

Meeting Summary

City of Tucson

Ward 2 Citizen Design Review Committee

Houghton Road, Northern Segment: Tanque Verde Road to 22nd Street

May 17, 2012, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Tucson Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

ATTENDEES

Ward 2 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC) Members

Helen Arnold, Macalester Park, Treasurer of the Eastside Neighborhood Association

Dominique Drentrea, Casas de Santo neighborhood

Paul Gegenheimer, property owner

Richard Hagenah, Houghton NA

Frank Salbego, Eastside NA

Tom Stefanek, Mesquite Trails NA

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

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager

Joe Vaskovic, PB Project Manager

Melissa Anguiz, Gordley Group, Public Involvement

Jan Gordley, Gordley Group, Public Involvement

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

Priscilla Fernandez, RTA MainStreet Program

Guests

Lou and Julia Potter, Casas de Santo residents

MATERIALS

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Melissa Anguiz welcomed attendees and reviewed the meeting protocol.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

- RTA conducted an audit, which put the Houghton Road Corridor projects on hold for three months.
- The RTA conducted a Value Analysis of the Houghton Road Corridor projects to verify that the projects were being conducted in a cost-effective manner. Results confirmed that the projects have been cost-effective.
- Funding has been put on hold for many of the RTA projects until 2016.

- The Implementation Plan is undergoing review to accommodate the current funding situation. The Houghton Road and Old Vail Road/Mary Ann Cleveland Way Intersection project was completed to accommodate planned development. The developers have not build due to the economic climate, but are now starting to build.
- The Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road project design is complete. The bid for this project is anticipated to be released within the next month and will include the Houghton Road and Valencia Road Intersection. Construction should begin in August.
- The Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard Intersection design is at 100 percent design. This project will follow the Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road construction.
- The Park and Ride design is complete and will be constructed in conjunction with the Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard Intersection project.
- The RTA Value Analysis identified that constructing projects in larger sections with the same contractor would be more cost-effective.
- TDOT has recommended expanding the Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard Intersection to 22nd Street. This project will be constructed using the “construction manager at risk” delivery method to allow for a quick delivery. Construction is anticipated to begin late 2012.
- The Houghton Road Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad and Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10 projects will be receiving federal funding. The construction dates are still being determined.
- The Houghton Road and Golf Links Road Intersection may be prioritized in the Implementation Plan due to new development that necessitates access controls and medians. This will be discussed with the RTA.
- Outreach will be conducted to determine the community’s preferences regarding neighborhood street lighting along Houghton Road.
- Joe Vaskovic reviewed the landscape plans, including tree sizes, for the Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard Intersection project. Melissa will email the landscape plans to the Ward 2 CDRC members.
- TDOT is evaluating pavement options to ensure decreased noise levels, durability and long-term wear needed for the next 30 years.

PARKING LOT

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

Meeting adjourned