

*Tribal Focus Group Notes*

*Friday, May 18*

*Cahto Rancheria Community Center*

**Participants:**

- Robert Bell
- Kelley Frazier
- Terri Youngren

**Are transportation needs on the Rancheria met?**

- Route from feed store to Rancheria along Branscomb should be improved. We also use Coyote Trail...traditionally Cahto Creek to Tenmile Creek (behind ballpark).
- Kids get to school on bus, but most are driven to school.
- There is a MTA stop at Tribal Admin Center and around Reservation Road.- two morning pickups.
- The horse crossing on Branscomb Rd.

Bridge is scary.

- Kelley was hit by a car last week on Branscomb Road at a narrow shoulder.
- Priority safety concern is the corner on Branscomb. Is it possible to bypass the corner with the trail, possibly using Ten Mile Creek?
- Suggested grade sign on Branscomb between Stump Rd. and Reservation...that is a bad spot for wrecks. Take the grade down on Branscomb to eliminate the dips between Mulligan Lane and Feed Store (at north Road.)
- Crosswalk visibility is an issue along Branscomb.
- There is a lack of transportation options on the reservation. We don't have mail delivery on the res, so everyone has to get to town to get mail.
- Have stores off of HWY 101. Create a parallel route to 101 behind fosters, through corner of baseball diamond, to backside of bank and connecting into Foster. Could be a ped route, alley. Cre-

ate a “back” to compliment the “front”.

**Is there any cultural information would like to share with us?**

- We The Rancheria was purchased for Indian families. Originally families were from Cahto Mountain, Mud Springs, Ten Mile River. They were hunters and gatherers, and fisherman.
- Coast walk...traditional walk from inland to coast. 50 villages along ten mile. Along Ten Mile Creek was known as the “Land of 50 villages”.
- Cultural elements: Plaza/info center with flagpole would be useful for our gatherings. Fundraiser to get flag pole raised in name of Native American veterans. Potluck gatherings bring 30 – 100 people.
- There is a feeling that the Reservation is a distinct community from Laytonville.
- Cahto best known for baskets.
- There is interest in a sweat lodge, and medicinal gardens. Traditionally, sweats

were related to hunting.

**What issues are you concerned about in town?**

- The right hand turn from Branscomb onto 101 is a “zoo”. Often, we use Willis to Ramsey as an alternative.