



## **Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes**

Thursday, March 5, 2009

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

San Tan Room – Development Services Building

### **Committee Members:**

Chris Clark	Present
Jeff Brown	Present
Kyle Robinson	Present
Milos Pavicevich	Present
Robin Benning	Present
Silvia Centoz	Absent
Thomas McCarthy	Absent

### **Town Staff Members:**

Dick Schaner, Transportation Director	Present
Mark Young, QC Government Liaison	Absent
Mike Pacelli, Asst. Public Works Director	Present
Norma Hernandez, Management Assistant	Present
Shane Dille, Deputy Town Manager/Acting PW Director	Absent

### **Call to Order:**

Robin Benning, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

### **Introductions:**

**All**

Welcome

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **Item A: Approval of February 5, 2009 minutes**

**All**

Motion to approve the February 5, 2009 minutes, (Chris Clark/Robin Benning/Unanimous approval).

### **Items for Discussion**

#### **Item B: Update on TAC recommendation to Council** **Mike Pacelli**

Mike briefly updated the members on the Access Management recommendation that went to Council; he asked if there were any questions. None were asked, but the members would like to send a letter of recognition for the work that Wayne Balmer and his staff did in preparing the maps used in the recommendation.

Action: A letter to be written and provided to Wayne.

**Item C: CIP Budget****Dick Schaner**

Dick handed out a list of drainage and transportation projects. By April, we need to recommend to Council what the priorities are. The budget is going to Council for approval on May 20. The Budget Committee is meeting on April 20 to discuss the CIP Budget. We are looking for funds to pay for projects; any revenues coming in the next 2-3 years are being recommended for debt service, not new CIP revenue. We have identified \$6M from IGA participation and completed project savings that are already being utilized in existing projects. Some brief notes on existing projects are as follows:

- WW016 Ellsworth – Cloud to Empire: Big sewer job estimated @ \$1.5 million. Project must go in before the road is constructed. We hope the current economy will result in lower bids.
- A0204 Ellsworth Road – Cloud to Empire: Project is estimated at \$18 million. This is the only part of Ellsworth through Town that is not completed. Maricopa County is using their esthetic funds to underground the 12kV power lines. SRP will follow with a new 69kv double circuit line south of Riggs.
- I0014 Rittenhouse @ Hawes: Road widening is complete except for a slurry seal and new striping to be done next week. A portable traffic signal will be placed in April. We are waiting for SRP to supply power.
- I0030 Cloud @ Rittenhouse: This project will widen the intersection to provide a center left-turn lane. No signal will be installed. It is felt that a traffic signal would cause too much backup on Rittenhouse.
- A0301 Rittenhouse - Vestar to east of Sossaman: The design is done, but there are no funds for construction which is estimated at \$9 million. This is a shelved project.
- A0501 Riggs Road - Ellsworth to Meridian: Design is nearing completion. We should have ADOT's signature by May. No funding for construction is identified.
- A0503 Riggs Road – Bridge @ Sonoqui Wash: We have an IGA with MCDOT and the Town's share is estimated at \$400,000. Construction is planned for 2012.
- A1004 Queen Creek Road – Sossaman to 186<sup>th</sup> Street: We are moving ahead with completing the construction estimated at \$130K. There are some issues with the bonding company; the Town's Attorney is currently reviewing this. The Town's bond process has been improved and we are now using a standard form and process that was not in place at the time this project came through a few years ago.

Question – Who do we speak with at the town to make sure we have a safe construction assurance process in place? Are we requiring funds to be moved into an account with the Town? Do we have a copy of the process, if so; can we receive a copy, as well as forms that are used? How do we know the bonding company is reputable?

Staff: Engineering collects the bonds, and then they are sent to the Finance Department. In regards to the developer cash contributions on the list, the funds have to be spent on that project. You can expand on the project to use all the funds.

