

Aptos Area Transportation Proposals Given To Group

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One of the charges of the Aptos Urban Design Committee is to determine how people can best get around in the village, so Myron Jacobs, the county transportation planner,

told the committee Thursday night what he thinks about it.

One of the big changes Jacobs seemed to view favorably is an easterly extension of Park Avenue to connect to Hopkins Road.

That would amount to a kind of dredging up of the old Aptos

bypass idea which was washed out of existence by the people of the area a few years ago.

Another of his ideas was a northerly extension of Polo Drive to connect to Valencia Road.

And a third suggestion was one the committee already had considered and which caused immediate excitement among its members: a third left-turn lane on Soquel Drive onto Trout Gulch Road.

Members clamored for an immediate vote on that idea to be forwarded to county supervisors. It passed with a single exception: the "no" vote of Chairman Ralph Sanson, who thought the committee should deliver a single plan to the county, rather than splitting it into parts with ideas on individual subjects.

The committee decided reluctantly to rescind the motion. Aptos Supervisor Dale Dawson was at the meeting, and he said the earliest action the county could take on the turn lane would be six weeks, with 30 days required alone for the required ordinance.

Richard Peterson, the community's planning consultant, said this morning that the Park-Hopkins hookup idea really is beyond the committee's purview and it intends to proceed no further with the idea.

He said he considers the main plan of the committee "about 80 per cent" complete now, and said the group's next meeting will be billed as an old-fashioned community forum which the group hopes will draw a large audience.

Primary order of business will be a review of the paper which represents the guts of the plan: its objectives and alternatives.

That meeting has been scheduled for Jan. 22.