



## **Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes**

Thursday, June 7, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

San Tan Conference Room – Municipal Services Building

### **Committee Members:**

Ryan Nichols – Chair	Present
Chris Clark	Present
David Bond	Present
Gregory Arrington	Absent
Kim Mlazgar	Present
Nichelle Williams	Present
Richard Turman	Present
Tom Nelson	Absent
Steve Conklin	Absent

### **Public:**

Robin Benning	Vice Mayor
Chris Williams	Southwest Traffic
Ron Bartlow	Song of Life/Queenland Manor Resident

### **Town Staff Members:**

Bill Birdwell, Sr. Traffic Engineering Analyst	Present
Chris Dovel, Town Engineer	Absent
Laura Catanese, Sr. Administrative Assistant	Present
Troy White, Public Works Division Manager	Present

### **1. Call to Order:**

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

### **2. Introductions:**

Members and guests introduced themselves around the table.

### **3. Public Comment:** Ron Bartlow, pastor of Song of Life Methodist Church attended the meeting as a concerned citizen interested in hearing committee discussion/possible recommendations for the vacant land along Ellsworth Road adjacent to Queenland Manor (Item 4, "D").

### **4. Items for Discussion and possible action**

#### **Item A: Consideration and possible approval of May 3, 2012 minutes** **Chair Nichols**

Richard Turman made the first motion to approve the 5/03/12 minutes. Nichelle Williams seconded the motion. Motion was carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

#### **Item B: Timing sequence of Ellsworth Loop/Rittenhouse traffic signal (north /south bound traffic**

**Discussion/Comments/Questions:**

At the last TAC meeting, Vice Chair Clark stated that not enough time is allocated for left turn movements from Rittenhouse Road to Ellsworth Loop Road. Originally believing that the issue was related to north and southbound traffic, staff made some adjustments to the signal timing for the north and southbound left turns adding a few more seconds of green time. During the meeting, Vice Chair Clark responded that it was actually the timing for the east/west left turns from Rittenhouse to Ellsworth Loop Road that did not seem to provide sufficient time, and that traffic had a 50/50 chance of clearing the signal. Traffic staff (Bill Birdwell) stated that the current east/west left turn signal is set at 43 seconds but could be adjusted by 3-5 seconds (46-48 seconds) to allow more time for vehicles turning left off Rittenhouse Road. Staff will review the east/west timing and make the necessary adjustments.

**Item C. Staff presentation of small area traffic study, including cost estimate for north side of Ellsworth Road** **Bill Birdwell**

**Item D. Discussion and possible recommendations for vacant land along Ellsworth Road adjacent to the Queensland Manor subdivision** **Troy White**

**Discussion/Comments/Questions:**

Troy White stated that as items C & D were related to each another that staff would make a combined presentation. Presently, the Town does not have the necessary data to determine the disposition of the right-of-way in front of Queensland Manor. Council approved design per Dibble’s Design Concept Report (DCR) that calls for two lanes in each direction with a raised median. Conversely, the design that was approved by this committee (and then by Council) in the Town Center Streets Design Access Management Plan only included a one lane in each direction street design. The Town Center Streets Design Access Management Plan Design shows Ellsworth Road at Rittenhouse/Barnes Parkway as one lane in each direction with a flush median (in conflict with the Dibble DCR). The Town must be certain of not needing the right-of-way for future development before determining the appropriate disposition that might include reverting it back to Queensland Manor.

How do you determine traffic needs in the future? Chris Williams of Southwest Traffic explained that a third party small area traffic study would be a useful tool for staff/Council when determining the ultimate roadway and impact to the community. By using current/projected land use data, zoning, and MAG traffic models for the East Valley, a small area traffic study attempts to:

1. Document existing traffic flow/volume
2. Create trip generation analysis
3. Make recommendations for future traffic volume

CM Robin Benning stated that the study needs to determine what the (road) connection should be (how the road will function) and that he encourages staff to devote considerable time and effort into public outreach to Queensland Manor residents. Approximate cost estimate is \$25,000-\$30,000 for the small area traffic study. Vice Chair Clark made the first motion to recommend that staff present a small area traffic study for this area to Council for consideration pending available budget. Nichelle Williams seconded the motion. Motion was carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

**Item E: Overview of June 2012 meeting with Union Pacific Railroad/ADOT (improvements for railroad crossings)** **Troy White**

**Discussion/Comments/Questions:**

Staff informed TAC that the Town will be meeting with the Union Pacific Railroad in July to discuss the steps necessary for adding a pedestrian crossing at the Ellsworth Road Railroad Crossing.

**Item F: Town Center Street Design and Access Management Plan**

**Troy White**

TAC discussed recommending a change to the Town Center Access Management Plan regarding parallel parking in the Town Center and allowing on an interim basis angled parking. The TAC committee asked that staff provide them with an accident history report regarding angled parking at the August meeting prior to making any recommendation to Council on this matter.

**Item G: Request for future agenda items**

**Vice-Chair Clark**

- A. Consultant presentation of the Germann Road project (Power Road to Ironwood Road)
- B. Town Center Access Management Plan-Staff presentation of Town Center accident history report
- C. Sidewalk Gap Analysis Report
- D. General Plan Amendment Change
- E. FY12-13 TAC Work Plan
- F. Overview of the July 2012 meeting with Union Pacific Railroad (improvements for RR crossings)

**5. Announcements**

The July 5, 2012 meeting has been cancelled due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday (Independence Day).

**6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Laura Catanese

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: August 2, 2012.

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**Ryan Nichols, TAC Committee Chair**