Kolb Road: Connection to Sabino Canyon Road

NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS OPTIONS SUMMARY REPORT
May to November 2012

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) was contacted in May 2012 by residents within the Udall Park Neighborhood Association area concerned about possible cut-through traffic after the completion of the proposed Sabino Canyon Road connection to Kolb Road project. As a result, the project team developed three options to address access to and from Sabino Canyon Road from Redbud Road, Crestline Drive and Calle Malaga.

TDOT mailed over 300 letters to potentially affected property owners on June 4, 2012, to gather feedback on concerns and option preferences for Options 1, 2 and 3. Property owners provided their responses from June 4 through June 27, 2012, and 68 response forms were submitted; however the responses collected did not express a clear preference.

Three meetings followed the mailing of the June 4, 2012, letter and are summarized below.

On Aug 3., 2012, the Ward 2 Council Office held a meeting involving TDOT to allow a forum for residents to voice their concerns about the access options and the project. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting. Option 4 was developed and considered as a result of that meeting.

Options 1 through 4 were presented at the Neighborhood Access Options Open House on Sept. 13, 2012. Invitations to these meetings were mailed to over 300 potentially affected residents and property owners. Approximately 12 people attended the open house. After further review and discussion with emergency responders, Option 4 was not considered viable due to emergency services access and safety concerns.

Option 5 was developed as a result of input gathered at all previous meetings. A third meeting was held on Oct. 29, 2012, to present Option 5. Invitations to these meetings were mailed to over 300 potentially affected residents and property owners. Approximately 11 people attended the meeting. Of the 66 people signing written comments that were received at or after the meeting, 56 indicated a preference for Option 5.

As a result of the extensive public involvement efforts on neighborhood access options and clear support for access option #5 by a majority of those in the neighborhood who responded, as well as support from City emergency services and traffic engineering, the City has decided that access option #5 will be incorporated into the preferred alternative presented in the draft environmental assessment.

The following items are included in the summary of this process.

- Request for Feedback on Access Option Letter sent via postal mail – June 4, 2012
  - Option #1
  - Option #2
  - Option #3
  - Response Form
  - Transcription of Written Comments
  - Respondent Ranking of Options

- Ward 2 Meeting held at Ward 2 office – Aug. 3, 2012
  - Invitation

- Access Options Open House held at Udall Regional Center – Sept. 13, 2012
  - Invitation
  - Option #4
  - Transcription of Written Comments

- New Neighborhood Access Option meeting held at Udall Regional Center – Oct. 29, 2012
  - Invitation
  - Option #5
  - Transcription of Written Comments