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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Ina Road/Oracle Road (SR 77) intersection improvement project is a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) funded roadway project administered by the Pima County Department of Transportation.

Currently, heavy traffic demand creates excessive delays and long queues during the morning, mid-day, and evening peak periods at this intersection. This congestion has produced increasing neighborhood cut-through traffic as motorists divert onto local streets to avoid the intersection and impacts access to businesses in the vicinity. While current traffic volumes, which are approaching 100,000 vpd, clearly indicate the need for a grade-separated intersection as recommended in the Oracle Road/SR 77 Corridor Study, current RTA funding for improvements to this intersection is limited. Therefore, the scope of this RTA project is to implement interim intersection improvements that will provide the most benefit to existing and future intersection traffic operations and safety, while mitigating to the greatest extent possible impacts to adjacent neighborhoods and businesses.

PROJECT TASKS AND TIMELINE

The project was initiated in January 2009. Initial engineering tasks completed included traffic analysis and an alternatives assessment. An alternatives assessment report was completed in December 2009 and distributed to Pima County and ADOT. Preliminary (60%) design plans of the proposed improvements were completed in December 2010.

Public outreach efforts to date have included meetings with individual property owners, four neighborhood focus group meetings, and a meeting with the Northwest Area Transportation Coalition during the project assessment phase, and an open house at the completion of the preliminary design plans. Subsequent public outreach will include meetings with individual property owners, as necessary, as well as outreach to businesses in the area by the RTA's MainStreet business assistance program.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Neighborhood Focus Group Meetings

Monday June 21, 2010

St. Odilia's Catholic Church

Session 1: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Northwest Quadrant – Catalina 2, Loma Alta, Catalina Citrus Estates, Casa Cananea

Mailings: 65

Attendance: 14

Session 2: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Southwest Quadrant - Casas Adobes Estates, Chula Vista

Mailings: 54

Attendance: 17

Wednesday June 30, 2010

St. Odilia's Catholic Church

Session 1: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Northeast Quadrant – Catalina Village 1 & 3, Oracle Medical Plaza, Northwest Corporate Center

Mailings: 132

Attendance: 12

Session 2: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Southeast Quadrant – La Toscana Village, Casas Adobes No. 3

Mailings: 99

Attendance: 13

The format of these meetings included a presentation and overview of the project followed by breakout into three groups at which facilitated discussions were held. Presentation graphics included boards displaying the proposed improvements and summary of benefits, as well as a video of a traffic simulation with the improvements in place. Feedback from each focus group was recorded. Written comments were also provided by participants. Meeting announcements, handouts, comments, and comment summaries are attached.

Northwest Area Transportation Coalition Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Pima County Library – Nanini Branch

A presentation, including a video traffic simulation, was followed by a question and answer discussion.

Public Open House

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Cross Middle School

Mailings: 1300

Attendance: 67

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NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS
Comment Summary, Meeting Materials, Comment Forms



Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvements – June 21 Focus Group Meetings

Summary of Comments

Responses are provided in bold.

1. Current problems at the intersection

- Severe congestion limits access to subdivisions and businesses. Most local residents simply avoid the intersection during rush hours.
- Nearly everyone who attended from the southwest neighborhood is very concerned about the cut-through traffic on Giaconda Way and Via Assisi caused by the congested intersection. They also feel that the recent (last 3 yrs) changes to access to the Casas Adobes Plaza on Giaconda have added to the cut-through traffic problem.
- Several comments noted that access to the Casas Adobes Plaza is unsafe and that left-turns out of Via Ponte are not possible due to heavy traffic on Ina Road.
- Residents from the northeast neighborhood noted that left-turns onto Ina Road from Yucca Via are nearly impossible during rush hours due to the long westbound right-turn queue. Conflicts with U-turners from the Safeway Center was also noted as a concern. Maintaining safe/reliable access to their subdivision from Ina Road is critical.
- The need for a safe bus stop with a structure on the southwest corner at Casa Adobes was also noted. **Pima County and the RTA will be installing a concrete bus pad with shelter, ADA accessible ramps, and sidewalk as a separate project. Construction of the bus stop should begin in Spring 2011.**

2. WB Dual Right-Turn Lanes on Ina Road

- All responses strongly encouraged improving this movement.
- Several suggested that a free-flow right-turn lane will provide greater benefit. **A free-flow right-turn lane option was evaluated. While this option provides slightly higher capacity over dual right-turn lanes, it also will create an unsafe merging situation on northbound Oracle Road and impact motorists entering/exiting the shopping center to the north of Ina Road. The dual right option will also provide a break in right-turn traffic flow so that pedestrians can cross. As such dual right-turn lanes are considered a better overall option from both a capacity and safety standpoint.**
- Several noted concerns about ped/bike safety and potential conflicts between right-turns and SB U-turns. **The proposed improvements include the provision of bike lanes, added sidewalk on the northeast and southwest corners, and wider median refuges on Ina Road. ADOT is against prohibiting southbound U-turns on Oracle Road, The dual right-turn lane design will allow the U-turns to continue without conflicting with the right-turns.**

