



## **Transportation Committee Summary**

Thursday, October 11, 2007

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

DSB – San Tan Room

### **Committee Members:**

Toni Valenzuela	- Council Member	Present
Robin Benning	- Chair	Present
Carlos Acuna	- Vice Chair	Present
Deryl Lamb	- Resident	Present
Gary Wilson	- Resident	Present
Jeff Brown	- Resident	Absent
Josh Ehmke	- Resident	Present
Kelly Kassa	- Resident	Present
Rick Ponzo	- Resident	Absent
Silvia Centoz	- Non-Resident	Absent

### **Town Staff Members:**

Dick Schaner	- Transportation Director	Present
Don Noble	- Public Works Director	Present
Mark Young	- Sr. Management Assistant	Absent
Mike Pacelli	- Traffic Engineer	Present
Norma Hernandez	- Management Assistant	Absent
Leah Aguilar	- Public Works Office Aid	Present

### **Call to Order:**

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

### **Announcements:**

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

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All

#### **Item B: Discuss Scheduled Day of TAC Meetings**

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**All**

Some members have conflicts with holding the TAC meeting on the second Thursday of the month; Robin asked each member what was best for them. The majority preferred Thursday's; just not the second Thursday of the month, Dick and Don both stated Thursday's was the best day to meet for Town staff. Robin proposed holding the meeting the first Thursday of each month as a compromise. Deryl Lamb seconded the proposed new day, the vote was unanimous. Effective November, the meeting will be held the first Thursday of each month beginning at the same time.

## **Item C: Update on CIP Projects**

**Dick**

Dick commented on Terry's presentation at the last meeting, not much has changed since then.

- Two sewer jobs: one at Queen Creek/Hawes and in one week another project will start on Chandler Heights. The Rittenhouse sewer will go to Council next week, at the end of the month we may have four projects starting up.

The question has been asked as to whether a portion of the Ellsworth Loop Road will be opened this fall?

Dick – We will be looking into that. We wanted the rubber down so we could possibly open this fall. The contractor said that maybe we should concentrate our efforts on the south bound side and open just the south bound side. We are discussing it in house and will be discussing more with the contractors tomorrow.

Mike P – There is a piece on the south end up to Rittenhouse; it doesn't really go anywhere. We would have to do signing, but it will be very difficult to keep it safe with signs. Portions of the Loop road are confusing to open a piece at a time and people won't understand by signs.

Robin asked if Rittenhouse behind the Wescor project will be open by Thanksgiving. Dick stated it should be done, it is on the schedule.

## **Item D: ITS System Presentation**

**Mike P.**

Mike Pacelli went over the ITS presentation.

A few members asked about the small white cameras on top of the signal light arms. Mike informed the group that they are used to detect when vehicles are waiting at a light. It is a live feed and no video is recorded, thus people can't use them as evidence in traffic accidents. They are not for law enforcement, they are for traffic management.

The Town has requested funds for 2013 to buy the missing link so we can talk to other City's systems (fiber connections). Mesa and Gilbert have a system and are working on a connection. Once we connect with Gilbert, we will have a connection with Mesa through Gilbert.

## **Item E: Council Actions**

**Dick/Don**

### **Transportation Items:**

- Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #2 to Achen-Gardner Engineering, LLC for the wastewater installation for Rittenhouse Road – Phase 1.
- Approval of the purchase of Traffic Signal Equipment for the intersection of Rittenhouse Road and Germann Road as part of the Rittenhouse Road – Phase 1 project.
- Approval of the purchase of Traffic Signal Equipment for the intersection of Chandler Heights Road and Ellsworth Road as part of the Ellsworth Road – Loop to Cloud Project.

**Public Works Items:**

- Consideration and possible approval of a contract with Ergon Asphalt to apply a fog seal to certain Town roads.
- Consideration and possible acceptance of a proposal from G&G Construction to mill and remove asphalt on abandoned portions of Rittenhouse Road.
- Consideration and possible acceptance of a proposal from G&G Construction to construct sidewalk in Roman Estates.

**Item F: Project Status on Ellsworth Loop****Dick**

The railroad has moved and they are excavating, the first pour will be in two weeks. They are close to pouring the concrete for the bridge. Don informed the members that the town turned on the 15<sup>th</sup> traffic signal today at Chandler Heights and Hawes. That makes 14 additional signals since last December.

Robin commented on feedback he has received from the public; that people are happy with the improvement of traffic flow.

**Item G: Items for Next Month**

- Robin would like to hear from the folks doing the General Plan Update at the next meeting.
- Deryl would like to know when the projects will be completed. (Terry has a map that shows tentative dates, we can bring to the next meeting)

**Item G: Schedule future meeting**

Next meeting: November 1, 2007

Adjourn: 7:06 PM