Prioritize and support continued implementation of pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements, such as completing sidewalk gaps and repairs, (removable) curb extensions, pedestrian-scale street lights, pedestrian furniture, street trees, crosswalk improvements (increased number, pedestrian-activated lights), etc.

Action 1.3: Encourage Main Street properties to take pride in aesthetic appearances and implement building designs from the Bridgeport Idea Book (Appendix X).

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- Action 1.4:* Actively seek partners to develop a multi-agency office and visitor center complex.
- Action 1.5:* Seek to install monument signs at each end of town to announce to highway travelers that they are entering a community.
- Action 1.6:* Request improved pedestrian access and crossings on the north and south sides of the Walker River Bridge.
- Action 1.6:* Work with Caltrans to install infrastructure for a banner over Main Street.
- Policy 2:* Improve multi-modal transportation facilities within and surrounding the town core, including residential neighborhoods.
- Action 2.1:* Improve pedestrian and bicycling facilities, such as bike lanes on Twin Lakes Road, striping bike/pedestrian lanes on County roads, and possibly pursuing raised sidewalks in the future.