

## **Transportation Committee Summary**

Thursday, August 9 2007

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

### **Committee Members:**

Toni Valenzuela	- Council Member	Absent
Robin Benning	- Chair/Resident	Present
Carlos Acuna	- Vice Chair/Resident	Present
Deryl Lamb	- Resident	Absent
Gary Wilson	- Resident -	Present
Jeff Brown	- Resident	Present
Josh Ehmke	- Resident	Present
Kelly Kassa	Resident	Present
Milos Mickey Pavicevich	- Resident	Absent
Ric Ponzo	- Resident -	Present
Sylvia Centoz	Non-resident	Absent

### **Town Staff Members:**

Dick Schaner	- Transportation Director	Present
Don Noble	- Public Works Director	Absent
John Kross	- Town Manager	Absent
Mark Young	- Sr. Management Assistant	Present
Mike Pacelli	- Traffic Engineer	Present
Norma Hernandez	- Management Assistant	Present

### **Visitors:**

ADOT Representatives

### **Call to Order:**

Robin called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **Announcements:**

Robin informed members that Toni may be late; Sylvia and Milos would not be present.

### **Item A: Welcome and Introductions - All**

All members present introduced themselves to the new members.

### **Item B: ADOT – Williams Gateway Freeway Mark Young**

Mark introduced Julian Avillia, ADOT Communication Relations Project Manager, and Annette Riley, ADOT Project Manger. They presented current project information on the Williams Gateway Freeway; topics discussed were: project location; design concept, report and environmental studies completed, and project budget.

### **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

The performance-based Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) provides a broad vision for the regional transportation system for the next two decades, addressing freeways and other

highways, streets, transit, airports, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, freight, demand management, system management including intelligent transportation systems (ITS), and safety. For more information log on to: <http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/project.cms?item=411>

Additional project information is included in packet.

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**Item C: Storm Water** - **Dick**

Don discussed and presented material on the Monsoon storm water and damage that occurred throughout town as a result of the numerous storms. In an effort to address flooding issues, and road closures necessary in order to ensure the safety of the residents, the Town has ordered additional emergency response supplies such as barricades, and sand bags. Town staff responded quickly to several flooded roads that needed to be closed, drivers needing to be rescued, and the various clean up areas.

**Item D: New Crosswalk** - **Mike P**

Mike discussed the new crosswalk on Ellsworth Road; he also reviewed photos of the crosswalk with pedestrians crossing. Town staff anticipates that the lighted crosswalk will add safety measures to the crosswalk and also slow down traffic. There is a crosswalk button that can be pressed by pedestrians; this will activate the lights and hopefully slow down traffic in order for the pedestrian to cross. The crosswalk lights can be better seen in the evening or at night time, there is also a crosswalk sign in the middle of the road that alerts drivers about the crosswalk.

**Item E: Update on Ellsworth Loop Road Project** - **Dick**

Dick provided the members with an update on the Ellsworth Loop. A handout was provided demonstrating various aspects of the project from the overall view of the projects, bridge work railing, the various angles of the Loop, project funding, the shoe fly, and other details.

**Item F: Schedule future meeting:**

Next meeting: September 13 – Council Chambers

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.