

**RESOLUTION 2026-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA,  
APPROVING THE OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE (OHMV)  
DESIGNATED ROUTES SIGNAGE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature adopted Assembly Bill 2152 authorizing the City of Needles to establish a pilot project to designate combined-use highways to link Bureau of Land Management (BLM) off-highway vehicle trails, recreational use areas, and necessary service and lodging facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2024, the City Council formed an Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Ad-Hoc Committee to research implementation of the pilot project, engage stakeholders, and provide direction to staff; and

**WHEREAS**, following direction from the City Council, the City contracted with Minagar & Associates, Inc. to conduct technical studies evaluating roadway conditions, safety requirements, and route connectivity; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2025, the City Council approved the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Plan and Routes – Pilot Project Technical Memorandum, which identified 9.20 miles of designated OHMV routes connecting local roadways with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) trailheads, lodging facilities, and service areas; and

**WHEREAS**, immediately following approval of the Technical Memorandum, Minagar & Associates, Inc. prepared the Designated Routes Signage Plan for the City of Needles Pilot Program, consisting of California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)—compliant route signage and traffic control devices designed to clearly define authorized OHMV corridors and support consistent enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the Designated Routes Signage Plan is necessary to implement the OHMV pilot program, improve public understanding of authorized routes, enhance traffic safety, reduce unauthorized OHMV use on local streets and private property, and support economic activity related to recreation and tourism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Needles hereby:**

1. **Approves** the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Designated Routes Signage Plan;
2. **Authorizes** staff to proceed with implementation of the Designated Routes Signage Plan, including fabrication and installation of signage, coordination with law enforcement, and public education and outreach, consistent with the previously approved OHMV Master Plan and Pilot Project;
3. **Authorizes** the City Manager, or designee, to make minor, technical, or non-substantive modifications to the Designated Routes Signage Plan as necessary for implementation, provided such modifications do not materially alter the intent or policy direction approved by the City Council;
4. **Directs** staff to utilize available funding sources, including the General Fund, and to pursue grant opportunities when feasible to offset implementation costs; and
5. **Finds** that adoption of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Designated Routes Signage Plan supports City Council goals of enhancing tourism, improving recreational amenities, and advancing the City’s economic development strategy by implementing the previously approved OHMV Master Plan and Pilot Project.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 13th day of January 2026 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

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Janet Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Candace Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Lena Wade, Deputy City Attorney