



Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, October 10, 2013 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Municipal Services Building – San Tan Conference Room

Committee Members:

Chair Clark	Present
Vice Chair David Bond	Absent
Robin Benning, Council Member	Present
David Bond	Present
Steve Conklin	Absent
Nichelle Williams	Present
Philomena Van Etten	Present
Karen Fabritiis	Present
Todd Broadhead	Present
Kenn Burnell (non-voting)	Present

Public:

Alec More, HDR, Inc	Present
Janet Strasse, Valley Metro	Present

Town Staff Members:

Troy White, Public Works Division Manager	Present
Debbie Gomez, Sr. Management Assistant	Present
Laura Catanese, Sr. Administrative Assistant	Present

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. **Introductions:** The committee welcomed three new members, Philomena Van Etten, Karen Fabitiis, and Todd Broadhead. Round table introductions were conducted.

3. **Public Comment:** None.

4. **Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

A: Consideration and Possible Approval of August 8, 2013 minutes

Chair Clark

Motion to approve the August 8, 2013 minutes, as presented:

1st: Williams

2nd: Van Etten

VOTE: Unanimous

B: Update and Discussion on Queen Creek Local Transit Study Janet Strasse, Valley Metro

Janet Strauss of Valley Metro gave a brief presentation of the results of the recent community travel survey that yielded the following results. **Action:** None.

- There were 262 total survey responses with 55% being Queen Creek residents
- Town population grew by 22,045 during 2000-2010, with the largest gain being in the 18-64 age range
- Those 25-54 are in their prime working years and 78% of Queen Creek residents currently drive to work alone
- 89.3% responded that they would use transit if it was more convenient
- Over 58% responded they were willing to pay for transit service (dedicated tax)
- Light/Commuter Rail was the most preferred mode of transit transportation (78%)
- Respondents desire expedient, point-to-point service to downtown Phoenix
- Respondents indicated a strong desire for connections to greater transit networks and access to Valley destinations via transit
- Those 18-64 desire greater and additional travel choices/options
- Commuter rail and park-n-ride facilities would offer present and future Queen Creek residents a valuable service

C: Consideration and Possible Recommendation of an alignment alternative for Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop roads Troy White

Troy White; Public Works Division Manager, presented three possible alignment alternatives for Ocotillo Road. **Action:** The Committee unanimously approved recommending Alternative #3 to Council.

- **Alternative #1:** Ocotillo Road remains on the road section line (straight).
- **Alternative #2:** Ocotillo Road shifts to the north through the entire project.
- **Alternative #3:** Ocotillo Road shifts slightly north from Ellsworth Loop to just east of Circle K and then curves north to tie into existing improvements. This alternative is preferred by the local business owners and the general public.

Committee discussion centered on the possible negative impacts of each alternative, with primary focus on the proximity of the Circle K gas tanks and how parking would be impacted. A final solution for parking in front of the barbershop located on Ocotillo Road is still needed. Design for Ocotillo Road adds another lane of traffic in each direction and traffic volume may increase because of it.

Motion to recommend Alternative #3 to Council as presented:

1st: Williams

2nd: Van Etten

VOTE: Unanimous

D. Update on Local and Regional Projects

Troy White

Staff provided background and an update on local and regional projects as follows.

Action: None.

- Powerline, Vineyard Road and Rittenhouse:
Improvements are planned for the Flood Retard Structures. Design is currently underway.
- San Tan West ADMS:
Project is wrapping up by December 2013 and will include an animated modeling of storm events.
- MCDOT Updates:
 - Riggs Road: Design of Ellsworth to Meridian roads is on hold. Town and MCDOT staff are in preliminary discussion for an IGA (construction).
 - Riggs Road: Ellsworth to Hawes roads - Bids received; construction halted due to an issue between MCDOT and SRP.
 - Riggs Road: Hawes to Recker roads - Design at 70%; construction starting 2014/2015.
 - Rittenhouse Road Bridge - Scoping ongoing; IGA discussion with the Town for design and construction
- Pinal County: Improvements to Hunt Highway:
 - Phase I: Empire Blvd. to Thompson Road - Construction to start by October.
 - Phase 2: Thompson to Gary roads - 90% completed; construction should begin after Phase I
- City of Mesa:
 - Power Road (202 to Pecos ALCP Project) - Project is on-going with an estimated completion date of April 2014.
 - Broadway Road (Sossaman to Hawes roads) - Notice to Proceed (NTP) given 9/13; on an eleven month schedule.
 - Chicago Cubs Stadium - Open by December 2013
 - Park & Rec Bond Projects - Rehabilitate 23 Parks; Design six Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) parks.
- Apache Junction:
 - US60/Meridian TI (ADOT) - Diamond Interchange, design complete by June of 2014
- Town of Gilbert:
 - Williams Field and Higley Intersection - Delayed due to UPRR and RWCD.
 - Higley and Warner Intersection - 60% design.

E. Request for future agenda items

Chair Clark

- Transportation elements as related to the 2013 Proposed Major General Plan Amendments (Benning)
- Presentation and Discussion on the Intelligent Transportation System (Clark)
- Update on the Town Center Street Design & Access Management Plan (Clark)
- Presentation and Discussion on Town Noise Regulation/Quiet Zone Standards (Clark)
- Update on the Germann & Sossaman roads Design Concept Report (Clark)

5. **Announcements:** None.

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Motion to approve the August 8, 2013 minutes, as presented:

1st: Williams

2nd: Van Etten

VOTE: Unanimous

PREPARED BY:

Laura Catanese, Sr. Administrative Assistant

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: **November 14, 2013**

Chair Chris Clark, Transportation Advisory Committee Chairman