3. Indirect Left-Turn

- Four responses favor it; No one is opposed to it, but have concerns regarding operational and access impacts.
- Casas Adobes Plaza is very concerned regarding left-turn access on Ina, considering that a full median opening currently exists at Via Ponte. Removing this median opening would severely impact the Casas Adobes businesses. **Providing safe access to adjacent businesses and neighborhoods is an important goal of this project. Several options for maintaining and even enhancing access to the Casas Adobes Plaza are being considered.**
- Specific concerns noted include:
 - i. Adding the ILT signal on the west side will cause more traffic to cut through the residential area using Via Assisi/Giaconda and north using Paseo Norte. Residents of the southwest neighborhood who were in attendance indicated they will support the ILT



if cut through traffic is addressed either using traffic circles or closing Giaconda just to the west of Via Ponte. **By reducing the cycle length at the Ina/Oracle signal, we will be able to reduce the length of backups on all approaches and the time a motorist is stopped. This should reduce the incentive for westbound motorists on Ina to cut through the neighborhood using Via Assisi/Giaconda. Pima County is working with the neighborhood to evaluate options to prevent/reduce cut through traffic on these roadways.**

- ii. Backups at the ILT signal on the east side will impact access at Yucca Via. **Analysis of the evening peak hour traffic conditions indicates that backup of westbound vehicles turning right at Oracle Road will be reduced significantly and will no longer block Yucca Via. The analysis also indicates that the backup in the through lanes resulting from the ILT signal should not block Yucca Via.** Residents of the northwest neighborhood would like the ILT signal to be moved to Yucca Via and/or reopen access to Old Ina Road further to the east. **Placing the ILT signal at Yucca Via was considered, however in doing so left-turn access into the Safeway shopping center, which has high volume of traffic, would be eliminated. It was determined that access to the center needs to be maintained. Re-opening access at Old Ina has been assessed. Providing a left-turn out movement at this intersection will require substantial modifications to the Ina Road median so that access to the Casas Adobes neighborhood on the south side of Ina can be provided.**
- iii. Several comments noted that without proper signal coordination, including Via Assisi and Westward Look, the ILT would not work. **The analysis of traffic operations included coordination with the upstream signals at Via Assisi and Westward Look. By reducing the signal cycle at Ina/Oracle, Pima County will be able to improve signal coordination along all of Ina Road.**
- iv. Impacts of the west ILT signal on the existing bus stop and park & ride lot need to be addressed. **Impacts of the west ILT signal on the existing bus stop on the south side of Ina Road was considered. Since the bus stop is located within the right-turn lane at Via Ponte, the proposed improvements will not impact bus operations.**
- v. Bicycle and pedestrian safety with this option is a primary concern. **The proposed improvements include the provision of bike lanes, added sidewalk on the northeast and southwest corners, and wider median refuges on Ina Road.**

4. Miscellaneous

- Add sidewalk on the north side of Ina from Westward Look to Oracle. **Sidewalk will be added on the north side between Yucca Via and Oracle Road, however funding is insufficient to extend the sidewalk to Westward Look.**
- Several residents voiced concern about the impact on their neighborhoods during construction. **It is expected that the proposed improvements can be quickly constructed within a 2-month period since no utilities need to be relocated, there is little earthwork, no underground storm drain needs to be installed, and there are no structures that need to be constructed. While traffic cutting through neighborhoods to avoid construction is unavoidable with urban roadway reconstruction projects, the construction schedule will be short.**



Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvements – June 30 Focus Group Meetings

Summary of Comments

5. Current problems at the intersection

- Congestion during peak hours is the primary problem. During other times of the day, access onto Ina Road and Oracle Road is not a problem. Cut-through traffic in the Casas Adobes subdivision to the southeast is not considered a problem.
- The existing bus stop on westbound Ina Road creates problems for the gas station. Buses block the only driveway onto Ina Road. **Relocation of this bus stop to just east of the gas station driveway is proposed. This would eliminate buses blocking access to the station.**

6. WB Dual Right-Turn Lanes on Ina Road

- Nearly all responses strongly encouraged improving this movement.

