

Meeting Notes:

**Orangevale Avenue Bridge Replacement
City of Folsom
Public Workshop / Scoping Meeting #2
April 22, 2004 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Spoken Comments

1. From Richard Wilhelm: He would like to see the bridge preserved as is. He has done some research at the State Library and three things stood out:
 - The bridge was on the Lincoln Highway from 1927-1928 as an alternate route.
 - It was the only transportation route between Orangevale & Folsom from 1890 thru 1950
 - It was the 1st bridge of this type designed by Drury Butler in Sacramento County.
2. From Richard Wilhelm: He said he thinks the approach road is part of the "Lincoln Cut" for the railroad from Folsom to Lincoln. Richard said he spoke with Fred Tomach, a long time Orangevale resident, who related his knowledge of the history of the bridge to Richard.
3. From Richard Wilhelm: Will the arch footings be removed with the bridge? He is concerned about the stability of slope if the arch footings are removed.
4. From Richard Wilhelm: Are As Built plans for the bridge available?
5. From Richard Wilhelm: What kind of lights will be placed on the bridge. He is concerned that if we use the same lights as those in the Historic District because they are not withstanding the wind.
6. From Richard Wilhelm: He said the Caltrans bridge reports list needed repairs in 1975 and that some of these are not done. He thinks Folsom has spent no money repairing bridge for 25 years.
7. From Nancy Percy: She is compiling a history of the bridge. She says it is on an old California Central Railroad alignment from the 1850's. It went from Sacramento to Placerville and on to Nevada. She is on the Folsom Heritage Preservation League. She intends to publish the results of her research.
8. From Nancy Percy: She would like to see the bridge remain unwidened with the following features:
 - Do the necessary structural repairs.
 - Provide Overlooks with parking at either end.

- Signalize the bridge so auto traffic would not have to stop to let cars from the other direction pass.
- Provide an Interpretative area, similar to the one at the Rainbow bridge.

Written Comments

Please leave our last piece of Historic Orangevale intact.

Do you remember how exciting for you to be able to have the original Rainbow Bridge back? To be able to actually have that structure.

This bridge is a traffic calming site. If you made it a one-way bridge without doing anything but patching it and using part of the roadway for pedestrian/horse/bike that would also facilitate traffic calming. J

If you change things this will be a huge environmental impact for the fauna and wildlife that habitates [sic] and travels through using it as a trail down to the American River.

I suggest:

- 1 lane 10' wide
- marked off 8' for pedi [sic]/horse/bike
- shore up/repair existing bridge
- save \$\$