

## **Meeting Summary**

City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

### **Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)**

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 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)

Rudy Lopez, Rita Ranch NA

Keith Miller, Mesquite Ranch NA

Bob Small, Civano NA

Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA

##### **City of Tucson**

Jeri Ward, Ward 4

##### **TDOT Staff and Consultants**

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager

Melissa Anguiz, Gordley Group

Jan Gordley, Gordley Group

#### **MATERIALS**

- Agenda
- Construction contact sheet
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form
- Fact sheet
- Sept. 20, 2012, Ward 4 CDRC meeting summary

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melissa Anguiz opened the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.
- Jeri Ward is the new Ward 4 project contact representing Councilmember Shirley Scott. Andy Squire is now working for the City Manager's Office.

#### **PROJECT UPDATES**

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

General Project Updates

- TDOT is working with the Regional Transportation Authority to request funding for the Houghton Road and Golf Links Road intersection due to the development occurring in that area.
- TDOT is working to have Walmart install a right-turn lane and median as an interim solution for the congestion. Right of way is needed from Tucson Electric Power.
- The Proposition 409 bonds must go directly to the cost of repairing the streets. There are strict guidelines of “curb to curb” pavement preservation improvements.
- Jeri Ward will send City of Tucson Ward 4 general updates to the CDRC (routed through Gordley Group) as pertinent information becomes available.

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

- Interviews will be held for the short-listed Construction Management at Risk contractors on Dec. 6, 2012.

#### Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road

- Clearing and grubbing is taking place on Houghton Road from Poorman Road to Valencia Road and south of the Houghton Road and Valencia Road intersection.
- Houghton Road north of Irvington Road was shifted to the west side to allow crews to lay down temporary pavement on the east side.
- Houghton Road from Irvington Road to Valencia Road will be widened on the east side to temporarily shift traffic east during the installation of the new waterline on the west side of Houghton Road.
- Crews are installing a 24-inch waterline near Honey Mesquite Drive and Quick Mart. This will include temporary closures of driveways; alternate driveways can be accessed on Irvington Road. Vulcan Materials will be trucking in fill dirt off of Poorman Road for this work.
- A “high line” will be installed to redirect the water feeding the area into a pipe above ground while the new waterline is installed. Once the new water line is installed, the high line will be removed.
- Crews are doing concrete work for a retaining wall by the stables south of the Pantano Wash on the east side of road.
- The team found a Qwest line out of place that Qwest resolved.
- Storm drains (corrugated metal pipes) will be installed on Valencia Road east of Houghton Road and on Houghton Road south of Valencia Road. The road will be built up 4 to 5 feet in the Poorman Road area. Then paving will occur on the east side of Houghton Road from Drexel Road to the Pantano Wash.
- In general for the construction, the underground work is being conducted first. The utilities will relocate, and the contractor will take care of sewer and water line work.
- Reclaimed water will be used for the project and has limited availability in the City.

- It isn't feasible to extend the box culvert located under the wash that runs between Civano and business area to make it large enough to travel through.
- Each plant removed from the project area will be replaced with three plants. Viable plants that are removed from the project area will be taken to a nursery. The replacement plants will be various sizes, including 15-gallon trees.
- Some plants will be preserved in place and some will be replanted in a different location within the project area.
- A fence will be put in on state land between Valencia Road and Poorman Road on the east side of the road to protect the vegetation. Vegetation may need to be cleared near the fence.
- Bicyclists and pedestrians will be accommodated during construction with more width on the sides of the road.
- The CDRC expressed concern about the information on the electronic message board being unclear. MJ will discuss this with the construction team.
- Construction updates will be emailed to the CDRC. These updates contain the anticipated schedule, but at times the schedule may change unexpectedly due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The project art will be built off-site and shipped to the project area.
- M.J. would like to try to meet monthly with the Ward 4 CDRC during construction.

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 project recently received environmental clearance from ADOT. The team is waiting on funds to move forward with the remainder of design.
- The Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to I-10 project is pending environmental clearance to move forward.

#### **PARKING LOT TRANSCRIPTION**

- Intersection of Rita/Houghton east side of greenway (drainage ditch)
- Landscaping items: Valencia to I-10
- Schedule of light pole replacement/sidewalks – Old Vail
- Southern segment plans alignment
- Timeline for monument walls at Rita Ranch
- Walking/biking north of Pantano
- Homeowners' brick wall between Rita Road and Old Vail
- Art process for Rita Road segment

**The meeting adjourned.**