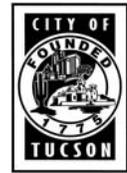




KINO PARKWAY – 22ND STREET INTERSECTION & WIDENING TO TUCSON BOULEVARD



July 25, 2007

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #8 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6:30-7:50 pm on July 25, 2007 in the Multipurpose Room of the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. In attendance were appointed members George Kalil, Dirck Schou, Claire Fellows, Les Pierce, Jamey Sumner, Bill Seitz, Wright Thomas, and Ivo Ortiz. Staff present included Andy McGovern and Bob Peterson (City of Tucson) and consultant team staff Barbara Grygutis, Dave Dobler, Edie Griffith-Metty, Nanette Pageau, Claudia Perchinelli, Darlene Showalter, and Jay Van Echo. Also present were observers Al Garcia, Jeanette Seitz, Brad Brown, Marcos Rodriguez, Guillermo Fass, Ofelia Arvizu, Sylvia Campoy, and CeCe Lizardi.

1. Welcome and Introductions; Confirm Quorum

Ivo Ortiz, CAC Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. He turned the meeting over to moderator, Nanette Pageau, who said that a quorum was present. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Review Ground Rules for Meetings/Meeting Summary

Nanette reviewed the ground rules developed at the first CAC meeting.

With reference to the June 21, 2007 Meeting Summary, Dirck Schou indicated that he had not made the comment about the new pedestrian walkway.

3. Project Schedule – DMJM Harris

Edie Griffith-Metty distributed handouts showing the draft project schedule from May 2007 to May 2008. No updates to the schedule at this time.

4. Report on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting on 7/12/07 – Andy McGovern/TDOT

Andy McGovern reported that the TAC had met on July 12, 2007 with representation primarily from the University of Arizona and the U.S. Post Office. The TAC reviewed the three roadway alternative alignments for 22nd Street, from Kino Parkway to Tucson Blvd. The post office representatives provided insight into their access issues and long-term planning for the site and how construction might affect them.

The TAC also assisted the project team with developing criteria to evaluate the roadway and interchange design alternatives and that criteria will be shared shortly with the CAC. Andy

McGovern noted that structural engineer and team member, Claudia Perchinelli, reviewed the structural reports for the 22nd Street Overpass and has determined that the existing Overpass bridge could be left in place while the new bridge is constructed – essentially building the Overpass one-half at a time with traffic traveling on the remaining half of the Overpass. Andy McGovern indicated that this option for reconstruction of the Overpass would reduce traffic to one lane in each direction for approximately two years.

George Kalil asked about the restrictions on heavy loading placed by the City on the 22nd Street Overpass and how that affects this method of construction. Andy McGovern indicated that the remaining traffic on the Overpass could be accommodated on one-half of the existing Overpass during the construction process.

Discussion about the constructability of the 22nd Street Overpass continued among members of the CAC with suggestions from both George Kalil and Ivo Ortiz that the City consider construction occurring faster than the traditional methods or perhaps demolishing the Overpass completely and reconstructing it in place. Les Pierce and other members of the CAC responded with their concern for the lack of parallel roadways to carry the traffic and intrusion into neighborhoods along the 22nd Street corridor.

Andy McGovern indicated that the City will be looking at Pima County's experience with the Veterans Memorial Overpass reconstruction as a lessons learned opportunity. City management will be making the ultimate decision on the method of construction of the 22nd Street Overpass taking into account all the issues – cost of construction, construction time, impacts to traffic and the surrounding area, etc.

5. Present draft Criteria for 22nd Street, from Kino Parkway to Tucson Boulevard – Andy McGovern/TDOT

Andy McGovern reviewed the draft criteria and sub-criteria with the CAC and explained that the three roadway alignment alternatives will be evaluated against these criteria. The TAC has provided some input and now the CAC is being asked to review and provide input. Once this is complete, then a similar effort, utilizing the same criteria, will be undertaken for the interchange alternatives.

Land use planners are part of the design team and will be looking at remnant parcels and what would be the most viable use for that property.

Andy reported that the team would be contacting property owners who front on 22nd Street, east of Cherry Avenue, to meet with them about the proposed alignments and obtain feedback from them.

In response to the criteria of traffic operations, Ivo Ortiz commented that regardless of how the construction occurs, the public will need to be educated on alternate routes. Andy McGovern indicated that the City had learned from the current I-10 construction how much impact was on City residents and businesses.

