

**Meeting Summary**  
City of Tucson  
Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)  
August 28, 2007  
Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive

**ATTENDEES:**

**Ward 4 CDRC Members**

Max Torres, Aide to Vice Mayor Shirley Scott  
Shirley Bila, South Harrison Neighborhood Association (NA)  
Bob Small, Civano NA  
Randy Pierce, Mesquite Ranch NA  
Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA  
Ken Moyes, Rita Ranch NA  
Mike Tone, Rita Ranch NA  
Rudy Lopez, Rita Ranch NA

**Residents**

Anne Lopez, Rita Ranch resident

**Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) Staff and Consultants**

Jim Glock, TDOT Director  
Craig Saltzman, TDOT Project Manager, Southern Segment (Valencia Road to Interstate 10)  
John Litterer, Castro Engineering Corp. Project Manager, Southern Segment  
M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager, Central (22nd Street to Valencia Road) and Northern (Speedway Boulevard to 22nd Street) Segments  
Alejandro Angel, Psomas Project Manager, Central Segment  
Melanie Rice, Psomas Assistant Project Manager, Central Segment  
Jan Gordley, Gordley Design Group (GDG), President  
Arizeder Urreiztieta, GDG Public Relations, Director

**HANDOUTS PROVIDED**

Southern Segment:

- Six-lane cross section with roadway plan and profile, signalized intersection details and drainage improvements
- Landscape concept sheets
- Public comments from the June 20, 2007, open house

Central Segment:

- Roadway plan and profile
- Public comments from the June 6 and 13, 2007, open houses

## **INFORMATION**

### ***Meetings***

The next Ward 4 CDRC meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on September 26, 2007, and will be dedicated to discussion on access management.

There are several upcoming open houses waiting to be scheduled to continue to provide project information and gather feedback from the public. The plans and exhibits presented to the CDRC will be the same ones utilized at those open houses.

Central Segment: November 2007

Southern Segment: November 2007

Information on these open houses will be disseminated by a variety of methods including postcards, paid newspaper ads and the project Web site: [www.houghtonroad.info](http://www.houghtonroad.info).

### ***Project Information and Discussion***

*Design Progress:* Design work continues to progress for the widening of Houghton Road between Speedway Boulevard and I-10. In response to a number of public requests, TDOT made the decision in July 2007 to widen the roadway to six lanes, bypassing the option to increase the roadway to only four lanes in the interim. The Northern Segment, which lies within Ward 2 and for which the consultant is PB, scheduled its first open house for September 13, 2007.

*Union Pacific Railroad Bridge:* TDOT is investigating the availability of additional federal funding for the bridge as a result of the sufficiency rating.

*Access Information:* Further details on access (driveway locations, median openings, possible frontage roads, pedestrian crossings, etc.) will be discussed at the next Ward 4 CDRC meeting. Preliminary locations for the frontage roads have been identified on the Southern Segment. Access and location of the Park & Ride area will be evaluated during the final design.

*Dual Path System:* As was emphasized at the May meeting, the dual path system was included on the east side of the road during the State's Houghton Road Corridor Study. The dual path system is Pima County's current standard, with both a paved and decomposed granite path adjacent to each other and on the same side of the road. This path was also planned by Pima County for the east side to link to other paths and trails. The Southern Segment has been revised to show a pedestrian facility on the west side of Houghton Road. At a future CDRC meeting, additional information and expertise will be provided on the regional trails system and how the Houghton Road area fits into that plan. The City will revisit this issue, but it is unlikely there would be enough space to

build such a system on both sides of the road. The project will also investigate extending the reclaimed water lines for landscape irrigation.

*Secrist Middle School:* The City will meet in the next few days with Tucson Unified School District and Secrist Middle School officials to evaluate overall traffic issues at Secrist Middle School, and to work on solutions to allow traffic to flow better through the area, and to prevent traffic from winding through the adjacent neighborhoods instead of using Houghton Road.

*Right of Way/Alignment:* The agenda for the October meeting of the CDRC will center on alignment.

*Noise Abatement:* TDOT discussed concerns that noise walls could generate aesthetic issues and safety concerns, and may not be effective abatement measure for the road geometry. TDOT will use rubberized asphalt pavement as primary noise abatement.

*Construction Phasing:* Public comments will continue to help shape prioritization of project construction. Thirty-percent plans and construction sequencing are the goal by year's end. Under this plan, construction in some specific areas would then begin by the end of 2008.

*Interaction with CDRC:* The schedule of public meetings as well as construction sequencing both incorporate interactions with the CDRC.

*Public Comments:* Comments from the three June open houses will be posted online. No edits will be made to the comments other than removing personal identifier information. The prevailing theme in comments so far is the request for widening to six lanes now instead of later.