



**Transportation Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Services Building  
San Tan Conference Room  
22358 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142  
February 13, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Chairman Spencer Hale called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**TAC Members Present:** Spencer Hale, Bob Adelfson, Susan Denton, Susan Scott, Nancie Naylor, Cindy Barnes, and Jesse Roth (arrived at 6:58 p.m.).

**TAC Members absent:** Amber Valentine

**Staff Present:** Bruce Gardner-Assistant Town Manager, Tracy Corman-Assistant to the Town Manager, Mohamed Youssef-Public Works Deputy Director, Marshall Riegel-Traffic Operations Engineer, and Alisha Wanamaker-Sr. Administrative Assistant.

**Council Liaisons absent:** Council Member Turley

**Public attendees:** Amy Morton, Stewart Ferren, Chris Moss, David Fulton, Shanda Navarre

2. **Introductions**

Round Table introductions were conducted. Cindy Barnes, was welcomed as a new TAC Member

3. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee on items not on the printed agenda. Please observe a time limit of three minutes. **None.**

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

**A. Consideration and possible approval of the August 29, 2019 minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the August 29, 2019 minutes, as is.

**RESULT:** Approved Unanimously (7-0)

**MOVER:** Bob Adelfson

**SECONDER:** Nancie Naylor

**B. Consideration and possible approval of new committee Vice-Chair**

**MOTION:** To approve Bob Adelfson as the new Vice-Chair of TAC.

**RESULT:** Approved Unanimously (7-0)

**MOVER:** Spencer Hale

**SECONDER:** Susan Scott

### C. Presentation on 2020 Census

Chris Moss, Census Count Committee, gave a brief presentation on the upcoming 2020 Census. Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census to capture a complete count of everyone living in the United States. Participation is important, safe and easy. The 2020 Census will offer three easy ways to participate: online, over the phone and by mail. In early March, residents will receive a letter from the U.S. Census with an invitation to participate. The nine questions can be completed in nine minutes.

### D. Presentation on Law Enforcement Study

Bruce Gardner, Assistant Town Manager, and Tracy Corman, Assistant to the Town Manager, gave a brief presentation on the Law Enforcement Study. The Law enforcement study evaluates three options:

- Maintaining the contract with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO);
- Contracting with another law enforcement entity; or
- Starting a municipal police force

The study focuses on developing a municipal police department and maintaining the MCSO contract as the two most feasible options, and includes a chart comparing the two. Community input is being gathered until Sunday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. and can be inputted [here](#).

### Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Does the current contract we have now with MCSO have a deadline?
  - It renews every three years. We just renewed it this last year and goes until June of 2022
- If going with our own police force, when you start hiring officers, will you strategically hire people who are midlevel or beginning of their work in office so the officers are not in so many years of retiring so we are not the training grounds like other municipalities before, are you keeping all of that in mind?
  - Yes, it is something that we are aware of. If council wishes to move forward with a municipal police force, we will not be going to a training facility and hire several brand new officers. The Town would will only be successful if we do a lateral program, which will start with a Police Chief. The Police Chief will help set the Policies, procedures, and Vision of the department, hire command staff, and assist us in getting the equipment. This will take approximately a year or more. The Police Chief will then proceed to hire the rest of the staff including; nine Sargents, and forty-four police officers. They will determine how many officers we will need to hire at the beginning of their careers, mid-level and close to end in order to keep things diverse in experience.
- Are you taking into account criminal techs, recorder keepers, administrative staff and any equipment and supplies they need?
  - The 59 number in year 2 includes civilian staff, including criminal techs, administrative staff and other needs.
- This was an effort of a lot of town departments and town staff with also involvement of other public safety officers.
- What is the timeline?
  - We are providing a report of all the public comments on the study to the Town Council at the end of February. We will be seeking Town Council direction as to when they would like to have the item returned to them for discussion. . We are anticipating the item to return to council in March or April for discussion.
- On your discussion about Community Oriented Policing, is that a practice that is being implemented by MCSO now or is that something that the Town wants to be implemented throughout Queen Creek organization?
  - We have being working closely with MCSO for several years in order to try to implement more of a community oriented policing program. The challenge is their

staffing resources. They have not had enough resources to put towards that type of policing partnerships and training. However, MCSO District 6 has been moving a lot towards the community policing model program and have done a lot for us.

- What kind of delay are we looking at for getting information on what our crime rates are for Queen Creek?
  - We do not really have the information on what our crime rates are because it is reported as a County.
- One of the technologies we will invest in immediately is the records keeping.

**E. Consideration and possible approval of the Transportation Advisory Committee FY2020 Work Plan**

The committee reviewed, added and voted on the FY 2020 work plan. The TAC FY20 Work plan consists of six (6) priority areas and projects/programs. The TAC members decided to add additional points on to sections 2, 5 and 6. The 2020 Work Plan was developed in coordination with Council goals and includes collaboration with current (and future) Town Projects. The six (6) priority areas include:

1. **Emerging Safety Projects and Traffic Control Issues**
  - Provide information and feedback related to public safety including:
    - Emergency response, vehicle weight limits, sound control, speed control, construction access, barricading, and other traffic control issues.
2. **CIP Transportation Projects**
  - Provide project/budget updates; involve TAC members on current/upcoming/future CIP projects (including gateway streets).
  - Active committee participation in one CIP Open House informational events.
3. **Transportation Element Defined Corridors & Studies**
  - Provide information and receive input from the TAC Committee in relation to future transportation corridors and planning/prioritizing for the future development of the Town and region.
4. **Regional Partners**
  - Staff to update members on projects adjacent to QC boundaries, and regional studies affecting transportation in Queen Creek.
5. **Community Outreach**
  - Advise TAC of upcoming meetings
  - Provide routine correspondence and notification on local and regional transportation issues (press releases; open houses; stakeholder meetings)
  - Traffic safety, bike lane use, Traffic signage
6. **Multiuse trails, Bike lanes and Routes**
  - Work with staff to develop a bike lane plan that includes:
    - Retrofitting existing roadways
    - Developing a prioritized implementation plan for adding bike lanes to our existing roadways
  - Ensuring proper safety for the intersections of multiuse trails and roadways

**MOTION:** To approve the 2020 Work Plan with the additional changes.

**RESULT:** Approved Unanimously (7-0)

**MOVER:** Bob Adelfson

**SECONDER:** Nancie Naylor

**5. Announcements**

- A. Schedule future meeting – May 14, 2020
- B. Popcorn for Public Works will be held on March 26 from 6 pm – 8 pm in the Zane Grey Conference Room at the Queen Creek Library
- C. State Route 24 is at 95 % design. The bidding process will happen within the next few months and in Fall of 2022 State Route 24 should be in full operation.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**MOTION: Move to adjourn.**

**RESULT: Approved Unanimously (7-0)**

**MOVER: Bob Adelfson**

**SECONDER: Susan Denton**

**Prepared By: Alisha Wanamaker, Sr. Administrative Assistant**

**Passed and Approved on: July 09, 2020**

*Spencer T Hale*

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**Spencer Hale, Chairman**