7. Indirect Left-Turn

- One response favors it; Two responses feel it is a bad idea and will create greater traffic congestion on Ina Road and make it more difficult to travel south on Oracle Road from westbound Ina Road. **Analysis of traffic operations with the proposed improvements indicates that motorist delay and backups on both Ina Road and Oracle Road will be reduced, thus reducing overall congestion for the 96,000 motorists that travel through the area.**

8. Miscellaneous

- The ability to make a direct left-turn from eastbound Ina Road to Northern Avenue was requested. **Due to the close proximity of Northern Ave. to the Ina/Oracle intersection, provision of a median opening to provide for left-turns onto Northern Ave would create an unsafe condition and would negatively impact traffic operations at the intersection.**



Ina-Oracle Intersection Improvements – Table Session Comments

Monday June 21, 2010

Transcribed from Table Notes:

Neighborhood Traffic Calming/Access

SW Neighborhood:

- Concerns with Via Ponte neighborhood and traffic impacts, cut thru traffic
- Issues with on street parking on Giaconda
- Concern with cut thru traffic (and traffic from Casas Adobes Plaza) using Giaconda to Via Assisi to make Eastbound Ina left
- Is it possible to install barricade at Giaconda to prevent cut thru traffic?
- Concern about cut thru traffic during construction
- Concern with 18 wheelers using Giaconda and Via Assisi
- Issue with produce trucks using neighborhood roads
- Cut thru traffic results in unsafe conditions Barricade between Via Ponte and Via Venezia on Giaconda
- Proposal to install traffic circles with stop control strategically within southwest neighborhood
- Traffic on Ina uses Giaconda EB
- Close Giaconda at Ponte
- Trucks from Casas Adobe use Giaconda to get to Ina
- Construction time access management (how do you keep nonresidents out of local neighborhoods?)
- Want to reduce cut-through traffic on Giaconda
- Concern about impact to Paseo Del Norte

NE Neighborhood:

- Question raised in county could connect residential street (Old Ina) to Westward Look Street
- Add more access to the NE neighborhood, perhaps move access east on Ina
- Provide opportunity for egress/ingress at Yucca Via
 - What is queue impact from new signal?
- Consider reopening previous opening to neighborhood on NE corner, east of Yucca Via

Design Concept

- Concern about how to mitigate improper/illegal lefts at Oracle intersection
- Concern about perception with having to navigate 2 signals in order to make a left turn
- Concern about drainage west side, North Oracle
- Concern about Casas Adobes traffic being able to make left on westbound Ina. This will no longer be possible with indirect left option.
- Concern about dual right queue backing up to prevent efficient U-turn (NB left on Oracle)



- Question asked if Ina thru movement delay/travel time is the “same” for both existing conditions vs. indirect left proposal
- Casa Adobes’ representative
 - West Ina movement from property seems excessive (i.e. having to pass thru Oracle twice to head west)
- Concern about out-of-town visitors and how they might interpret the signal(i.e. successfully navigate them)
- What impacts are there to Catalina Property (east of Shell gas station)?
- Can we use purchased property off Old Ina to assist/offset Catalina property’s parking?
- Analyze/simulate WB thru queue at new signal on east leg
- Make sure bus stop treatments/landscaping at west leg park & ride is maintained
 - Will bus stop at park & ride impede the U-turns?
- Provide more crossing time for peds
- Why are there no trucks in simulation- 18 wheelers making U-turn will hold up a whole cycle at U-turn signals
 - Analyze impacts of this with coord.
- Agree that dual right turn is a huge benefit
- Like that indirect left removes EB left turn swinging wide to block WB right turn
- Does not believe that reducing the cycle will reduce queuing
- Want to make sure signals are coordinated correctly [heard this comment a lot]

Alternatives

- Is it possible to make west Ina signal a fully signal to allow westbound lefts?
- Yucca left turn gap length, opportunities to turn onto Ina
- Widen Orange Grove as an alternative for east-west travel
- Move East signal to Yucca intersection
 - Are there driveway counts at Yucca?
- Is it possible to move west signal to Via Ponte?
- With purchase of Shell Station, is it possible to have 1 continuous flow right turn lane onto northbound Oracle
- Why not continuous WB right turn instead of dual right turns?

Other

- This is only a bandaid fix for a much larger problem
- How long will construction take?
- Question about possible development east of UPH facility on south side of Ina
- Provide exhibits of proposed improvements on the web
- “Day late and a few dollars short”





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June 8, 2010

**Neighborhood Workshop Sessions
Ina Road and Oracle Road Intersection Improvements
Monday, June 21, 2010**

Dear Neighbor:

The Pima County Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) would like to invite you to a series of neighborhood workshops for future improvements to the Ina Road and Oracle Road intersection. These workshops are being held to learn about the neighborhood traffic impacts of the intersection and obtain feedback on future improvements.

The workshops will be held on:

Date: Monday, June 21, 2010
Location: Saint Odilia Church
7570 North Paseo Del Norte
Parish Hall

- **Session One - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Northeast Quadrant**
Catalina Village 1, 2, and 3
Oracle Medical Plaza Condominiums
Northwest Corporate Center
- **Session Two – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Southwest Quadrant**
Casas Adobes Estates Subdivision

If you have additional questions regarding this meeting, please contact Julie C. Simon, Community Relations at (520)740-6410 or e-mail Julie.Simon@dot.pima.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priscilla Cornelio".

