



Transportation Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2008

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

DSB – San Tan Room

Committee Members:

Toni Valenzuela	Present
Robin Benning	Present
Carlos Acuna	Present
Gary Wilson	Absent
Jeff Brown	Present
Josh Ehmke	Absent
Kelly Kassa	Absent
Rick Ponzo	Absent
Silvia Centoz	Present

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:

Ken Fiebelkorn, Engineering Tech/Operations	Present
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Call to Order:

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

Welcome and Announcements

Staff announced that there will no longer be dinner served at the monthly meetings; therefore, the members present discussed changing the time of the meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m. Motion to change time of meeting (Robin Benning/Silvia Centoz/Unanimous).

Item A: Approval of January 3 minutes All

Motion to approve the January 3, 2008 minutes (Robin Benning/Silvia Centoz/Unanimous).

Item B: MAG Presentation Bob Hazlett

Mr. Hazlett provided the members with a presentation on the statewide transportation plan and initiative known as BqAZ (Building a Quality Arizona). A handout was given identifying the transportation issues in the valley, the bordering states, and the demands the economy faces. In summary, the main topics were the following items:

- Unique opportunity to shape transportation and growth for future generations
- Increased investment to meet demand and be competitive in the world economy.
- Commensurate growth in operations and maintenance expenditures.

- Permanent funding to ensure economic prosperity for all Arizonans.
- Coordination and collaborative manner to plan land use and transportation.

Item C: TAC website links Norma Hernandez

Norma Hernandez provided information to the members on the new Town Website, how and where to access TAC related information. She continued to advise that staff is in the process of updating all information on the website, as well as improving how quickly items are posted. If you have any questions, contact Norma and she will address your concerns.

Item D: Transportation Council Items Don Noble

Don Noble reviewed the Transportation Council items slated for Council approval in February. To view Council Agenda/minutes, you can log on to the Town Website/Town Hall/Meetings Agendas and retrieve what was approved.

Item E: Project Status on Ellsworth Loop Dick Schaner

Dick Schaner informed the members that the Ellsworth Loop south connector to Ocotillo is scheduled to open by the end of February. There have been issues with the steel of the bridge which have caused a three week delay. He also informed members that he believed all the issues were resolved and the project could resume on the following Monday. The opening of the south end will alleviate traffic on Ellsworth Road; hopefully the intersection of Ellsworth/Rittenhouse Road will have improved traffic flow.

Item F: Update on CIP budget Dick Schaner

Dick Schaner thanked the members for their input in regards to which projects to move forward with. He informed members that the town is evaluating all projects and impacts if staff does not proceed with projects. We will present final outcome to TAC members, we anticipate having information by end of March.

Item G: Schedule future meeting All

Next meeting: March 6, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:15 p.m.