



## **Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes**

Thursday, October 16, 2008

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Development Services Building – San Tan Room

### **Committee Members:**

Bill Fischbach	Present
Carlos Acuna	Absent
Chris Clark	Present
Jeff Brown	Present
Kyle Robinson	Present
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	Absent
Mike Pacelli, Traffic Engineer	Present
Norma Hernandez, Management Assistant	Present
Shane Dille, Asst Town Manager/Interim PW Director	Present
Wayne Balmer, Planning Manager	Present

### **Visitors/Observers:**

Bob Hildebrandt, resident  
Jim Schaner, resident  
Lance Decker, LL Decker & Associates

### **Call to Order:**

Robin called meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

### **Introductions:**

**All**

All members and staff introduced themselves and welcomed new members Chris and Bill.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Items of Discussion**

#### **Item A: Approval of September 4 minutes**

**All**

Motion to approve the September 4, 2008 minutes (Kyle Robinson/Milos Pavicevich/Unanimous /Approved).

**Item B: Council Review****Dick Schaner**

Dick reviewed the Transportation Council items, and Shane reviewed the PW Council items that were approved on October 1 and October 15. One item in particular pertained to SRP; each year SRP takes \$12M and distributes to all surrounding municipalities in their area. The distributed amount of construction work that SRP does, for example, if they install a 69kv line, we receive credit. Some years, we receive more credit depending on what SRP does in town; however this credit can only be used for aesthetics. The funds are received once line is installed, however we can borrow a year ahead if we know that items are projected for the following year. Another item is Pinal County is planning to bid Hunt Hwy in January 2009; they have to borrow funds to do project. They did commit to do the Empire intersection to match the Town's side. For more information, see Council items attached.

**Item C: Updates on CIP projects****Dick Schaner**

Dick provided a brief update on the current CIP projects.

**Item D: Access Management****All**

Per Town Council's direction on September 17, TAC has been directed to review and analyze future access management policies for the Town Center. The deadline for recommendations to Town Council is by the end of January 2009. The Town consulted Lance Decker to manage the meetings and assure that the meetings are balanced in order to fulfill the task in a fair and effective manner.

To begin, Lance reviewed the agenda items and ground rules. He asked the members what role they want the observers to play. All members agreed to the following: observers are to pay attention, evaluate, give community input, contribute, and speak up. At the end of each segment, Lance will give the observer an opportunity to speak up. Chair direction is to be more flexible with allowing the observer to speak up. All members agreed to keep the meeting on the same day of the month, at the same time, and to keep at two hours.

All members discussed what they want as the curriculum and reviewed the Draft Work Plan. Lance went around the table asking members to provide what the group's goal is with this new task and the committee's objective. Members replied the following: to assist staff and Council with very complex issues, make transportation more efficient, eliminate the bottle necks, future planning of transportation, and roadways, review speed limits in town center, a recommendation for access management for town center and medians - where can they be appropriate, make sure this plan fits in with General Plan, develop safety, have good aesthetics, be sure that when projects are submitted details are not over looked, represent the citizens, look at where we are economically – look at building for the future – long term. Maybe we should look at the PAD's to see if they are what we want the town center to be. There is 200' section in front of Ocotillo that falls within the town center map area.

Shane Dille informed the group that we will move forward with what the town is right now, we will not project future possible changes in regards to land use. He did inform the group that Town Council voted on October 15 to revisit the median issue on Ocotillo Road.

Mike Pacelli reviewed the two town center maps handed out; the light map is the official boundary of town center. The dotted line around the traffic signals means it is a projected signal, if no dotted line means already in place. He informed the group that Quik Trip is under

construction on the Loop Road, Duncan Street will be south of the QT and will give access to Ellsworth Road.

Wayne Balmer provided a presentation to the group of the General Plan - The Town Center Plan. He informed the group that when developing the updated version, they took some things out of the current GP plan and integrated in the new GP. Challenges were the existing streets, how are we going to get traffic in and out. See presentation included with these minutes.

Shane informed group that access management plans typically do not consider financial aspects, they focus on what will work for the area – we do need to be cognizant of cost.

Robin asked for a map of the streets that the group will focus on.

Tom asked if the group could meet twice a month in order to have a more efficient and better recommendation to Council in January.

Shane suggested having the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (November 6), and writing a memo to Council informing them of the committee's progress and if more time will be needed. The group agreed.

Action: Mike Pacelli to have a map at next month's meeting with streets that the group will focus on.

Lance Decker is to email questions and minutes to all members asking for their feedback.

**Item E: Scheduled future meeting** **All**

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

**Announcements** **All**

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Robin asked about speed issues on Rittenhouse by the Villages. Staff informed him that this is being addressed already.

**Adjourn** **All**

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Motion to adjourn (Robin Benning/Milos Pavicevich/Unanimous) meeting adjourned: 8:57p.m.

Attachments:

1. Council Items approved: October 1, 2008 and October 15, 2008
2. General Plan Presentation
3. Lance Decker memo - meeting summary