



Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 4, 2010

6:30 - 8:25 p.m.

San Tan Room – Development Services Building

Committee Members:

Alexander Matheson	Present
Chris Clark	Present
David Brandhorst	Absent
Debbie Reyes	Present
Gregory Arrington	Present
Kim Mlazgar	Present
Kyle Robinson	Present
Milos Pavicevich	Present
Richard Turman	Absent
Robin Benning	Present
Ryan Nichols	Present

Town Staff Members:

Mike Pacelli, Traffic Engineer	Present
Norma Hernandez, Management Assistant	Present
Shane Dille, Deputy Town Manager/ PW Director	Present
Troy White, CIP/Environmental Division Manager	Present

Public:

Chad Kopecky
David Bond
Sara Christopherson

Call to Order:

Committee Chairman, Ryan Nichols, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Introductions:

Everyone welcomed.

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Item A: Approval of February 4, 2010 minutes **All**

Motion to approve the February 4, 2010 minutes, (Unanimous approval).

Items for Discussion

Item B: Presentation on Home Rule **Shane Dille**

Shane Dille, Deputy Town Manager, provided information on Home Rule. He informed the members that Home Rule is voted on every four years, how it came about, and what it means. The Home Rule pamphlet that was previously mailed to residents was handed out to all members.

Item C: Discussion on the budget process **Troy White**

Troy provided information on the budget process, the Public Works operating budget amount, the Town's adopted budget and what percentage is designated for CIP. He identified the areas CIP is responsible for in relation to the design and construction of Town constructed projects in related to transportation, parks, trails, buildings, drainage, and sewer. He reviewed the Public Works Organizational Chart and identified where CIP is within the department. *This information is in the presentation handout that was provided to all members in attendance.*

Item D: Discussion on the Town Center Project **Troy White**

Troy provided information on the Town Center Project; the location, which demonstrated how the area will look once the project is completed. The cost is anticipated to be about \$3 million. The project is geared towards being pedestrian friendly, to have a different look than the rest of the town. The improvements would mainly be done north of the intersection of Ellsworth and Ocotillo, including the intersections of Ellsworth with Heritage Loop and Maya. There would be two lanes south of Heritage and four lanes north of Heritage. *This information is in the presentation handout that was provided to all members in attendance.*

Item E: Discussion on current/planned/5-year CIP **Troy White**

Troy provided information on the major current projects; which include:

- Design and Construction of Ellsworth Road from Cloud to Empire.
- Design and Construction of Ellsworth Road from Ocotillo to Rittenhouse Road
- Design and Construction of Sonoqui Wash Channelization Phase II
- Environmental Study of Riggs Road from Ellsworth to Crismon

He briefly reviewed the cost for each project, an estimated timeline, and what the project entailed. *This information is in the presentation handout that was provided to all members in attendance.*

Item F: Discussion and update on grant opportunities **Mike Pacelli**

Troy and Mike provided an update on the grants and applications the town has received or applied for. In summary, staff applied for the following:

- \$250,000 grant from SCTAP for Victoria Lane. (These funds can only be used for pavement and can only be in a re-development area).
- \$2 million MAG Environmental – Riggs Road (*this grant has been received*)
- \$550,000 MAG – Trail improvement (for the Parks Department)
- Various MAG ITS grants (for the traffic department to use in order for the traffic signals to communicate, which will result in better traffic flow).

Mike discussed the Signal Butte Corridor Study, Meridian road Design Concept Report (DCR), and Southeast Mesa/Queen Creek Area Transportation Study. He informed the member what each study is, the routes reviewed, and how the town will be impacted. This information is in the presentation handout.

Also presented was the ITS – Intelligent Transportation System, what it is, how traffic flow should improve due to the signals communicating and coordinating the timing of the yellow, red, and green intervals.

Members received information on the Municipal Corporation Yard Master Plan. The locations, size, cost, and what the future long term plans are. *All of this information is in the presentation handout that was provided to all members in attendance.*

Item G: Discussion of upcoming agenda items/schedule next meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, April 1 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Development Services Building - San Tan Room.

Announcements:

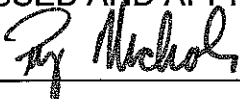
- Shane Dille informed the members that the Committee Bylaws were amended and approved by Town Council on February 17, 2010. The most significant changes that will affect committee members are that a member must be a town resident in order to have voting privileges, make a motion, be a chair or vice chair of a committee. He did advise that all members are encouraged to engage in all input and discussions in order to have a productive committee meeting.
- Benning thanked staff for the improvement done at Ocotillo Road by Wal-mart. The curb was cut and an entrance was added for vehicles coming out of the parking lot and wanting to turn left to get on Ocotillo Road.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Norma Hernandez, March 8, 2010

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: April 1, 2010



Ryan Nichols, TAC Committee Chair