- WW011 Gilbert – IGA Recker to Treatment Plant: We owe Gilbert an estimated \$1.5M for oversizing their sewer collection lines to handle the flows projected in the

Town's Wastewater master plan. The Queen Creek Road outfall line serves the densest northwest portion of town. The Rittenhouse/Pecos outfall line ties into Mesa's line to the plant. The third proposed outfall line runs up Power Road to Sonoqui Wash and then follows Ocotillo to Greenfield which flows to the treatment plant. Gilbert agreed to over size their system and they fronted the construction funds. It was less expensive to do this, than to construct two sewer lines. The Town's share and capacity ranges from 71% to 12% depending on the size of the pipe and where it is located.

- A0108 Ocotillo Road sidewalk: We have \$88K in LTAP funds that can be used only on this project. In addition we have \$104,000 of CDBG funds for this project and some sidewalk on Ellsworth near Soranos.

Question: Which intersection projects are funded?

Staff:

- I0040 Collector @ Germann: signal project
- I0041 Ellsworth @ Maya: 4-lanes all the way to Victoria
- I0045 Rittenhouse @ Village Loop North: In process
- I0048 Ocotillo @ 220<sup>th</sup> Street: Only going to be designing
- I0057 Ellsworth @ Heritage Loop: Will be built with Ellsworth project
- I0058 Ocotillo @ Heritage Loop: Have developer contribution, feel we can build
- I0061 Ocotillo @ Victoria (TS): Only going to design, does not warrant signal
- ITS05 ITS Design Support: Communication for traffic signals. This will cover putting fiber in so the signals can "talk" to each other. We will need to make some payments to ADOT, they administer the funds, and they charge about \$10K to do so.

Question: Has there been discussion on having different style traffic signals on Ellsworth Road? A few years ago, there were some poles approved by Council. Has that changed?

Mike P: Everything used is "blanket" across the board, except for Town Center. What we want is to use standards ADOT equipment and maybe paint them. This will save a lot of money. If we have "fancy" poles, they cost about twice as much. Pus, they are not in stock. If there is an accident and we need a pole, we have to order one. ADOT poles are in stock, we can get quick delivery.

Victoria north of Ocotillo is closed due to SRP work. Funds will be used on traffic signal, interconnect and signs. State law requires we use the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. If we install a signal that does not meet warrants, it may cause legal issues if there is an accident. We would rather have conduit and fiber than wireless inter-connect to our signals.

Dick: We will put together some verbiage on a priority recommendation for you to vote on at your next meeting. It will be based on what we presented and on what we heard from you tonight. Our goal is to fix the remaining congested locations in town.

**Item D: Scheduled future meeting**

**All**

Members reviewed the TAC Work Plan for FY 08-09.

1. Priority #1- CIP – Transportation Element

Continue to provide input with respect to the Transportation Capital Improvement Program.

Update: Offers have gone out to property owners to get job started.

2. Priority #2- Town Center – Transportation Element

Promote multi lane access to Town Center and other commerce centers from major residential areas.

Update: Rittenhouse design is on the shelf to get to 5-lanes to Vestar.

3. Priority #3- Community Outreach

Expand Community Outreach for the TAC Committee (including but not limited to Weekly Update, CATV Ch 11, and Town Website).

Update: Continue to post information for community outreach.

4. Priority #4- Transit and Private Developments – Transportation Element

Support mass transit study and development.

Update: Ellsworth Road design in progress was on hold until TAC recommendation to Council was approved.

5. Priority #5- Transportation Concerns

Encourage dialogue with regional partners regarding major arterial and freeway corridors in/out of QC (including most southerly SR-802 route).

Update: Town Government Liaison continues to work on regional issues.

**Item E: Scheduled future meeting**

**All**

April 2, 2009, @ 6:30 p.m. DSB – San Tan Room

**Adjournment:** Motion by Robin Benning to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by Milos Pavicevich. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote and concluded at 8:29 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Norma Hernandez, March 9, 2009

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: April 2, 2009

  
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Robin Benning, TAC Committee Chair