Priscilla S. Cornelio, P.E.
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Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvements



The Pima County Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the RTA and the Arizona Department of Transportation, has initiated a project to increase capacity and enhance safety at the Oracle Road/Ina Road intersection. Funding for this project is being provided through the RTA.

Improving traffic conditions at this intersection is a high priority for a number of reasons:

- ★ Oracle Road (State Route 77) and Ina Road are critical roadways in the metropolitan Pima County transportation system, serving regional mobility and commerce.
- ★ Today, over 96,000 vehicles pass through this intersection each day, the 7th highest in the region.
- ★ This daily volume of traffic is expected to swell to 126,000 vehicles over the next 20 to 30 years as Oro Valley, Catalina, and Pinal County continue to develop.
- ★ The current capacity of the Oracle Road/Ina Road intersection is woefully inadequate, creating a bottleneck in the regional transportation system and causing:
 - lengthy delays and backups,
 - undesirable cut-through traffic in nearby neighborhoods,
 - limited access to businesses in the area, and
 - reduced air quality.

The Oracle Road/Ina Road project is currently in the preliminary engineering phase. Improvement alternatives have been evaluated and the results and recommendations will be presented to the public for comment at a series of meetings. Once the improvement concept has been finalized, preparation of construction documents will begin. It is anticipated that construction could begin in the fall of 2011.

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This is a project of the Regional Transportation Authority. The voter-approved \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at www.RTAmobility.com. The RTA has a nine member board with representatives from local, state, and tribal governments. This project is being managed by Pima County.

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Comment Form

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Date: 24/JUN/2010

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

We live at 841 W. Giaconda Way, which is directly behind the Casas Adobes Shopping Plaza, or in the Southwest quadrant. We have lived in this neighborhood for 18 years and have seen a marked increase in cut through traffic over the past ten years. There are several reasons for this increase.

Traffic backs up during morning rush hour, so individuals cut through our neighborhood in order to access Oracle Road (Southbound) from Ina (Eastbound). There are stop lights at Via Assisi and Oracle Road. In order to expedite their travel they turn on Giaconda Way (Ina), which comes before either light and follow it though to Southbound Oracle Road. Karla works at home on Wednesdays and has experienced this influx of vehicles, often exceeding 70 or more cars.

Traffic also backs up in the evening for those trying to turn left onto Ina (West) from Oracle Rd. In order to avoid waiting for multiple green arrows they turn onto Giaconda Way (Oracle) and follow it through to the light at Via Assisi, where there can turn West. The amount of traffic coming through our neighborhood in the evening makes it impossible to walk from 4:30 to 7:00, without the fear of being hit by a car.

Accidents at the intersection create havoc in the neighborhood. Vehicles cut through from both Ina and Oracle. A few weeks ago we could not pull out of our driveway because of the amount of traffic cutting through the neighborhood. There was constant traffic on Giaconda Way for over an hour due to this particular accident.

The last factor adding to the congestion is the Casas Adobes Shopping plaza. As the plaza developed cut through traffic increased because of the difficulty accessing Ina from Via Ponte. Via Ponte runs directly behind the shopping plaza. In addition, vehicles exiting the front parking lot are not allowed to turn left to access Oracle, instead they are directed into our neighborhood. These vehicles should exit out Via Ponte but the majority travel West on Giaconda Way to Via Assisi and exit onto Ina at the light.

We are now left with a constant flow of traffic throughout the day to include semi trucks delivering goods to the shopping plaza and Rapid Transit Shuttles. Our neighborhood is no longer a neighborhood. Several of us have nearly been hit walking our dogs, we've been flipped off, yelled at and made to feel like we are somehow making it inconvenient for these individuals to cut through our neighborhood.

There have been numerous phone calls made to Pima County Transportation, Ann Day's office and the Sheriff's department regarding the situation in our neighborhood but to date nothing has been done.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from Westbound Ina Road to Northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments to you have regarding this improvement?

We have no objections to this improvement.

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Also, what about when construction begins, where is all that traffic going to go – through our neighborhood. Do you really think people are going to wait in long lines, when they know of an alternate route.

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4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

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1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

ADVERSELY

CLOSE OFF YUCCA VIA & RE OPEN EXIT
AT END OF OLD TNA NEAR WESTWARD LOOK
MUCH SAFER EXIT.

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO

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WILLING TO TRY ANYTHING.

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1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

I have a home office & clients have a hard time crossing the intersection. It's slow & often congested.

