



Transportation Committee Summary

Thursday, November 1, 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
Gary Wilson	- Resident	Present
Jeff Brown	- Resident	Present
Josh Ehmke	- Resident	Absent
Kelly Kassa	- Resident	Present
Rick Ponzo	- Resident	Present
Silvia Centoz	- Non-Resident	Absent

Town Staff Members:

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

Visitors:

Jim Poggemeyer, SUNDT
John Macamere, MAG
Ken Fiebelkorn
Wayne Balmer

Call to Order:

Robin called meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Announcements:

Robin called the meeting to order; announced he is ill and that Carlos will lead the remainder of the meeting.

Ellsworth and Riggs intersection light to be operative November 2.

Item A: Welcome and Introductions

All

Item B: Update and Overview on Ironwood Road

Jim Poggemeyer

Jim Poggemeyer gave a presentation on the Ironwood Road Project, a power point presentation was provided to all members. The following are some of the key points addressed.

- The project will have galvanized colored poles; this product was chosen for maintenance reasons.
- The goal is to limit any cutting of pavement; so far doing well.
- Phase B1 - Germann south to Ocotillo – the roadway had to be shifted; three total SRP relocates will be done. Project is ahead of schedule.
- Phase – B2, 3, 4 – This is a seven mile stretch from Germann to the US-60; 700,000 cubic yards of earth used; 80 trucks a day, which means a load is dropped every 45 seconds. Obtaining water has been hard due to the location of the project. Installed 25,000 tons of 6” HTP gravel. On the last mile of the job, all lanes are done to Guadalupe Road.
- We shortened the bridge which saved about 1M. We can't tie everything together until SRP relocates some poles.
- February 8 is the estimated completion date. The project was delayed due to unscheduled utility work.
- Our website has a weekly update.

Mike Pacelli informed Jim that any closure between Bella Vista and the US60 will affect Queen Creek.

Item C: Current plans being considered for Statewide Transportation Plan

John Macamere gave a presentation on the Statewide Transportation Plan, some of the highlights covered are listed below, and a power point presentation was mailed to all members.

- The governor is very involved in this topic.
- Statewide initiation – framework studies to provide information to voters for 08/09
- In 2005 – 6.5 million fund monies were received; in 2050 – 16 million (estimated)
- 10 mega growth areas in Arizona.
- Model – average trip per household is 7.5. This has been reduced from 9.5 trips per day per household.

Item D: Transportation Element of the General Plan

Wayne Balmer gave a presentation; a handout was given out at the meeting discussing the presentation highlights.

Item E: Review Council Items approved 10/17 and 11/7 items

Moved to December meeting

Item F: Discussion on electronic speed limit signs

Moved to December meeting

Item G: Project status on Ellsworth Loop Road

Moved to December meeting

Item H: Schedule Future Meeting

Next meeting: December 6, 2007

Adjourn: 8:05