

Meeting Summary

City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive

ATTENDEES

Ward 4 CDRC Members

Rick Hanson, Civano Neighborhood Association (NA)

Bob Small, Civano NA

Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA

Joe Yee, Old Spanish Trail NA

Guests

Davita Mueller, Rita Ranch NA

Tom Willard, Rita Ranch NA

John Wilson, John Wilson Commercial

City of Tucson

Andrew Squire, Ward 4

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

Priscilla Fernandez, RTA MainStreet Business Assistance

TDOT Staff and Consultants

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager

Alejandro Angel, Psomas Project Manager

Melissa Anguiz, Gordley Group

Jan Gordley, Gordley Group

MATERIALS

- Agenda
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form
- Oct. 3 public meeting invitation
- Fact sheet
- Special Provisions, Houghton Road, Irvington Road to Valencia Road Re-Bid Plan

INTRODUCTIONS

- Melissa Anguiz opened the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.

HOUGHTON ROAD PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE AND IRVINGTON TO VALENCIA GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

- Melissa Anguiz announced the open house for Oct. 3.
- The meeting will cover the construction of the Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road, the design of Houghton Road Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad and Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10 projects.
- Planning for the groundbreaking ceremony is in process.
- The proposed location that is under evaluation is on the west side of Houghton Road across from Civano Nursery and north of the Tucson Fire Department station.
- The team is anticipating using a traffic agent to allow safe crossing for Civano residents who want to walk to the groundbreaking.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

General Project Updates

- The Tucson Department of Transportation has a new director, Daryl Cole, from El Paso DOT. This team and TDOT are very committed to the Houghton Road Corridor.
- The City is trying to find additional funds to move forward other Houghton Road projects and is working with the RTA.
- The CDRC discussed sending out letters from the neighborhoods to decision-making parties on the RTA expressing concern and need for expediting the projects.

Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road

- TDOT plans to issue an intent to award the contract for the Irvington Road to Valencia Road construction to Hunter Contracting.
- The contractor for the Irvington Road to Valencia Road project will be at the open house on Oct. 3.
- At the open house, TDOT will also hand out a list of who to contact during construction. M.J. will be the TDOT Construction Project Manager and can also answer questions during construction.
- TDOT will add to the project information that Vail School District will be running year-round.
- During construction, the contractor must keep two lanes of traffic on paved surfaces at all times (unless there is an emergency), and there will be left-turn lanes at major intersections.
- The speed limit will be 45 mph, except for where safety concerns dictate a reduction in speed; the reduction in speed would need to be approved by M.J.
- Residential and commercial driveway access will be maintained except for temporary closures not to exceed two hours. There will be 24-hour notice

before a temporary closure. The closures will be done to construct the new driveway access.

- The contractor will provide clear and safe pedestrian travel through the site during regular work hours.
- If any traffic signals are down, the police will be there to direct traffic.
- The specifications also cover emergency services and bus service.
- RTA's MainStreet Business Program will be working with the businesses throughout construction. A representative will be at the open house.
- There are specifications regarding when utilities can be turned on or off to allow for utility relocation.
- All the right-of-way has been acquired.
- TDOT has proposed a phasing plan for the contractor, but if the contractor comes up with a better phasing idea, TDOT is open to changing it. TDOT would bring any changes to the CDRC.
- Undergrounding the utilities will be first.
- Plant salvage will occur at the beginning of the project. For every plant removed, about three new ones will go in at the end of the project. Water harvesting and reclaimed water will be used for landscaping.
- Clearing and grubbing will come next, followed by drainage and structural elements on the east side and installation of temporary traffic signals and storm drains.
- The contractor will build up the road/shoulder, grade on both sides of the road and put temporary paving and striping on the east side.
- The traffic will be switched to the east side of the roadway. Water mains and crossings will be installed and half-box culverts will go in on the west side. A retaining wall will be constructed and irrigation sleeves installed.
- When water mains are installed, there may be very brief shut-offs, but Tucson Water is required to inform those affected first.
- Next, the contractor will build up the remaining road/shoulder, grade the roadway on the west side and put temporary paving and striping on the west side, followed by installation of water mains, water crossings, half-box culverts, catch basins, storm drains, rip rap and curbs. Bus pullouts will be added, then sidewalks, driveways, street lights and traffic signals will go in, followed by base paving, temporary striping, irrigation and sign foundations.
- The traffic will be switched to the west side for east side construction, which will follow the sequencing already discussed.
- Finally, traffic will be switched to both sides and temporary striping will go in. The contractor will make adjustments, put in traffic signals, landscape, with decomposed granite (DG) and hydroseed. After cure time, the thermoplastic marking and signing will go in to finish the project.
- Depending on the material, cure time could vary from a few hours (asphalt) to a few days (concrete).
- The Irvington area is planned to be constructed first; the Valencia intersection would be last.

- M.J. will let the contractor know about the Sun Shuttle Route 450.
- Rubberized asphalt will not be put in the intersections, because the rubberized asphalt put in at other intersections is raveling. Rubberized asphalt will be used for the rest of the roadway.
- As soon as TDOT knows when the contractor will begin, TDOT will let the CDRC know.
- The CDRC will be kept informed as construction progresses.
- The next CDRC meeting will be set once construction begins.

Houghton Road Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad

Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10

- The design for the Houghton Road Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad project is 30 percent complete. The team recently received environmental clearance from ADOT.
- The design for the Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to I-10 project is 15 percent complete. The team is waiting on the environmental clearance to move forward.
- TDOT hopes to build these two projects at the same time with the same contractor in 2015. They are both federally funded, which is why they are moving forward.

PARKING LOT TRANSCRIPTION

- 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 – CDRC to prioritize
- Timeline for walls at Rita Ranch
- Walking/biking north of Pantano
- Homeowners' brick wall between Rita Road and Old Vail
- Art process

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.