Also, it's hard to turn right on Ina after 4:00 pm from Village

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

Sounds like a great idea. How would it affect the crosswalks? Bikes?

3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

Put the light at Yucca Vio. Otherwise it will block + backup.

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Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
Comment Form

Name: Joan Day
Address: 7040 N VIA ASSISI
Phone # or email: joanday@g.com Date: 6/21/10

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

Many delivery trucks, including the security van from Harris, cut through Via Assisi to service the Casa Adobe's shopping center to avoid Ina/Oracle. School buses & Sun Tran shuttles go through for the same reason.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

That sounds like it would be helpful

3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

People might use Via Assisi anyway, to avoid the right turn at Oracle, as it is simpler to go to Avenida & turn right.

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4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

Right now, the light for left turns (arrow) does not turn on after the red, until a long delay. This causes drivers to fail to move through the intersection after the queue of traffic is clear. At other intersections having the same pattern (green, red, arrow) the change to arrow is immediate after red, so people move through their turn more efficiently. This could be done immediately, before any other improvements are begun.

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Julie Simon

From: Steve Hildebrand [shildebrand2002@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 9:45 PM
To: Julie Simon
Subject: Comments on Ina & Oracle, 21 June 2010
Attachments: Comments-Ina Oracle 21 Jun 2010 by sbh.JPG.pdf

Hello,

I am spent about an hour at the meeting yesterday and I wanted to pass comments onto PCDOT personally. I scan your document and then type in some comments in your sections. I must send it as an enclosure and cannot copy it direction into my email to you. Sorry. I hope this will help the project which I sincerely hope it will do.

Cheers,

Steve h

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Tucson, AZ 85740-5483
Phone # or email: shildebrand2002@comcast.net Date: 21 June 2010

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

I avoid the Ina & Oracle intersection like a bad disease.

I use public transportation when it is practicable to do so. I am disappointed the unsafe situation on the SW corner at Ina & Oracle and hope that situation will change. I am in favor of a change for I would like to be able to utilize this major intersection when my family shops and travels to other portions of Tucson for work and other needs.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

Firstly, PCDOT should strongly consider a single, continuously open right turn onto Oracle road. My reasons are the following: 1. Proceeding west on Ina and wanting to turn north on Oracle took one light cycle previously, now you are contemplating two to three light cycle to do the same thing; it does not seem to be an improvement. 2. With a single turning lane, traffic behind the pedestrian crossing will not back up except if there is a pedestrian using the lane. 3. Another reason to avoid this intersection is the continual 18 wheeler traffic; I found that no one had modelled the time needed for this vehicle to make the 180 degree turn from a stand still; it is significant.

3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

I am assuming that the PCDOT wants to hear what the public thinks of this plan and we are not looking at finished product. Firstly, pedestrian traffic should have a short green (white) light cycle if not being used. This can be done with proper crossing & signal light controls so that with no pedestrians, traffic moves quicker. Secondly, I think PCDOT should look at the Park & Ride location and develop a plan so that patrons can be picked at that location and for the bus to reenter the traffic easily and quickly when it needs to in order to make a right on Oracle. This location needs work. Thirdly, I suggest that you modelling video program include 18 wheelers and that you model the turning time for this vehicle from a standing condition and making a 180 degree turn. This needs to incorporate in the planning process of the change will have not meaning to the traffic as it is today.

4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Orable Road intersection.

It is a proposal that I was listen to, wasn't it? I have several concerns. Crossing Ina Road as pedestrian must have sufficient time to cross. Since pedestrians do not cross continuously, I suggest that you lengthen the time for a pedestrian to reach a safe haven on the other side of the roadway, not in the center, making pedestrians and disabled targets for all traffic if there is an accident. With the road improvement, I hope PCDOT and the RTA will finally grant to construct a safe bus stop on the SW corner so that less able patrons can safely board a bus. This is no cover from the rain or sun and patrons must climb a mud slope to reach the roadway a board a bus; many have slipped at this stop.

I am taking some time to answer your sections in detail and I hope that you will have the time to response to these comments and I can feel that my time was spend valuably and appreciated.
Sincerely, Steve Hildebrand

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Name: Henry Hice

Address: 8233 N. Wanda Road Tucson, AZ _____

Phone # or email: hhice@dakotacom.net Date: 6/22/2010 _____

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business? I try to avoid the intersection as much as possible; it becomes a ZOO every morning during rush hour and every evening from 2:30PM until about 6:00PM. I also try to avoid going to any of the business near the intersection during these hours.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement? I think this is a very good idea but how long is the construction phase for just the Right Turn Lanes and how disruptive will this be to the flow of traffic during the construction phase. Will the indirect left-turns be implemented during the construction of the right turn lanes?

