

## **Meeting Summary**

City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)  
**Ward 2 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)**  
Houghton Road, Northern Segment: Tanque Verde Road to 22nd Street  
Feb. 28, 2013, 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
Tucson Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

### **ATTENDEES**

#### **Ward 2 CDRC Members**

Dominique Drentrea, Casas de Santo neighborhood  
Paul Gegenheimer, property owner  
Frank Salbego, Eastside Neighborhood Association (NA)

#### **Guests**

Davita Mueller, Sun Tran Planning Analyst  
Joyce Joosten, Old Spanish Trail NA

#### **City of Tucson, Ward 2 Council Office**

Paul Cunningham, Council Member  
CJ Fitzgibbon, Office Assistant

#### **Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)**

Priscilla Fernandez, RTA MainStreet Business Assistance

#### **TDOT and Consultants**

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager  
Melissa Anguiz, Gordley Group, Public Involvement  
Jan Gordley, Gordley Group, Public Involvement

### **MATERIALS**

- Agenda
- Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street Intersection fact sheet
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- Oct. 30, 2012, Ward 2 CDRC meeting summary

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Melissa Anguiz opened the meeting and announced the Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street open house scheduled for March 21, encouraging all to attend. She then asked all present to introduce themselves.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

M.J. Dillard provided updates on the Houghton Road Corridor.

### General Project Updates

- The RTA has put the remainder of the future Houghton Road Corridor projects on hold until 2016 or later due to the economic downturn. (This excludes the projects from the Bridge over the Railroad to I-10.)
- There is development going in at the Houghton Road and Golf Links Road intersection, including the new Walmart. As part of Walmart's development agreement they are adding a temporary median and a right-turn lane. TDOT is working on acquiring right of way for a right-turn lane. This should help with access control. TDOT is working on accelerating improvements at this intersection. The RTA, TDOT and Pima County all need to contribute funds for this project to move forward.

### Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road

- Construction started on this project in October 2012.
- The project duration is anticipated to be 18 months.
- A 24-inch waterline is currently being replaced, along with the road being widened.

### Houghton Road Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad

#### Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10

- The Houghton Road Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad is at 30% design completion. Environmental clearance has been approved, and design is continuing toward 60% design completion.
- The Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to I-10 project is at 20% design completion and pending environmental clearance to move forward.
- Both projects are federally funded and are anticipated to begin construction in 2014.

### Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street Intersection

- The Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard intersection and Park & Ride lot are ready for construction.
- Borderland Construction was selected as contractor for this project based primarily upon qualifications. Borderland is locally owned and operated.
- There will be one contractor for the entire project, as recommended in the RTA Value Analysis. In order to start construction on the intersection and Park & Ride, and concurrently complete design and ultimately construct the expansion to 22nd Street with the same effort, TDOT used a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process.
- The construction is anticipated to be 18 months in duration.

- Tucson Electric Power is behind schedule on utility relocations. TEP isn't allowing Cox and Century Link on their lines for liability reasons. Those utilities will use a joint trench on the east side of Broadway Boulevard. The Tucson Succulent Society is salvaging plants in the areas of concern.
- Drainage improvements will be included in this project.
- The contractor will be available at the open house to discuss construction phasing.
- Construction updates will be emailed to the Ward 2 CDRC throughout the construction process.
- The next Ward 2 CDRC meeting will be held after the start of construction.

## **SUN TRAN**

Davita Mueller provided information on Sun Tran bus routes, pullouts, ridership and planned use of the new Park & Ride lot.

- Davita displayed a map showing all the current Sun Tran routes.
- Currently there is no Sun Tran route along Houghton Road. There will be bus pullouts along Houghton Road implemented with the construction of the Houghton Road Corridor project to provide for future bus service.
- Bus stops usually occur approximately every quarter-mile along the regular Sun Tran routes. The Sun Tran express routes stop less frequently.
- There is a Sun Tran express route that travels from Harrison Road along Broadway Boulevard into downtown Tucson.
- The route starts and ends on the east side; as the bus nears Houghton Road, there are fewer people riding because people have gotten off at bus stops along the way.
- In addition to parking for bus riders, the Park & Ride lot at the Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard intersection will serve as a turn-around for Sun Tran busses. For safety reasons, busses are not allowed to back up.
- There are proposed plans for Sun Tran Route 4 along Speedway Boulevard to continue on Harrison Road to Broadway Boulevard, and then take Broadway Road to the Park & Ride lot at Houghton Road. Route 8 would stay on Broadway Boulevard and travel to the Park & Ride lot. Route 7 along 22nd Street, and Route 17 along Golf Links, would also connect to the Park & Ride lot.
- The current Park & Ride lot at Speedway Boulevard and Harrison Road is at capacity.
- Council Member Cunningham said because there are more single family houses east along Houghton Road, there is less need for transit than where higher density housing is located. He would like to see a Sun Tran route along Camino Seco.
- The team will provide Sun Tran projected ridership information to Council Member Cunningham and the Ward 2 CDRC.

**PARKING LOT**

- Retaining wall by five houses
- Bus ridership
- Where bus stops exist

**Meeting adjourned**