The CAC then began commenting and providing input into the draft criteria:

- Dirck Schou suggested the addition of “Residential Traffic Circulation”.
- An audience member suggested looking at nighttime work during construction.
- Les Pierce indicated that a priority for her was clearly delineated bike lanes during construction.
- Dirck Schou suggested we think about whether we want to approach this from the short-term view or long-term view, e.g. decisions made based on simply the construction or the ultimate result.
- Dirck Schou indicated that his priorities were construction cost and land use.
- Claire Fellows stated that traffic operations after the project is completed are a priority.
- Ivo Ortiz repeated his interest in the constructability of the Overpass and how it impacts cost and construction duration.

Jamey Sumner suggested that if the overpass is completely demolished, that it, in effect, changes the overall alignment and character of 22nd Street and possibly the connection with the Kino intersection.

Claire Fellows asked for confirmation that no Federal funds were in this project. Andy McGovern indicated that there are no Federal funds in this portion of the project. Federal “earmarks” were received for several railroad underpasses. However, the amount was limited to \$5 M and it is not anticipated that Federal money would be applied to 22nd Street. However, on the subject of funding, Andy added that this 22nd Overpass will cost a tremendous amount of money to reconstruct. There is money in the RTA budget for this project and some funds will be received from Pima County Bond monies, but depending upon the cost, there may be a time when it becomes necessary to seek out Federal funds to complete the bridge.

Barbara Grygutis suggested that the criteria for art be changed to integrated art since that has always been the goal of the project. Mitigation should also be added to the land use and/or environmental category.

Claire Fellows suggested that we keep in mind, as we finalize the criteria, that the roadway portion is replacing an existing facility, whereas the intersection is a new facility.

Jamey Sumner clarified that there are technically two interchanges in this project - the 22nd Street Overpass as well as the bridge over the Barraza-Aviation Parkway.

The team will now update the criteria matrix and send it out to the CAC for review and prioritization. The CAC will probably meet again in September or October.

6. Present Draft Advanced Planning Report (APR) – DMJM Harris

Eddie Griffith-Metty reported that due to reproduction schedules she was not able to distribute the “draft” Advanced Planning Report (APR). It will need to be mailed out to the CAC for review. Eddie reminded the CAC of the APR that was developed for the interchange portion of

the project and indicated that this was very similar except that the three roadway alignments were presented for the portion of 22nd Street, from Kino Parkway to Tucson Blvd.

Andy McGovern reported that the APR is required by the City's Roadway Development Policies and that those policies require approval by the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). Official approval is not required by the CAC.

7. Discuss request to memorialize former CAC member Louis Padilla – Jamey Sumner

It was decided that the project team would look for opportunities to remember Louis Padilla somewhere on the project, perhaps with a plaque or some other remembrance. Ivo Ortiz added the possibility of recognizing all the CAC members who have been involved with the project and perhaps the “families” from the surrounding neighborhoods. The project team will make suggestions for the CAC to review.

8. Discuss future meeting dates

The criteria/matrix will be revised and mailed to the CAC for their review and prioritization. A follow-up CAC meeting will be scheduled to discuss this probably in September or October.

9. Call to the Audience

Al Garcia expressed concern about the planning and design of the project taking longer and potentially losing the funding for the project. Andy McGovern responded that the funding is tied to the project and would not be eliminated.

CeCe Lizardi, a property owner along 22nd Street, inquired as to when this project appears in the RTA. Andy McGovern responded that it falls into the 2nd period that is 2012-2016. She also asked about whether decisions have been made on the bridge and roadway designs. Andy indicated that is the process we are in right now and that meetings were being scheduled soon with the property owners along 22nd Street, between Cherry Blvd. and Tucson Blvd. Mrs. Lizardi expressed concern about the need to work with Union Pacific Railroad, the increasing traffic and the need to move the process along.

Marcos Rodriguez, representing Parkway Terrace Neighborhood Association, was concerned about impacts to businesses and the neighborhood, traffic noise and speeding on 22nd Street, and impacts to the neighborhood from the homeless population. Interested in the noise walls that have been constructed on other transportation projects. Mr. Rodriguez invited the project team to attend an upcoming neighborhood association meeting to provide a project overview.

Sylvia Campoy, representing the Tucson Urban League as a future CAC member, recommended adding “equity” or “comparability” to the criteria matrix.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.