



Transportation Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 3, 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	Present
Jeff Brown	Present
Josh Ehmke	Present
Kelly Kassa	Present
Rick Ponzo	Present
Silvia Centoz	Present

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

Visitors:

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

Robin Benning, Chair called meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Item A: Welcome and Introductions

All

Item B: Discussion on electronic speed limit signs

Handout from Chandler: Costs: A/C Power=\$3800, Solar Power=\$4400. Chandler funds signs with ticket revenue- not feasible for Queen Creek due to us not having our own court system-we go through Gilbert, and tickets cost us money. Mike Pacelli stated we have a sign like this not used which was intended for Ellsworth Road but the lighted crosswalk and Sierra Park light precluded need. Best to place on Rittenhouse @ Ocotillo where the road changes at realignment. Other consideration: sign may increase rear end collisions.

Item C: Public Works involvement in Fire Services Station 2 Don Noble

New QCFD with Gilbert equipment started Jan 1. Target date is Feb 1 for temporary station on Sossaman between Riggs & Cloud Roads. Meanwhile we are covered with Gilbert FD Station on Riggs west of Higley Road. Don will bring map of proposed future stations to next meeting.

Item D: Traffic Signal Update

Mike Pacelli

Mike Pacelli stated that there are 16 signals operating. Ocotillo & Hawes in flash mode now; will turn on next week. Rittenhouse & Combs will be a temporary light in 2 months and be tied into RR crossing to clear out traffic from tracks. Expect 4 more signals in 2 weeks on Ellsworth Loop @ S. Connector, Ocotillo, Victoria Lane, & Rittenhouse when opened for traffic.

Item E: 5-year Transportation CIP

Dick Schaner

Dick Schaner presented project budget items that need prioritizing based on a lack of funds due to housing decline creating less revenue. The Transportation Advisory Committee Members voted unanimously on prioritizing the following Transportation Capital Improvement Projects. Top priority was agreed by motion, second & unanimous vote. TAC recommends for council to prioritize road projects as follows:

- 1st Ellsworth Road – Germann Road to Queen Creek Road & Ellsworth Road – Queen Creek Wash to Cloud Road – complete Ellsworth Road (\$2.7M)
- 2nd Rittenhouse Road - Vestar to realignment at Sossaman Road (\$7M)
- 3rd Riggs Road – Ellsworth Road to Meridian Road (\$20M project, partnership project with other entities.
- 4th Town Center Streets (\$.5M for design)

Item F: Review Council items approved Dec. 5 and Dec. 19

Don Noble

Items approved by Council the month of December: Rittenhouse & Combs temporary signal=\$112k, Rittenhouse Phase 1= \$1.5M, Sossaman Road widening Chandler Heights-Cloud on hold, Sewerline continued, Federal grant funds for bridge inspections, \$31k for laser inspection of sewer lines along QC Road & Crismon, IGA with MCDOT for Riggs from Ellsworth-Meridian roads (3 miles 200 ft wide will be very expensive project to be split between MCDOT, Flood Control & QC in future TBD).

Item G: Project status on Ellsworth Loop

Dick Schaner

Dick Schaner stated Jan 8 is milestone of 80 ft steel beams installed on RR bridge & all are invited to attend. Newspaper has been informed, and our Communications & Marketing dept for photo ops. Expect 4 more signals in 2 weeks on Ells Loop @ S. Connector, Ocotillo, Victoria Lane, & Rittenhouse when opened for traffic.

Item H: Schedule future meeting

Requested Agenda Items:

- 1) Don Noble to bring map of future QCFD stations,
- 2) Revisit top 10 priority items from initial TAC meetings to see where we stand.
- 3) Dick Schaner to bring actual budget numbers and present road projects on a map.

Next meeting: February 7, 2008

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.