



Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 2008

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Development Services Building – San Tan Room

Committee Members:

Anthony Edwards	Absent
Carlos Acuna	Present
Dorian Bond	Absent
Gary Wilson	Present
Jeff Brown	Present
Kyle Robinson	Absent
Milos Pavicevich	Present
Robin Benning	Present
Silvia Centoz	Absent
Thomas McCarthy	Present

Town Staff Members:

Dick Schaner, Transportation Director	Present
Mark Young, QC Government Liaison	Present
Mike Pacelli, Traffic Engineer	Present
Norma Hernandez, Management Assistant	Present
Shane Dille, Asst Town Manager/Interim PW Director	Present

Visitors:

None

Call to Order:

Carlos, Vice Chair, called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item A: Welcome and Announcements All

Milos Pavicevich, a returning member to committee introduced himself. Milos was one of the original members to join when the committee was established in January 2006; he resigned a year ago, and signed up again this year. Welcome back Milo.

Item B: Approval of June 5 minutes All

Motion to approve the June 5, 2008 minutes (Gary Wilson/Jeff Brown/Unanimous/Approved).

Item C: TAC Work Program All

Dick and members reviewed priority items members submitted to be on the Work Program for FY 08-09. Some of the items submitted were questions; the members reviewed answers and reworded to reflect a goal for the committee.

Items discussed were for TAC to provide transportation information on the Town website, Town Newsletter, and other means of communication. Maybe do a Transportation question of the week to be on the Weekly Update that is sent out each Thursday, and Announce TAC on Channel 11.

Members reviewed and voted on the top five priorities to be focused on for FY 2008-2009 TAC Work Program:

1. Continue to provide input with respect to the Transportation Capital Improvement Program.
2. Promote multi lane access to Town Center and other commerce centers from major residential areas.
3. Facilitate distribution of info to better inform the community (including but not limited to Weekly Update, CATV Ch 11, Q&A or FAQ format)
4. Support mass transit study and development
5. Encourage dialogue with regional partners regarding major arterial and freeway corridors in/out of QC (including most southerly SR-802 route).

The TAC Work Program, along with other committee work programs will be on the Council Agenda for approval on September 17.

Item D: Updates on Projects

Dick Schaner

- Ellsworth Loop Project is scheduled to open for through traffic under the Railroad on August 7, with a ribbon cutting mid morning . There will be a big opening ceremony later in October when the weather is better. The north connector has to be completed, once we move traffic over to Ellsworth Loop, Ellsworth will be closed until project is completed.
- Rittenhouse Realignment, east of Sossaman Road, is expected to open on July 28 by 5 a.m. SRP was able to provide power to the new signal for activation on Friday, July 25. Rittenhouse Road between Sossaman and Hawes Roads will be closed Friday, July 25 at 9 p.m. until Monday, July 28 at 5 a.m. During this time, the newly re-aligned roadway will be constructed to transition back to existing Rittenhouse Road. This will complete this phase of the project (Phase 1A). Once the new section of roadway has been opened, additional minor work in the area will continue to close out this phase of the project. Additionally, the temporary portion of Germann Road between re-aligned Rittenhouse and Sossaman Road will be closed with barricades and sections of the roadway near the intersections will be removed. MCDOT is in the process of finalizing their plans for improvements to Sossaman Road at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing to smooth out the large bump in this area. This work is anticipated to begin within 2-4 weeks after the Rittenhouse Road opening. MCDOT's dates are tentative and subject to change.
- Temporary Road on Germann is only temporary; we have an easement that we need to take out as it is expiring. Germann at the new Rittenhouse to Sossaman will be closed, drivers will have to turn east at realigned RH to Sossaman, then turn west to Germann and north to Germann again.
- County is re-grading Sossaman at railroad about 400' south of tracks. This will slow down traffic speed in an interim condition until County finishes project. An interesting element is that within 300', there are three different jurisdictions controlling Sossaman Road.

Item E: Council Review

Dick Schaner

Dick reviewed the Council items approved on June 18 and slated for approval on July 16.

Item F: Schedule future meeting

All

Next meeting: August 7, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn (Jeff Brown/Carlos Acuna/Unanimous) meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

Comments:

Mark announced that there will be a MAG Long Term Transit Study public hearing on July 31 at Town Hall 6- 8 p.m.

Mark also informed the members that 3313 signatures were turned in for the November election for the Transportation Ballot Initiative. He will present more information at a future TAC meeting.

Thanks were given to Robin, Kyle, and Carlos for doing a good job at the Ice Cream Social. Their presence was appreciated.