

Meeting Summary

City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)

Feb. 16, 2011, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive

ATTENDEES

Ward 4 CDRC Members

Rick Hanson, Civano Neighborhood Association (NA)

Rudy Lopez, Rita Ranch NA

Keith Miller, Mesquite Ranch NA

Ken Moyes, Rita Ranch NA

Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA

Guests

Mike Jenkins

Davita Mueller

Pima County

Supervisor Ray Carroll, Pima County, District 4

City of Tucson

Max Torres, Ward 4 Representative

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

Riley Rasmussen

TDOT Staff and Consultants

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager

Alejandro Angel, Psomas Project Manager

Melissa Anguiz, Gordley Design Group, Public Involvement

Jan Gordley, Gordley Design Group, Public Involvement

Alice Templeton, Gordley Design, Public Involvement

MATERIALS

- Agenda
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form

INTRODUCTIONS

- Alice Templeton opened the meeting expressing appreciation to the CDRC members, dignitaries and guests for attending the meeting.
- M.J. Dillard welcomed and introduced attending dignitaries, Supervisor Ray Carroll, Pima County, District 4, and Max Torres, Administrative Assistant, Ward 4.

- Alice reviewed ground rules for CDRC meetings and outlined the importance of showing respect and consideration for each other, as well as providing time to each attendee to ask questions and be heard.

RTA Update

- With projected revenue shortages in sales tax, Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF – auto gas taxes) and development impact fees, jurisdictions involved in the RTA are concerned that projects may be delayed or tabled until the economic outlook is more favorable.
- Jurisdictions are awaiting future projections from the State for the HURF revenues.
- There are ongoing discussions between the RTA, the City of Tucson and Pima County about what opportunities might exist to meet the funding requirements of the Houghton Road Corridor. These include discussing opportunities to replace the estimated shortfalls due to the economy.
- It is the hope of all jurisdictions involved that the Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road and the Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard Intersection projects will not be affected by the funding shortage.
- All jurisdictions feel optimistic that the schedules and funding difficulties will be resolved as the economy improves.
- The jurisdictions are reassessing some of the plans and schedules to allow projects to move forward.
- In the near future, the RTA will be conducting a Value Analysis exercise to evaluate budget reduction opportunities as the Corridor moves forward.

PROJECT UPDATES

Houghton Road Corridor General Update

- The RTA will be conducting a Value Analysis on the Houghton Road Corridor to ensure the Corridor design is progressing in a cost effective manner and to look for additional ways to save money. This process will include ensuring that the Corridor is meeting the RTA’s percentages for things like landscaping (4 percent), art (1 percent of construction funding), etc.

Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road

- The project design is 100 percent complete, and after the completion of the Value Analysis for the Corridor, the City will be asking the RTA to authorize the construction funding for this project. Pima County is indicating that it can provide \$7.5 million for this project; the City has their funding, and the RTA indicates that they are committed to providing its portion.
- The current goal is to have construction on this project starting in July 2011.
- Pima County Parks is now reconsidering the Greenway. Their current goal is to refocus the dual path Greenway, from Tanque Verde Road to Interstate 10, to a smaller area called the “Urban Loop,” located between the Pantano Wash and the Union Pacific Railroad. They also have discussed the possibility of moving it from

Houghton Road to Harrison Road. It is uncertain if the Greenway will be constructed with the Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road project.

Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard Intersection

- This project is nearing 90 percent design completion.
- This project will be funded by the City of Tucson and the RTA (no Pima County funding).
- It is still the City's goal to have this project move to construction some time this year (2011).

Houghton Road and UPRR Bridge

- The project design is 30 percent complete and with the UPRR for approval

Pima County Memorandum

- Supervisor Ray Carroll read memorandums (attached) from Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator, to Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Pima County Department of Transportation, and Gary Hayes, Executive Director, RTA and Pima Association of Governments, regarding the allocation of funding from Pima County for the Houghton Road Corridor.

PARKING LOT TRANSCRIPTION

- Greenway location and funding
- Intersection of Rita/Houghton on east side of greenway (drainage ditch)
- Landscaping items: Valencia to I-10
- Schedule of light pole replacement/sidewalks – Old Vail
- Southern segment plans
- Implementation plan schedule
- Walking path too close to street
- Timeline for walls at Rita Ranch
- Union Pacific Railroad updates
- Walking/biking north of Pantano
- Homeowners' brick wall between Rita Road and Old Vail
- Art to be discussed at next Ward 4 CDRC meeting

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.