



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



Kino Parkway – 22nd Street Intersection Improvements Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #13 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 in the Multipurpose Room of the Quincie Douglas Library. In attendance were appointed members Bill Seitz, Brett Dumont, Ivo Ortiz, Les Pierce, Claire Fellows, Sandra Zepeda, George Kalil, Jamey Sumner, Cindy Ayala, Sylvia Campoy and Wright Thomas. Staff present included Janice Cuaron, Edie Griffith-Metty, Alejandro Angel, Dave Dobler, Darlene Showalter, Claudia Perchinelli, Jay Van Echo, Nanette Pageau, Priscilla Fernandez and Freda Johnson.

1. Welcome and introductions; confirm quorum

CAC Chair Ivo Ortiz opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He turned the meeting over to moderator Freda Johnson.

2. Review ground rules for meetings/meeting summary/agenda item order

Freda reviewed the ground rules that were developed at the first meeting of the CAC. Comments were invited from CAC members about the summary of the previous meeting held February 27, 2008. Without objection, the summary was accepted as distributed.

3. First call to the audience

Freda announced that this meeting would have two “Call to the Audience” sessions, one at the beginning and another at the end of the meeting. She explained to everyone that per public meeting laws, this is when the observers would have a chance to speak but the CAC is not allowed to respond. No one addressed the CAC at this time.

4. Project schedule – DMJM Harris

Edie Griffith-Metty distributed copies of the project schedule, which runs till September 2008. She said that things are on track. Edie mentioned that the Draft Report for the 22nd Street Alignment has been completed and that comments from CAC members will be sought.

Edie also mentioned that she would have Priscilla Fernandez mail them the Alternative Alignment Report for 22nd Street between Kino Parkway and Tucson Boulevard.

5. Continue review and discussion of Kino/22nd Street intersection alternatives and ultimate endorsement of preferred alternative – TDOT/DMJM Harris

Jay Van Echo presented an overview of the three alternatives: the Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI), the Tight Diamond and the Partial Cloverleaf. Jay said that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends the SPUI.

Wright Thomas asked about access to eastbound 22nd Street. He said that the property he owns at Highland Avenue and 22nd Street is locked in at Curtis Avenue. Wright also

commented that at Santa Rita Avenue, where there is a proposed median opening under the SPUI configuration, it would not be possible for the 40 ft. trucks from Kalil to make the turn. It was decided by the committee to move into the presentation since access was addressed in the presentation. Alejandro led the presentation on access options for each of the quadrants. He acknowledged the concerns from people about going east or west on 22nd Street from each quadrant of the intersection. For the southeast quadrant under the SPUI alternative, Alejandro reported on a connection at 23rd Street from Cherry Avenue to Campbell Avenue and that there is a median opening at Santa Rita Avenue. Jay was explaining the options to get out of the northwest quadrant and go east on 22nd Street.

As an introduction to the presentation Alejandro explained that the team had looked at each quadrant and, using the notes from the last eight months, tried to address specific issues related to each quadrant. These included specific items like connecting 23rd Street from Cherry Avenue to Campbell Avenue and providing a median opening at Santa Rita Avenue, and general items such as access and circulation for bikes, pedestrians, Sun Tran, drainage and local circulation.

Alejandro started the presentation with the southeast quadrant and explained how traffic would move in and out of the quadrant in all directions. Southeast quadrant discussion:

- Ivo Ortiz expressed concern about the left turn from 22nd Street to Cherry Avenue
- Sylvia Campoy asked about how this alternative will impact emergency response time.
- Claire Fellows inquired about the street just east of Kino Parkway (Cherry Avenue) and if this was a “T” intersection at Cherrybell Stravenue. Jay said that he would look into this.

For the northeast quadrant, he described a route that would take drivers to a point where they could go east on 22nd Street. To access this quadrant, he said that drivers could make a right turn at Cherry Avenue.

There were no comments on the presentation for the northeast quadrant.