3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept? Will the traffic light at Ina Road and Via Assis be synchronized with the proposed new light for the indirect left turn on west Ina Road? If not, WHY? How long will the traffic on Ina Road be stopped (both east bound and west bound) for the indirect left turns? What about traffic coming out of the Safeway shopping

center on the SE corner of Ina and Oracle on to Ina Road? How will this traffic be affect by the indirect left-turn light that will be installed? This intersection (Ina and Oracle) MUST be monitored for a while after the construction phase is finished and the monitoring MUST be done after all the schools are back in session, which is when the traffic is the heaviest.

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Name: BOB DAY
 Address: 7040 N. VIA ASSISI
 Phone # or email: 792-6592 Date: 6/21/10

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

IT SENDS FAR TOO MANY CARS & TRUCKS ON ASSISI

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

IF YOU STUDY & CONCLUDE THAT ASSISI & GUACANDA TRAFFIC IS ABNORMAL FOR THE SUBDIVISION, WE ALL WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT YOUR INDIRECT LEFT PLAN

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4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

1. Speeding BUS'S, TRUCKS, CARS ON ASSISI & GUACANDA

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4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

Restricting cut-thru traffic during construction is critical; this type of traffic has resulted in increased illegal activity and wildlife death during previous large-scale Ina Road improvement projects.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

Due to the presence of a wash and the Westward Look Resort to the east, and commercial properties to the north, those of us living within the northeast quadrant of the Ina/Oracle intersection do not have reasonable alternate access options that are typically available to a neighborhood located at a major intersection. As such, we implore Pima County DOT and the RTA to carefully evaluate the impacts of any final traffic control designs to the residents that rely heavily on Yucca Via and Sahuaro Vista for access. I personally do not consider it to be the responsibility of this project to alleviate the current access hardship that our neighborhood bears, but I do hold the County and RTA fully responsible for verifying that this project does not: A) permanently further complicate our access and B) subsequently affect the real or perceived value of our property.

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Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project Comment Form

Name: Sam McClung
Address: 132 E. Suffolk Drive
Phone # or email: smcclung93@comcast.net Date: 6/21/10

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

I live in the Suffolk Hills neighborhood, where the traffic light at Oracle Rd and Suffolk Drive has been a big benefit. Problems still exist at Yucca Via where many residents enter or exit to use Village Avenue to access our neighborhood. West bound traffic on Ina backs up at the Oracle light in the right hand turn lane (N on Oracle) during rush our, sometimes beyond the light at Westward Look making entering or exiting at Yucca Via impracticke or impossible.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

- ① I like the concept. The right-hand most (northernmost) lane on west bound Ina should be designed so that traffic never stops ~~to~~ through the ~~use of~~ use of merging traffic ② Bike lanes need to be a part of the design. There should be 2 separate bike lanes. One bike lane for bikes west bound on Ina that will turn north on Oracle. The second bike lane will be used by bikes westbound on Ina that will continue west through the intersection ③ The simulation did not show the effect or what space is needed to have U-turns performed by southbound cars on Oracle simultaneously with (cont. back)
3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

The idea sounds like a good improvement. ① The traffic light at Ina and Oracle needs to be timed (coordinated) with the indirect left turns so that Ina east-west traffic stops only once, especially during rush hour, for the two lights (one light being Ina/Oracle, the second light the indirect turn lane light). ② Again, what is the design for the

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① How will pedestrians crossing the intersection be affected? Pedestrians crossing Oracle east to west should be able to do so efficiently, without waiting for multiple lights.

② How will bus bays be included in the design?

③ There is a need for a sidewalk along Ina ~~at the~~ ~~from~~ on the north side from Ina to Westward Look Road. There is foot traffic on Old Ina Road because there is no sidewalk on (new) Ina.

④ ~~Re-~~ Re-open the exit to Ina at the old Westward Look entrance.

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cars turning right from west bound Ina to north bound Oracle. Is there sufficient safety design to allow both a U-turn and right turn simultaneously.



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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
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Name: Patricia Lellie
 Address: 51 W. Old Ina Rd.
 Phone # or email: (520) 297-4044 Date: 06/21/10

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

Backed up traffic prevents me from entering or leaving my subdivision from Jucaá Via. I have to wait quite awhile for an opening during peak hours.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

think it's a great idea! This improvement should help a lot to ease the back-up flow! It's, really, necessary.

3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

None. If it really aides in moving the flow of traffic, I'm all for it.

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I have nothing to add. You've seem to come up with a reasonable solution. I really, feel "Orange Grove Rd." needs to be considered more, too. It's long overdue. That should be the next project... for our area.

