

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-38

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA,
APPROVING THE OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE (OHMV)
MASTER PLAN AND PILOT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature adopted Assembly Bill 2152 authorizing the City of Needles to establish a pilot project for 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 appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to study implementation of the OHMV pilot project, engage stakeholders, and provide recommendations for a citywide route network; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with Minagar & Associates, Inc. to conduct technical analysis of roadway characteristics, safety requirements, and connectivity options, resulting in the **Final OHMV Master Plan and Routes – Pilot Project Technical Memorandum (July 21, 2025)** identifying 9.20 miles of proposed routes within the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed OHMV routes and staging areas comply with California Vehicle Code §38026.2, including speed limits not to exceed 35 miles per hour, driver licensing and insurance requirements, and necessary signage and traffic control devices; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the OHMV Master Plan will promote public safety, expand recreational access, reduce trespass on private property, and provide economic benefits by attracting tourism, supporting local businesses, and generating additional revenues through sales and lodging taxes;

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

1. **Approves** the **Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Master Plan and Pilot Project** as outlined in the Technical Memorandum (July 2025).
2. **Authorizes** staff to proceed with implementation, including installation of signage, development of staging areas, public education and outreach, and coordination with law enforcement.
3. **Directs** staff to pursue grant opportunities through the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund and other available sources to offset program costs.
4. **Finds** that adoption of the OHMV Master Plan aligns with City Council goals of enhancing tourism, improving recreational amenities, and supporting the City's economic development strategy.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 9th day of September 2025 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Janet Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candace Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lena Wade, Deputy City Attorney