Discussion took place about the northwest quadrant. Alejandro responded to Wright’s concern saying that a driver could go over to Park Avenue, down to 22nd Street, then east. Inbound, a driver could take Santa Rita Avenue or Park Avenue. Wright asked if it was possible for 40 foot-long trailers to make turns and Alejandro said that with the proposed three traffic lanes it would be possible for the smaller delivery trucks to make the turn. George Kalil responded by saying that some trailers are 53 ft. and that this turning movement needs to be analyzed more closely. He said that there are others in the area to consider as well. He requested a separate meeting for his neighborhood (Millville) so that all people (residential, industrial) could hear the presentation. Brett Dumont commented that it is untenable to go south on Park Avenue in this quadrant because it is very dangerous at peak hours. In addition, he said that this would funnel traffic through residential areas. He advocated that a light be placed at Santa Rita Avenue and that the whole situation is addressed well in the other alternatives.

Sandra Zepeda said that public education would be needed for complicated routes. She added that there is a tremendous problem with congestion at the Bottle Shop since there is a drive-through and traffic backs up. Jamey Sumner asked that there be designated truck routes in the area as Tucson Unified School District does for its school buses. Claire Fellows asked if Santa Rita Avenue was the only opening onto 22nd Street between Kino Parkway and Park Avenue. Response was yes. Claire asked if a stoplight could be placed at Park Avenue. Alejandro said that this could be looked at. Wright Thomas said that, in general, relief is needed for people in the northwest quadrant to go east on 22nd Street. Discussion took place about the need to reduce curb cuts. Jamey said that the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee would recommend reducing them. Wright Thomas pointed out that without curb cuts on 22nd Street he would not be able to access his property between Curtis Avenue and Highland Avenue. Staff responded that they would sit down to talk about these problems with Wright.

Alejandro continued by describing conditions in the southwest quadrant. He said there would be a right-turn only on Highland Avenue going east. From the east, a driver would go to Park Avenue and then south. George Kalil commented that none of these work for his area, which is 75% industrial and that he has 300 trucks and 350 employees. Jamey said that he supports the SPUI.

Eddie Griffith-Metty supplemented the circulation information with work being done by others to help evaluate the alternatives. She said that SunTran is checking its routes at the Kino/22nd Street intersection. She said that this includes routes #2 and #7. Bus stops would be on the far side of 22nd Street in both directions. A question was asked about widening Silverlake Road to the east. Alejandro said that there is not enough traffic though it may be appropriate to have a new turn lane. Bill Seitz commented that there is a swath of 75 ft. for right-of-way along Silverlake Road.

Eddie continued by describing how pedestrian and bicycles would circulate through the intersection. She said that for north-south travel, there would be a separate path under 22nd Street with a connection to the Barraza-Aviation Highway. She said that further work would be done for pedestrians in all four quadrants. George asked if a tunnel would be safe. Eddie said yes, and that sight lines through the tunnels would be maintained and that there would be no side features to harbor miscreants.

Claire Fellows asked about drainage, especially in the northwest quadrant. She said that nothing should be done to aggravate the situation. Dave Dobler asked Alejandro if there is any preclusion of stoplights. Alejandro said that at Warren Avenue it would not be possible because of the grade differential, and that at underpasses at 21st Street it would be redundant.

Jamey said that he misspoke in reference to the FDA, which was meant to be FTA (Federal Transit Administration). George said that he misstated the number of trucks at his facility. He said that there are less than 100 trucks, not over 300 trucks, as he had previously stated at the beginning of the meeting.

Sylvia asked that a report be made back to the CAC about the results of the Millville Neighborhood meeting. George and Brett spoke about the importance of finding solutions that work in the northwest quadrant.

6. Discuss future meeting dates

Freda suggested that the next meeting would be scheduled to take place after the Millville meeting, which would be scheduled soon by the neighborhood association.

7. Call to the Audience

Al Garcia asked if it is possible to create new streets or for the City to buy property. He said he thought the Bottle Shop property might be available. Elaine Ward asked if it is possible to open 23rd Street, which runs one block at the post office and then stops--could it be opened to Cherry Avenue? She also inquired about Fairlane Stravenue and Warren Avenue and whether streets would go to Palo Verde Overpass. Earl O'Neil asked if there would be difficulty putting the roadway under 22nd Street near the Barraza-Aviation Highway.

8. Adjournment

Ivo Ortiz announced that the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.