

Bike paths not favored by Rio del Mar residents

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Rio Del Mar Improvement Assn. directors Monday indicated they will oppose a proposal for painted bike paths on Clubhouse Drive when the issue comes before the county Board of Supervisors later this month.

Director Bob Curtiss, who attended the meeting at which county planning commissioners endorsed the bike path concept, said he will speak to the issue at the supervisors' meeting.

In a brief discussion, directors agreed that Clubhouse is simply too narrow in spots to allow even a painted bike

path.

One member noted that when cars are parked along the road, bicyclists weave around the parked cars.

In another traffic matter, Vince Casey told board members there's not much that can be done, other than trying to educate people, about speeding traffic in Rio Del Mar.

Casey, one of several Improvement Assn. members who looked into the traffic situation, said CHP statistics show that 20 percent of accidents in Rio Del Mar are attributable to speeding and 80 percent to other causes.

"The statistics don't agree with what people think (that speeding is the main problem)," Casey said. He said the Improvement Assn. (or any other group) could buy radar for the CHP to use, but there would be no guarantee it would be used in Rio Del Mar. Also, the group giving a radar system would have to maintain it.

Nicki Pecchenino, aide to Supervisor Robley Levy, told directors that the following roads will be repaired by the county in the fiscal year ending next June 30:

Haas Drive, White Road, Cathedral Drive, Rider Road, Eureka Canyon Road, Browns Valley Road, Prescott Road, Redwood Road (off Browns Valley), Larkin Valley Road and Hazel Dell Road.

These roads will be resurfaced:

Soquel Drive, from State Park drive to Freedom Boulevard; Trout Gulch Road, from Soquel Drive to Aptos School Road; the lower

portion of Fairway Drive; Seascape Boulevard between Sumner Avenue and San Andreas Road; San Andreas between Seascape Boulevard and Manresa Beach; all of Beach Road; Freedom Boulevard between White Road and Corralitos Road; Mar Monte between the freeway and Larkin Valley road, and all of Cathedral Drive (after repairs are made).

A number of roads in the Aptos area will be seal-coated, including Rio Del Mar Boulevard.

The county is also planning to let a contract for repair of '82 storm damage on Valencia Road. The '83 damage will be taken care of next year.

Bob Peterson, business manager for the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, told directors about the school board's consideration of a three-cent boost in the tax rate. Directors took no action on the issue.