

## **Meeting Summary**

City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 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

Michael Tone, Rita Ranch NA

Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA

Joe Yee, Old Spanish Trail NA

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

Renée Sowards, Ward 4

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

M.J. Dillard, TDOT Project Manager

Tom Weideman, TDOT Project Manager

Jan Gordley, Gordley Group

Melissa Anguiz, Gordley Group

##### **Guests**

Tom Willard, Rita Ranch NA

#### **MATERIALS**

- Agenda
- Construction contact sheet
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form
- Fact sheet
- Jan. 29, 2013, Ward 4 CDRC meeting summary
- Rita Road Improvement Project, Union Pacific Railroad to I-10 information

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

## **RITA ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Tom Weideman, TDOT Project Manager, provided information on the Rita Road Improvement Project, from the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to Interstate 10.

- The project scope calls for bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Rita Road from the UPRR to I-10. Improvements include: extending pedestrian/bicycle access across the Union Pacific railroad tracks in conjunction with Pima County's Harrison Greenway project, southbound travel lane reconstruction including installation of a 5-foot-wide bicycle lane, installation of a southbound right-turn lane and traffic signal upgrades at the Rita Road and Science Park Drive intersection, and new sidewalk installation northbound to fill in the existing "gap" area.
- Pima County has hired Granite Construction Company and will lead the Harrison Greenway median work. They will be reducing a portion of the median island width north of the UPRR tracks to accommodate new bicycle lanes along the roadway. They will also install sidewalk improvements and provide lane restriping and cattle guard improvements north of the tracks for pedestrians and bicyclists, providing connection to the Greenway path located just south of the UPRR tracks. This work is estimated to begin mid-May.
- UPRR will provide the needed track improvements to accommodate pedestrian/bicycle access across them. This work will include installing new ties, ballast and flat panels. This work is currently anticipated to begin mid-June and is estimated to take from five to 10 days, during which time access across the tracks will be closed to through traffic. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes.
- The remainder of the work will be done by TDOT. This work will include the remainder of bicycle/pedestrian improvements needed south of the tracks to connect to the Greenway path, along with the earlier described improvements such as the intersection work. TDOT plans to have a contractor on board by early summer and anticipates it will take approximately 120 days to complete.
- In the near future, a project website will be created where further information will be posted.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

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

Houghton Road: Irvington Road to Valencia Road

- There are drainage improvements being made to accommodate a six-lane roadway. The new culverts are larger in size for this purpose.
- Hunter Contracting is installing arch forms for drainage; this is a cost savings to the project.
- Arch culverts have been installed on the west side of Houghton Road. Traffic will be shifted to the west side of Houghton Road while culverts are built on the east side of the road.
- The eastbound Irvington Road left-turn lane onto northbound Houghton Road continues to be closed due to complications in the 24-inch waterline tie-in to the

existing line. During the welding, there were leaks that occurred. TDOT will be meeting with Tucson Water to assess the situation.

- There were also complications during the water shutdown at Poorman Road. The shutdown lasted longer than expected.
- For efficiency purposes, Hunter Contracting is requesting to close Forest Glen for one day of construction and maintain neighborhood access through Bilby Road and Poorman Road. The committee members agreed this closure was manageable. TDOT will put up message boards in advance.
- M.J. is not allowing Hunter Contracting to close Seven Generations Way as was requested. There could possibly be a reduction to one lane.
- All water shutdowns will occur at night.
- M.J. will look into the left-turn traffic signal timing from Bilby Road onto Houghton Road.
- Gordley Group will connect Priscilla Fernandez, RTA MainStreet Business Assistance, with the new business group in Civano.
- M.J. will request more “Share the Road” signs along the construction area.

#### General Project Updates

- Due to the time constraint, the Pavement Preservation Plan Update will be tabled until the next Ward 4 CDRC meeting.
- Jeri Ward is no longer with the Ward 4 office. Renée Sowards will schedule a future meeting between the Ward 4 office and the Ward 4 CDRC members regarding City development topics not related to the Houghton Road Corridor project.

#### **PARKING LOT TRANSCRIPTION**

- Intersection of Rita Road/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
- Homeowners’ brick wall between Rita Road and Old Vail
- Art process for Rita Road segment
- UPRR bridge update

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