



## **Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes**

Thursday, April 1, 2010

6:30 - 8:25 p.m.

San Tan Room – Development Services Building

### **Committee Members:**

Alexander Matheson	Absent
Chris Clark	Absent
David Brandhorst	Absent
Debbie Reyes	Present
Gregory Arrington	Present
Kim Mlazgar	Present
Kyle Robinson	Present
Milos Pavicevich	Present
Richard Turman	Present
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:**

Sara Christopherson

### **Call to Order:**

Committee Chairman, Ryan Nichols, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **Introductions:**

Everyone welcomed and introductions made.

### **Public Comment:**

No public comments were made.

### **Item A: Approval of March 4, 2010 minutes**

**All**

Motion to approve the March 4, 2010 minutes, (Benning/Pavicevich/Unanimous).

## **Items for Discussion**

### **Item B: Update proposal to realign Meridian Road Wayne Balmer**

Motion to postpone this item to a future date until updated materials/information is available (Benning/Arrington/Unanimous).

### **Item C: Update on CIP project priorities Troy White**

Troy White, CIP/Env Division Manager, provided a handout that showed projects currently programmed and budgeted. The handout also included possible projects for next year should funding become available. The members voted and prioritized projects in the following order should funding become available.

Priority rank (see table on next page for details):

1. Ocotillo Road – Union Pacific Railroad Crossing
2. Ocotillo Road – Design of Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop
3. Hawes/Rittenhouse Design – Design to 100% at Federal Standards Hawes Road from Queen Creek Road to Rittenhouse and Rittenhouse unimproved
4. Riggs Road – Ellsworth to Meridian – IGA with MCDOT for ROW and construction
5. Ocotillo @ Heritage Loop Traffic Signal – Design and install traffic signal
6. Ocotillo – 205<sup>th</sup> to Ellsworth Loop Road – Sidewalk
7. Rittenhouse/South Village Loop Road – Right turn lane
8. Ellsworth Road & Germann Road – Drainage improvements
9. Chandler Heights @ Sossaman – intersection improvements
10. 188<sup>th</sup> Street & Via de Palmas & Via de Arboles – Drainage improvements

Most of the budgeted projects have not gone out to bid. An interesting factor is that bids are coming in lower than prior bids due to the economy and contractor needs to work. This of course is a good thing for Queen Creek as the savings could be used for funding the prioritized list.

Note that just because the Town has developer funds, it does not mean we need to build right now if the need is not there. Developer funds are earmarked for specific projects. Funds that are not used right away are place in an interest bearing account.

Troy advised that he estimates that the 1<sup>st</sup> two pages of projects (these were not prioritized), amount to \$17 million. A question was asked in regards to the savings from the estimated amount and the actual bid amounts that are being presented lower due to the economy. Troy said it depends on the trend, however it could be \$200K+.

Motion to approve the set forth project prioritization to the Budget Committee and then Town Council (Pavicevich/Reyes/Unanimous).

Priority	Project	Amount	Details
1	Ocotillo Road – Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Crossing	\$120,000	Developer funds received are specifically for bridges and rail crossings; funding identified in next two years to construct project. UPRR needs to approve the at-grade crossing, which they are no longer approving for principal arterial, however because the Town was already in negotiation with UPRR when they changed their guidelines, the Town would be allowed to have an at-grade crossing at this location. If we wait and not do the work now, then UPRR could require a bridge, which will increase the cost drastically.
2	Ocotillo Road	\$85,000	Design of Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop. Determine final roadway design to allow for traffic signal installation at Heritage Loop. We are reviewing this project to assure it is done to best fit the Town needs. One option is to maybe not have road on Ocotillo by Circle K curve so much. There will be two lanes in each direction, we don't have the funds to construct, however we do have the funds to design. Adjusting the road alignment as described above would not affect access. What TAC discussed in regards to Town Center last year, that won't change. Available grant opportunities for construction. No funds to construct.
3	Hawes & Rittenhouse Design	\$900,000	There is no immediate priority, Hawes Road realignment will be from Queen Creek to Rittenhouse Road.
4	Riggs Road – Ellsworth to Meridian	\$2 million	IGA with MCDOT for ROW and construction - 95% design is done, the environmental needs to be cleared. Engineer's Estimate is \$2 million; may be less depending on bids. We may be able to cost share with MCDOT, if MCDOT matches, the project amount available would be \$4 million. Project is one lane in each direction, at a future date, we anticipate a developer coming in and doing remainder of road improvements.
5	Ocotillo @ Heritage Loop Traffic Signal	\$280,000	Design and install a traffic signal – This intersection meets warrants, mostly developer funded, will have pedestrian crossing.

6	Ocotillo 205 <sup>th</sup> Street to Ellsworth Loop Road	\$75,000	Sidewalk – pedestrian accessibility, complete sidewalk to Ellsworth Loop. This project would require the sidewalk to be moved and the sidewalk to be added, which would make the area pedestrian accessible.
7	Rittenhouse & S. Village Loop Road	\$80,000 (estimated)	Adding right turn lane onto S. Village Loop Road for safety. Mike advised that the cost may be an estimated amount of \$80K as the town may need to obtain right of way, move the street lights, and add curb and sidewalk. He also informed the group that there are developer funds owed that could be used at this location if the location met warrants – however it never met warrants and funds were not collected.
8	Ellsworth & Germann Drainage	\$125,000	Install drainage improvements - The southeast corner has flooding issues, the City of Mesa improved drainage north of the intersection, which helps. The east side of the road floods more than the other side, the water is draining from the farm field. We have done some improvements along Ellsworth Road; however this section needs more done for added safety.
9	Chandler Heights @ Sossaman Intersection	\$350,000	Intersection improvements - We are just going to do design, improving some left turns at the intersection.
10	188 <sup>th</sup> Street & Via de Palmas, Via de Arboles	\$50,000	Install drainage improvements - Safety issue with flooding, when it rains, pedestrians cannot cross the street. The area is pretty flat, improvements would make road a little higher.
11	Villages Traffic Circles	\$75,000	Relocate crosswalks and ramps - This project was brought to the committee a few months back and was discussed at length. The traffic circles need to be modified to have the ramps closer to the crosswalks which will add safety to the pedestrians/drivers.

**Item D: Update on traffic projects**

**Mike Pacelli**

Mike Pacelli, Traffic Engineer, provided an update of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation. Also, that \$1 million federal stimulus funds were received for milling and repaving segments on Rittenhouse and Combs Road. Project is out to bid until April 16, construction is anticipated to start in late May/June.

**Item E: Discussion of upcoming agenda items/schedule next meeting**

The May 6 meeting has been canceled; the next meeting is on Thursday, June 3 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Development Services Building - San Tan Room.

**Announcements:**

None.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Norma Hernandez, April 5, 2010

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: June 3, 2010

  
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Ryan Nichols, TAC Committee Chair