



**Minutes**  
**Work Study Session**  
**Queen Creek Town Council**  
Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road  
Council Chambers  
July 18, 2012  
6:00pm

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

**2. Roll Call** (one or more members of the Council may participate by telephone)

Council Members present: Barnes; Brown; Gad; Oliphant; Wheatley; Vice Mayor Benning and Mayor Barney.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** These items are for Council discussion only and no action will be taken. In general, no public comment will be taken.

**3. Presentation and discussion on the Maricopa County trail in the Sonoqui Wash and along Chandler Heights Road.**

Public Works Division Manager Troy White introduced Chris Coover with Maricopa County. Mr. Coover then gave a presentation on the "Maricopa Trail" that connects with the Queen Creek Trail System and San Tan Mountain Regional Park. Mr. Coover said the Park and Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre are great assets, complementing the trail well and asked that the Sonoqui Wash trail be included in the Maricopa Trail.

Council asked if the Maricopa Trail was multi-use. Mr. Coover responded that it was a non-motorized trail along the roadway. Council also asked for information on the signage used. Mr. Coover explained that using the County trail marker signs was optional, with Chandler & Gilbert using them. Mr. White added that the trail marker sign could be placed on the larger Queen Creek Trail signs. Council agreed that would be the preference.

**4. Presentation and discussion on the Sidewalk Gap Analysis.**

Public Works Division Manager Troy White presented the sidewalk gap analysis that included the Town Center and surrounding area. Mr. White said the areas were classified in three categories: 1) Planned; 2) Priority; and 3) Wait for development. He added that \$200,000 was budgeted in the current fiscal year for sidewalk improvements.

Mr. White said that completed sidewalks would provide connectivity for pedestrians throughout the Town Center area, however one gap would remain at the UPRR crossing which would require the relocation of the railroad signal at an approximate cost of \$50,000 although there may be an opportunity that UPRR would pay for the relocation costs.

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Mr. White recommended moving forward with the projects identified and contracts would be brought back for Council approval in September with construction during October and November.

Council commented that sidewalk improvements would also improve business, safety and aesthetics of the Town. Council also asked if the sidewalks would be meandering or straight. Mr. White explained that at areas with permanent roadway/right-of-way the sidewalk would be meandering. At locations with temporary roadway the sidewalk would be straight. There was a question of using Town Center funds to help with the project. Mr. White responded that constraints on some areas aren't monetary but with SRP (utilities), property acquisition and UPRR.

**5. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the Work Study at 6:25pm (Wheatley/Barnes/Unanimous)**

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

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Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

I, Jennifer F. Robinson, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the July 18, 2012 Work Study Session of the Queen Creek Town Council. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

Passed and approved on August 1, 2012.