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Addendum to Ina-Oracle Improvement Project

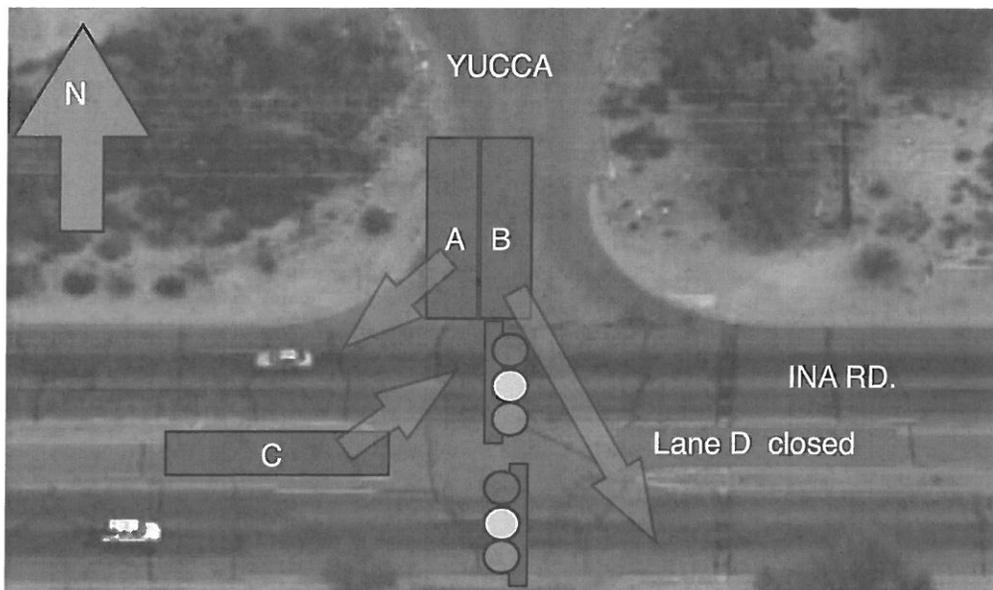
Karl Moeller 7320 N Village Ave 85704 321-1566 karl.moeller@me.com

We live in the neighborhood south of Suffolk Hills. This is in unincorporated Pima County, bounded on the west by Oracle Road, on the south by Ina Road, on the north by Suffolk, and on the east by Village Avenue. If you listened closely to the issues raised at the November 30 meeting, residents of this area weren't so concerned by the new-to-them "Michigan left" remodeling of the Ina-Oracle intersection.

Many of us are quite concerned about the project worsening an already bad situation - backed-up westbound traffic on Ina blocking our attempts to exit our neighborhood to the south and east using Yucca.

Here is a proposal which would greatly increase the safety of exit from and entrance to this neighborhood, not modify traffic in or out of the Safeway center, and requires no remodeling of the existing median or turn-out lanes, unless it might be closing the westbound turnout lane marked 'Lane D'.

It involves an additional pair of east and west facing traffic lights, and three pressure pads triggering those lights. The lights would be placed in the existing Yucca-Ina intersection. Most of the time both east and west-facing lights would be Green.



- Pad 'A' would register right-turn traffic from Yucca, and would only launch an east-facing Red, stopping westbound traffic, when there is one or more cars on it.
- Pad 'B' would register left-turn traffic from Yucca, and presence of one or more vehicles would launch both east and west facing Red lights, allowing a left turn from Yucca onto eastbound Ina. This is the only option briefly stopping both directions of traffic on Ina.
- Pad 'C' would register left-turning eastbound vehicles in the existing Ina to Yucca turn-out lane, and when cars are present would launch only east-facing Red light, allowing a left turn into Yucca across westbound traffic.

This is no more than many city pedestrian crosswalks offer - triggered stop lights only when required.. except rather than a pedestrian pressing a button, a vehicle simply needs to stop on the pressure zone pad.



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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
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Name: JOHN & FERRY LACEY
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 Phone # or email: jlacey@dmv1.com Date: 6-30-2010

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

It doesn't except to find ways of going south on Oracle Road.

2. Adding **Dual Right Turn Lanes** from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

This is good idea

The concept of **Indirect Left-Turns** on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

This is an unnecessary expense. This makes it more inconvenient to turn south on Oracle Road because we still need to make a U-Turn at westward look.

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Name: TAG MERRICK
 Address: 7010 N. FIRENZE DR.
 Phone # or email: _____ Date: _____

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?
WE ARE NOT AFFECTED, EXCEPT AT PEAK HOURS (MORNING + EVENING), BUT THE IMPACT IS MODEST. WE SEE VERY LITTLE "CUT-THROUGH" TRAFFIC.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?
GOOD ~~IDEA~~ IDEA!

3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?
THIS IS A BAD IDEA! - IT ADDS TRAFFIC LIGHTS, CONFUSION, DELAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT STATIC STUDIES SAY THAT TRAFFIC DELAYS WILL BE REDUCED. I AM VERY SKEPTICAL THAT THIS SCHEME WILL DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN MAKE TRAFFIC WORSE!

