



City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)
Ward 2 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)
Houghton Road Corridor
Nov. 20, 2014, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Tucson Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.
Meeting Summary

ATTENDEES

Ward 2 CDRC Members

Helen Arnold, Macalester Park Homeowners Association (HOA)
Mike Collins, five homes on Houghton Road
Dominique Drentrea, Casas de Santo neighborhood
Richard Hagenah, Houghton Neighborhood Association (NA)
Rick Wilson, Eastpoint Estates HOA

City of Tucson, Ward 2 Council Office

Ted Prezelski, Management Analyst

TDOT and Consultants

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager
Frank Fry, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Engineering Consultant
Jan Gordley, Gordley Group, Public Involvement
Lori Lantz, Gordley Group, Public Involvement

Guests

Simon Donovan, Public Art project artist
Ben Olmstead, Public Art project artist
Mark Day, resident

MATERIALS

- Agenda
- Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street fact sheet
- Sun Tran Park & Ride fact sheet
- Construction contact sheet
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- Feb. 13, 2014 Ward 2 CDRC meeting summary

INTRODUCTIONS

Jan Gordley opened the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves. Jan reviewed the history of the Ward 2 CDRC, and thanked the committee members for their dedication and service. Twenty CDRC meetings have been held over the past seven years. Jan noted that M.J. continues to be a strong advocate on behalf of the committee with RTA and the City of Tucson, and there are many ways that committee input has been implemented in the project.

PROJECT UPDATES

M.J. Dillard provided updates on the Houghton Road Corridor. She asked that Ward 2 CDRC members critique tonight's presentation and attend the Dec. 8 public meeting to assist with information and act as advocates.

Houghton Corridor update

- Old Vail Road/Mary Ann Cleveland Intersection (segment 1) and Irvington to Valencia (segment 2) have been completed.

Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street (segment 3)

Broadway Intersection

- The Broadway intersection is nearly complete. Landscaping is being finished. Bare dirt areas that are not covered with rock or sidewalk have been overseeded to prevent erosion and blowing dust.
- Permanent striping still needs to be added to the intersection. This can occur 30 days after the asphalt paving, and requires a minimum temperature of 50 degrees. Merge arrows will be added as part of the striping project. Striping is scheduled to be completed during December.
- Additional signage additions and corrections will also be taken care of during the striping.
- The art railings near the Chevron station that appear misaligned will be added to the punch list for the contractor to correct.
- The ditch along the frontage road north of Broadway will be filled in.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street

- Utility relocations have been completed except for Cox.
- M.J. Dillard will let TEP know that the committee is concerned about seeing more wires on the power poles than promised.
- Right of way acquisitions are almost complete.
- Anticipated construction start date is January 2015.
- Barricades will remain in place during the 18 months of construction.

Other corridor segments

- Houghton Road Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (segment 4): The bridge is a Pima County project with funding from Regional Transportation Authority and the City, and additional federal funding. The project should be ready to bid for construction in June 2015. The completed bridge will have

two three-lane structures, one for each direction of travel. The northbound segment will be built just east of the existing bridge. Once that is complete, two-way traffic will be routed over the new bridge, while the old bridge is torn down and the structure for southbound travel completed. The goal is to maintain two-way traffic during construction.

- Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10 (segment 5): The design and construction of the Houghton Road and I-10 interchange is in the Arizona Department of Transportation 5-year plan, and ADOT is trying to move the project earlier due to problems with traffic backing up. Interim solutions such as traffic lights are being evaluated.
- Old Vail/Mary Ann Cleveland Way to Valencia (segment 6): This segment will be starting design in 2015, with construction anticipated in 2017.

Public Art

- The Houghton Road Public Art Master Plan was developed by three selected artists who met with stakeholders up and down the Houghton Road corridor. The plan suggests art concepts, opportunities and locations throughout the corridor.
- The art rail concept and color palette were developed as part of the master plan to add visual and artistic cohesion throughout the corridor. The turquoise art rail color is bluer near Tanque Verde (representing the concept of water) and becomes greener to the south (representing the concept of fields).
- Artists Simon Donovan, Ben Olmstead and Lauri Slenning were selected to develop art concepts for the Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street segment.
- Simon Donovan and Ben Olmstead presented a PowerPoint with examples of their public artworks and possible concepts and opportunities for art along Houghton Road between Broadway Boulevard and 22nd Street.
- Individual committee members gave some feedback to the artists on their specific preferences.
- Committee members were strongly encouraged to also talk to the artists about their preferences at the upcoming public meeting.

Street Lighting

- M.J. Dillard reviewed a new City of Tucson street lighting policy to be implemented throughout the City, including the Houghton Road Corridor.
- The purpose of the policy is to increase safety for the multimodal travelling public.
- Starting in the 1980s, new urban roads included street lighting systems. Suburban or rural roadway improvements left the decision of illumination up to the area stakeholders, and often improvement districts were formed later to add street lighting. This inconsistency has led to gaps in the system and decreased safety along those segments, and liability concerns.
- The new policy utilizes LED street lighting on arterial roadways for all new projects in the City of Tucson. All new lights will be shielded.

- LED lighting uses less energy, lasts longer, produces more light, reduces light overflow, and is more accurate.
- LED lighting in the blue range is not optimal. LED lighting in the yellow range, as specified in the City plans, has less glare and is more compatible with the night sky.

Public Meeting

- A public meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 8, 2014 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Pantano Christian Church. Team members will be present with detailed maps and information, and everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

PARKING LOT

No additional items were added to the parking lot.

- Retaining wall by five houses and frontage road
- Re-examine possibility of adding walls

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.