

Meeting Summary

City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)
Ward 2 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)
Houghton Road, Northern Segment: Tanque Verde Road to 22nd Street
Oct. 30, 2012, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Tucson Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

ATTENDEES

Ward 2 CDRC Members

Helen Arnold, Macalester Park, Treasurer of the Eastside Neighborhood Association
Dominique Drentrea, Casas de Santo neighborhood
Paul Gegenheimer, property owner
Frank Salbego, Eastside NA
Tom Stefanek, Mesquite Trails NA

Guests

Bria Obara, resident

City of Tucson, Ward 2 Council Office

Ted Prezelski, Council Administrative Assistant

TDOT and Consultants

Daryl Cole, TDOT Director
M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager
Joe Vaskovic, Parsons Brinckerhoff Project Manager
Melissa Anguiz, Gordley Group, Public Involvement
Jan Gordley, Gordley Group, Public Involvement

MATERIALS

- Agenda
- Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street Intersection fact sheet
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- May 17, 2012, Ward 2 CDRC meeting summary

INTRODUCTIONS

Melissa Anguiz opened the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.

PROJECT UPDATES

M.J. Dillard provided updates on the Houghton Road Corridor.

General Project Updates

- There is congestion at the Houghton Road and Golf Links Road intersection where the new Walmart is going in. Walmart is putting in a temporary median and right turn lane to help in the short term. TDOT is working to prioritize this intersection. The Regional Transportation Authority, TDOT and Pima County all need to contribute money for this project to move forward.
- Rubberized asphalt will be used on the entire corridor, except the intersections, where it has been reported that the rubberized asphalt is raveling, likely due to the turning movements. Regular pavement will be used in the intersections for long term durability. Concrete will be used for bus pullouts.
- Street lighting will likely extend from Irvington Road north.
- TDOT will discuss signalization at the Houghton Road and Tanque Verde Road intersection with Pima County and email the results of that discussion to the CDRC.

Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road

- Construction is beginning on this project on Oct. 31, 2012.
- The groundbreaking ceremony invitation was sent to CDRC members. The groundbreaking will be held on Nov. 15 at 10 a.m.

Houghton Road Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad

Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10

- Federal funding is being utilized for the Houghton Road Bridge over the UPRR and UPRR to I-10 projects. The federal process for environmental and other clearance takes a longer time than locally funded capital improvement projects, and we estimated construction would start in 2015, but it now looks like we can start in 2014.

Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street Intersection

- The next project up for construction is the Broadway Boulevard intersection and Park & Ride lot.
- The RTA has given authorization to extend the project construction area to 22nd Street.
- There will be one contractor for the entire project for economies of scale, as recommended in the RTA Value Analysis. In order to start construction on the intersection and Park & Ride in early 2013, and concurrently complete design and ultimately construct the expansion to 22nd Street with the same effort, TDOT will use a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process. The final design and construction will be completed more quickly than originally anticipated—in about 18 months for the entire stretch. TDOT is in the contractor selection process at this time, and is hoping to have construction begin in spring. Because TDOT is adding a second section, they are not starting at the end of this year like they wanted; however, by using the CMAR

method, the entire project will be done more quickly. TDOT will maintain two lanes of traffic during construction.

- Bus pullouts will be constructed at the Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard intersection.
- TDOT plans to add street lighting between Broadway Boulevard and 22nd Street.
- There will be art along the corridor between Broadway Boulevard and 22nd Street, but not at the intersections, since so much is going on visually. The art rail design will also add an art element and be used to maintain consistency throughout the corridor. The artist, type of art, or location of the art has not been determined.
- There are reports that the Southwest Gas utility relocation on Houghton Road south of Broadway Boulevard left behind ponds and other safety issues; a TDOT inspector has been dispatched to ensure proper clean up. SW Gas is not only relocating utilities but also adding a second, redundant line to ensure service is maintained.
- An open house will be held near the start of construction after the contractor is on board. The open house will include information on construction phasing and detail, and TDOT will keep the CDRC updated.

PARKING LOT

- Retaining wall by five houses
- Bus ridership
- Where bus stops exist

Meeting adjourned