

**Committee Report
Town Council Agenda
--LONG VERSION--**

Name of committee: Transportation Advisory Committee

Date of meeting: June 13, 2013

Details:

- **Presentation by Edd Hennerley, Queen Creek Unified School District, and Discussion on School Bus Stop Locations**

Mr. Edd Hennerley, Director of Transportation for the Queen Creek Unified School District, gave a brief presentation on school bus stop locations within the QCUSD. He informed the Committee that bus stop locations are determined according to mandates set forth by Arizona Revised Statutes, and include the following legal parameters: School bus stops:

- Cannot be placed closer than 50 feet from stop signs;
- Must be placed a minimum of 100 feet from stoplights;
- Must be placed a minimum of 10 feet from railroad crossings;
- Must be at least 600 feet apart from each other

Mr. Hennerley explained the other issues considered when planning bus stop locations, such as the age of the students, which schools the students attend, and the size of stops (how many students at each stop); According to the ARS, students in grades K-8 can walk a distance of up to one mile to a bus top, while high school students can walk up to 1.5 miles. Mr. Hennerley stated the Transportation Department aims to provide the best service with the shortest route, while still adhering to auditors' desires to fill buses. The District's website address is www.qcusd.org. There is a "Bus Stop Information" link, as well as a "Transportation" page providing bus route information, location of the transportation facility, and contact information.

- **Action:** None.

Discussion and Possible Action on Germann Road Corridor Study

Amy Wilson from Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects, provided a presentation on this study, which includes the following stakeholders: Town of Queen

Creek, City of Mesa, Pinal County, and Maricopa County. The study resulted in five alignment alternatives for the intersection of Sossaman/Germann/UPRR. . The study area extended from just west of Power Road to just east of Ironwood Road in Pinal County, and a half mile north and south of the current Germann Road corridor alignment. Ms. Moran stated the key objectives of the study, and explained the intent and feasibility of each. The Town of Queen Creek and City of Mesa recognize the need for a formal Design Concept Report to be conducted for the intersection. Town Staff is seeking from TAC a recommendation to move forward with a DCR once funding is identified.

Action: The TAC passed a motion to recommend to Council proceeding with a Design Concept Report for the intersection of Sossaman/Germann UPRR once funding is identified.

- **Request for Future Agenda Items**

The Committee requested a future meeting focus on discussion of arterial roads going either north-south or east-west in the Town which do not have connectivity.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the San Tan Conference Room.