

Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 6, 2009 6:30 - 9:10 p.m. San Tan Room – Development Services Building

Committee Members:

Chris Clark	Present
David Brandhorst	Present
Debbie Reyes	Present
Jeff Brown	Present
Kevin Fosburgh	Present
Kyle Robinson	Present
Milos Pavicevich	Present
Richard Turman	Absent
Robin Benning	Present
Ryan Nichols	Present
Thomas McCarthy	Present

Town Staff Members:

Mark Young, QC Government Liaison	Absent
Mike Pacelli, Asst. Public Works Director	Present
Norma Hernandez, Management Assistant	Present
Shane Dille, Deputy Town Manager/PW Director	Present
Terry Fawley, CIP Manager	Present

Call to Order:

Robin Benning, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions:

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Welcomed all new members and introductions made.

Public Comment:

None

Item A: Approval of May 7, 2009 minutes

All

Motion to approve the May 7, 2009 minutes, (Chris Clark/Milos Pavicevich/Unanimous approval).

Items for Discussion

Item B: Update on Capital Improvement Projects

Terry

Terry Fawley handed out a copy of his presentation, which included the items listed below:

- Project list with each project and estimated project amount
- Exhibit A: Roadway Projects
- Exhibit B: Intersection Projects
- Exhibit C: Drainage Projects
- List of Drainage and Transportation Project status
- Map identifying all current projects

Terry provided a CIP program overview by reviewing each project, project location, status, and budget amount. He advised the members that the economic situation has had an effect on all private developer projects, construction, and Town projects. There are a lot of details that are considered prior to staff starting a project. The first thing that occurs is staff obtains direction from Council and management of which projects should be done; depending on the priority/safety level and budget, depends on when the project will approved to begin. For intersection projects, the Traffic Engineer provides traffic counts on areas that may require a traffic signal to be constructed, again, Council and management give direction to proceed. Staff also asks developers to fund intersections; every developer that wants to construct a project in town is responsible for funding the corners of where their project will be located. Staff identifies developer funds first, before using Town funds. Staff currently has a lot of work; and is in the process of trying to obtain grant funds for different projects. See presentation handout attached.

Item C: CIP Budget

Terry

Terry Fawley informed the members that the Budget Committee met to discuss projects, the economic situation, and budget.

- MCDOT has a major corridor project in the amount of \$20 million which will be widening Ellsworth Road from Cloud Road to Empire Road; this project will include widening to 6-lanes, water, sewer and full improvements.
- Town Center has \$3 million budgeted and available; this project is on Ellsworth Road from Ocotillo Road to Rittenhouse Road.
- The Town received \$2 million from MAG to go forward with the environmental for Riggs Road between Ellsworth Road and Crismon Road. This project requires a local match in the amount of \$120,000. The design is already complete. The east mile of the project already has environmental clearance; two miles Ellsworth to Signal Butte is the area that needs clearance.
- Staff submitted to receive \$5 million in grant funds the Bureau of Reclamation for the Reclaimed Waterline.
- Stimulus funds in the amount of \$1 million were received to complete resurfacing from the UPRR (Union Pacific Railroad) to 1,000 feet west of Gantzel Road on Combs Road.

Item D: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Mike

Mike Pacelli provided a presentation on the ITS, informed of the entire process and how the system will work and benefit the Town. Advised members that the Town now has 33 traffic signals that do not communicate with each other; addressed the importance of the system and why it will be very efficient in assisting staff to be able to have the ability to control each signal more effectively in order to improve traffic circulation. Up to two months ago the Town of Gilbert was maintaining our signals; we now have an internal staff member that will be responsible for maintenance. See presentation handout attached.

Item E: Committee Work Plan

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Moved to September 3 meeting.

Item F: New appointments

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Chair: Chris Clark nominated Robin Benning to continue his duty as Chair; Milos Pavicevich 2nd the motion; unanimous vote for Robin to continue as Chair.

Vice Chair: Robin Benning asked for Vice Chair nominations, Kevin Fosburgh volunteered to be Vice Chair, Chris Clark 2nd the motion; unanimous vote for Kevin to be Vice Chair.

- F1. Discussion on new meeting format and schedule: Shane Dille thanked the members for being part of the committee, addressed how valuable their time is and how the Town appreciates their contribution. Shane read and discussed the Mission Statement and asked for feedback. Minor changes were requested to be made; staff will update the Mission Statement as requested. Shane discussed the meeting format; he suggested having the TAC meeting every other month, on a quarterly basis, or as needed. He informed them that even if the group did not meet monthly that staff would send out a monthly packet with project/information/updates on transportation and projects. The members voted and want to continue to have the meeting time and dates reserved to provide the option to meet as needed, but otherwise to cancel if there are not sufficient agenda items.
- F2. Discussion of projects requiring future TAC input:
 Mike Pacelli discussed projects requiring future TAC input. See presentation handout attached.

Item G: Scheduled future meeting and agenda items

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September 3, 2009, @ 6:30 p.m. DSB – San Tan Room

Next month's agenda items (staff may add additional items as needed):

Committee Work Plan FY 09-10

Adjournment: Motion by Robin Benning to adjourn the meeting, motion to adjourn was seconded by Chris Clark. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote and concluded at 9:10 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Norma Hernandez, August 10, 2009

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: September 3, 2009

Robin Benning, TAC Committee Chair