



KINO PARKWAY – 22ND STREET INTERSECTION & WIDENING TO TUCSON BOULEVARD



Kino Parkway – 22nd Street Intersection Improvements Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #10 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6:00-7:30 pm on December 5, 2007 in the Multipurpose Room of the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. In attendance were appointed members Ivo Ortiz, Dirck Schou, Claire Fellows, Brett Dumont, Cynthia Ayala, Wright Thomas, George Kalil, Les Pierce, Jamey Sumner, Sandra Zepeda and Bill Seitz. Absent member was Sylvia Campoy. Staff present included Andy McGovern, and Janice Cuaron (City of Tucson) and consultant team staff Dave Dobler, Claudia Perchinelli, Darlene Showalter, Alejandro Angel, Edie Griffith-Metty, Angela Stith and Freda Johnson.

1. Welcome and Introductions; Confirm Quorum

Ivo Ortiz, CAC Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. He said that a quorum of members was present and turned the meeting over to moderator, Freda Johnson. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Review Ground Rules for Meetings/Meeting Summary

Freda reviewed the ground rules developed at the first CAC meeting. She pointed out to the observers who were present that they would have a chance to speak during the Call to the Audience.

3. Project Schedule – DMJM Harris

Edie Griffith-Metty said that the project schedule is on track and that work on the roadway portion of the project is on track. She said that after this work is completed the project team's attention would turn to the alternatives for intersection improvements.

4. Review and Discuss matrix selection method and the resulting alternative recommendation for 22nd Street Widening to Tucson Boulevard – TDOT/DMJM Harris

With reference to a handout describing Decision Criteria for the 22nd Street Corridor and Bridge, Edie Griffith-Metty said that the compilation of responses from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) shows significant agreement about most of the criteria. She noted that the TAC rated Land Use issues slightly higher than the CAC. She said that after two meetings of the TAC to discuss the three alternatives, another alternative emerged as a compromise. The new Alternative, dubbed 3A, was presented to the CAC and copies of this rendering were

distributed to all present. Claire Fellows asked if the connection of Campbell under 22nd was going to increase the traffic using Warehouse Avenue (she lives on Fremont, just two houses from 18th street, which turns into Warehouse Avenue). Alejandro Angel answered that the primary function of the crossing would be to improve neighborhood circulation by connecting the northeast and southeast corners of the Kino-22nd area. The primary users will be people exiting the post office wanting to head west on 22nd. Since a couple of the project Kino-22nd alternatives (SPUI, Diamond) prevent northbound lefts at Cherry, they would use Campbell to 21st Street and then to Cherry to make a southbound right turn and head west on 22nd Street. Les Pierce mentioned that she wasn't sure she liked the idea of having the bike lane between two travel lanes with a lot of weaving on 22nd Street between the bridge and Tucson blvd (the trap lane). She also said that she couldn't think of a better solution. Alejandro Angel explained that this was our initial look at the issue, but that the team will evaluate several things, including a pedestrian signal across the right turn ramp from Aviation Parkway that could also serve bikes and put them on a separate bike path, closing the right turn from Aviation and moving it to Country Club (once the interchange is built on top of the 22nd bridge), adding rumble strips for driver awareness, speed tables, or just making the people coming from Aviation Parkway stop at 22nd Street instead of providing a dedicated lane. Other aspects discussed about Alternative 3A included clarification about the one-way off ramp at 22nd Street and the cul-de-sac at Wilson Avenue to accommodate a request from Parkway Terrace residents.

Sandy Zepeda asked if there would be overlap with the Kino overpass. Andy McGovern said that, at this point, it was not known. Sandy said that she is concerned about widening to Cherry since it would seem to create a bottleneck. Claire Fellows asked if 21st Street would connect with Kino. Andy McGovern said that an underpass is possible there since the CAC had asked for this in the past.

Sandy Zepeda moved to approve Alternative 3A as being an acceptable approach for the roadway portion of the project. Jamey Summers seconded the motion. After discussion and expression of opinion by several members of the CAC to defer this action, the motion and second were withdrawn. People said that they needed more time to absorb all the information. Andy McGovern clarified that formal action by the committee would be sought at the point that the remainder of the project (the intersection at Kino and 22nd Street) was concluded with a staff recommendation. Specifically, Andy said that the document to be approved by the CAC to be forwarded to Mayor and Council was the Environmental Design and Mitigation Report (EDMR). That document would be subject to a public open house and would include both the roadway and intersection recommendations. Andy said that it would be valuable for the CAC to review the Technical Advisory Committee's meeting minutes so he asked that Angela send those summaries to the CAC.

Next steps in the project would be to address the intersection alternatives with the TAC in January 2008. This would be followed by a matrix evaluation of design criteria. A likely time for the next CAC meeting would be in late January or early February 2008. In response to a suggestion from Andy, Alejandro said that the TAC responded to the

modeling of traffic on the intersection alternatives with concerns about treatments of pedestrians and impacts on neighborhood circulation.

Janice Cuaron said that the modeling of traffic information would be presented to the CAC in January or February. She noted that the compromise (Alternative 3A) for the roadway portion was unanimously supported by the TAC.

Ivo Ortiz asked if the bridge on 22nd Street would go all the way to Cherry. Andy McGovern responded that there are new design standards to be considered. Claudia Perchinelli said that she had met with Union Pacific Railroad people and learned that the northern alignment works best for them because it affects less of their property.

Claire Fellows asked if business buildings would be demolished. Andy McGovern said that the University of Arizona auction warehouse would be affected on the east side and Other properties may also be affected. Claire also asked about access to Warren from 22nd Street. Andy said that vertical work might affect this. Jamey Summers commented that it is good news that there is a tentative agreement with the UPRR for the alignment.

5. Discuss future meeting dates

As discussed earlier in the meeting, the next meeting of the CAC would be January or February 2008.

6. Call to the Audience

Freda Johnson clarified that anyone may address the Committee but response from members was not appropriate in order to respect the provision of the Open Meeting law.

Alicia Heiserer said that there is a subcommittee of the Barraza Aviation Committee to address bicycle circulation on Aviation Highway.

Marcos Rodriguez, Parkway Terrace resident, asked when there would be answers as to property affected on the north side. He said he was greatly concerned about the process in that replies would not be given to questions raised. [Janice Cuaron clarified that one-on-one meetings have been conducted with property owners along 22nd Street.] Mr. Rodriguez also said that it is disturbing that there are no people of color on the CAC.

A questioner asked if properties on 22nd Street would be purchased and, if so, when. He said that the lane in front of homes will be removed, taking away good access on to 22nd Street.

Another person asked about The Option that seems to show his property not being affected too much. [Staff responded that more information will be available once the new alternative is laid out.]

Earl O'Neill expressed interest in knowing more about traffic operations during construction and what kind of impacts could be expected on Barraza Aviation Highway during construction of the new 22nd Street bridge. He said he wanted to know where the new bridge would be and how far north it is from the existing bridge. [Staff responded that the new bridge is shown in red on the drawing. The north half will be built first and traffic will be re-routed off the existing bridge onto the new bridge. The northern limits will be 62 feet north of the existing bridge plus a few feet more for a work area between the new and existing bridge.]

A US Postal service employee expressed concern about the situation of traffic eastbound on 22nd Street because a bike lane appears between two merging car lanes. She also asked about noise abatement measures to be taken on 22nd Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.