

## **Meeting Summary**

City of Tucson Department of Transportation  
Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)  
May 27, 2009, 6–7:30 p.m.  
Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **Ward 4 CDRC Members**

Shirley Bila, South Harrison Neighborhood Association (NA)  
Rudy Lopez, Rita Ranch NA  
Ken Moyes, Rita Ranch NA  
Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA  
Mike Tone, Rita Ranch NA  
Bob Small, Civano Neighbors NA  
Scott Lantz, Civano Neighbors NA  
Rick Hanson, Civano Neighbors NA  
Moon Joe Yee, Old Spanish Trail NA (formerly Harrison East South NA)

#### **Guest**

Sally Krommes, Public Art & Events Coordinator, Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC)

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

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager, Northern (Tanque Verde Road to 22nd Street),  
Central (22nd Street to Valencia Road) and Southern (Valencia Road to Interstate  
10) segments  
Alejandro Angel, Psomas Project Manager, Central Segment  
Craig Allison, Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc. (EEC) Project  
Manager, Old Vail Road/Mary Ann Cleveland Way intersection  
Melissa Benton, Gordley Design Group, Public Involvement  
Jan Gordley, Gordley Design Group, Public Involvement  
Arizerder Urreiztieta, Gordley Design Group, Public Involvement

### **MATERIALS:**

- Agenda
- Public comments from Feb. 24, 2009 open house
- Invitation postcard for June 4, 2009 groundbreaking at Old Vail Road-Mary Ann Cleveland Way
- Jan. 22, 2009, CDRC Meeting Summary
- Old Vail Road intersection fact sheet
- Old Vail Road intersection construction-related contact information sheet

## **INFORMATION PRESENTED:**

### **Project Updates, Northern Segment**

#### **Tanque Verde Road to Fifth Street, Conceptual Design**

- 30-percent plans have been completed for Houghton Road between Tanque Verde Road and Fifth Street.

#### **Broadway Boulevard/Houghton Road Intersection, Final Design**

- Notice to proceed has been issued for the final design of the Broadway Boulevard/Houghton Road intersection, which occupies the No. 3 slot (with construction anticipated to begin in 2011) in the Houghton Road Corridor Implementation Plan 2009-2019.

### **Project Updates, Central Segment**

#### **Irvington Road to Valencia Road, Final Design**

- Irvington Road to Valencia Road subsegment final design is under way.
- 75-percent plans are expected to be complete by the end of July 2009.
- Tentative plans call for an open house in late August or September 2009.

#### **Valencia Road/Houghton Road Intersection, Final Design**

- Valencia Road intersection, originally part of the Southern Segment and later tentatively included in the Irvington Road/Valencia Road project, will now be put out for separate bids by the City of Tucson, but delays are not anticipated.
- City of Tucson expects to identify a consultant for the design of the intersection by September 2009.

The committee voiced their desire to see that information from the Jan. 30, 2008,\* Valencia Road intersection site visit be included in future planning and discussions regarding that intersection. M.J. Dillard assured the CDRC that this would be the case, and a copy of the summary from the field meeting was given to the Rita Ranch representatives. After an engineering firm is designated for this intersection, TDOT and the selected consultant will meet with the CDRC to address needs and concerns.

### **Project Updates, Southern Segment**

#### **Old Vail Road/Mary Ann Cleveland Way Intersection, Construction**

- Construction of the Old Vail Road/Mary Ann Cleveland Way intersection will proceed despite lagging plans for development that had been expected along the west leg; current plans call for extending the project 600 feet along the west leg.
- All CDRC members are invited to June 4 groundbreaking event.
- Construction will start mid-June; currently the City is resolving and finalizing utilities issues.

- Left turns at the intersection will be lagging left turns in accordance with recommendations by traffic consultant Kittelson and Associates, Inc. Provisions are being made for left turns from each direction.

### **Old Vail Road/Mary Ann Cleveland Way Construction Q&A**

- Why an eight-month construction schedule? TDOT anticipates an accelerated time frame of seven to eight months. Contractor must coordinate utilities and drainage having to come in at different times.
- Why will a 25 mph construction speed limit be necessary? Speed limit may vary according to the type of work being done. Efforts will be made to maintain a higher speed limit if safety considerations allow.
- Vail School District will be closed only a few weeks this summer. Construction impacts will be kept to a minimum. District officials attended the Feb. 24, 2009 open house and were consulted.
- Arizeder Urreiztieta attended Rita Ranch Neighborhood Association Family Fun Day and spoke with attendees about the upcoming improvements. Responses were unanimously supportive of the construction plans specifically, and of Houghton Road Corridor improvements in general.

### **Comments from Feb. 24 Open House**

No discussion took place regarding the comments, but it was noted that they were predominantly of a positive nature.

### **Public Art**

Sally Krommes, Public Art & Events Coordinator, TPAC, gave a PowerPoint presentation showing public art in Tucson and other municipalities. The TPAC Web site, [www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org](http://www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org), shows about 70 public art projects with information on location and artist, background on TPAC, and the public art process.

- The selection of an art planner is proposed. The role of the art planner would be to develop and introduce overview and concepts, which are then interpreted and developed locally along corridor neighborhoods. The CDRC had no questions about this process.
- Calls to artists will go out for work on individual sites along the corridor.
- A committee of at least seven – typically comprised of five community members that include artists and neighbors, the planner and a project engineer – will review art concepts and artists' applications. A member of TPAC serves as facilitator.
- Art planner will work with the artists selected to oversee and maintain the vision and art concepts.
- Efforts will be made to tie in landscaping with art, but landscaping costs will not come out of art funds.
- Planner's fee will come out of the art budget, which is equal to 1 percent of the total project cost.

## **Schedule**

The next likely CDRC meeting date will be late July 2009, with a two-hour meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sequentially, the next open house should be for the Irvington Road to Valencia Road subsegment, and that may take place in late August.

- Differing expectations for CDRC meeting frequency discussed.
- Monthly e-mail updates for the committee proposed and discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

\* This corrects the date given in the Jan. 22, 2009, meeting summary.