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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
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Name: Bill & Cheryl Cox (COXCO FUEL)
 Address: 7201 N. Oracle Rd.
 Phone # or email: 481-9905 / 888-4213 Date: 6/30/10
Cheryl@tripleccc.com

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?
 • Northbound right turn lane onto Oracle ~ 2 lanes a good solution
 • Bus Stop at Coxco driveway ~ major problem.

2. Adding **Dual Right Turn Lanes** from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?
Good Idea ~ Agree it will solve the existing problem

3. The concept of **Indirect Left-Turns** on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?
Agree ~ though inconvenient to some and an adjustment for all using the daily lane. The adjustments will be accepted and later appreciated.



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Name: KEVIN MINIAT
 Address: 550 W INA RD # 101
 Phone # or email: KMINI10@MSN.COM Date: 6.30.10

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

2. Adding **Dual Right Turn Lanes** from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

3. The concept of **Indirect Left-Turns** on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

I would like a Left Bay AT INA/NORTHERN.
TO ALLOW EASTBOUND INA TRAFFIC TO
TURN left (NORTH) ON NORTHERN

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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
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Name: KELLY FRINK
 Address: 7010 N. FIRENZE DR 85704
 Phone # or email: _____ Date: 6-30-10

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

I AVOID THE INTERSECTION DURING RUSH
HOOR OTHERWISE ITS NOT A PROBLEM.

2. Adding **Dual Right Turn Lanes** from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

GOOD IDEA.

The concept of **Indirect Left-Turns** on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

Don't like it. Too many new lights. Winter
visitors will really have a hard time with it.
Now instead of just avoiding that area at RUSH HOUR,
I'LL have to avoid it at all times.

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4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection. *This is about*

the meeting.

*THE ACTUAL PLAN WASNT SHOWN UNTIL AFTER
A POINTLESS 10 MIN. PRESENTATION. THEN WE WERE
ABLE TO OFFER IDEAS + SUGGESTIONS AS IF THIS
WASNT ALREADY A DONE DEAL. YOU HAD MORE THAN A
YEAR TO COME UP WITH A PLAN + WE WERE GIVEN A
FEW MOMENTS TO ABSORB + RESPOND. OBVIOUSLY THIS PLAN
IS GOING FORWARD AS YOU HAVE A START DATE. IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN APPRECIATED IF YOUR PLAN WAS SHOWN
IMMEDIATELY + EXPLAINED, RATHER THAN A "SET UP + REVEAL."*

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Name: Lorrene Magiera
Address: 7110 N. Via Oasis
Phone # or email: 742-4035 Date: July 17, 2010

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

30+ years ago Via Oasis only had horses travelling on it. Now you have buses speeding thru all day long, plus semis, 18-wheelers, and general traffic trying to avoid Ina/Oracle. There are times I sit for 10 minutes trying to get out of my own driveway! And now you want to add more cut-thru traffic on a residential street!!! Obviously the "No thru traffic" sign on Via Oracle wasn't worth the effort to install it.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

I'm not sure about this yet

3. The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

They will only add to the problems we already have. Cut-thru traffic won't like them and will do their best to avoid them which means we will get even more traffic than here.

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As discussed at the June 21, 2010 meeting I feel we need to close off Giacunda Way by barricading^{off} Vis. Pk. on Giacunda.

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OPEN HOUSE

Comment Summary, Meeting Materials, Comment Forms



Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvements – November 2010 Open House

Summary of Comments

Responses are in Bold.

9. Current problems at the intersection

- Local residents avoid the intersection during rush hours.
- Residents from the northeast neighborhood noted that it is very difficult to exit onto Ina Road, particularly left-turns, from Yucca Via during peak hours due to the long westbound right-turn queue.
- Access to the Safeway Center is unsafe. The left-turn from the center onto westbound Ina Road is difficult.
- Long intersection delays at Oracle/Ina cause vehicles to cut through neighborhoods on the northeast, southeast, and southwest quadrants.
- The long right-turn backup on westbound Ina Road is a major problem.

10. WB Dual Right-Turn Lanes on Ina Road

- Most of the responses showed strong support for the westbound dual right-turn lanes. The benefit to access at Yucca Via was questioned.
- There was some concern regarding the merging of the RT lanes on northbound Ina Road.
- Some noted that this improvement would not address the neighborhood cut through traffic problem.

11. Indirect Left-Turn (ILT) Signals

- Comments express concern over how this improvement will operate, will the expected benefits actually be realized, and what impacts it will have on neighborhood cut-through traffic and access to businesses and neighborhoods.
- Specific concerns noted include:
 - i. How will the access to the Safeway Center, particularly left-turns onto westbound Ina Road be affected. **Currently, full access movement is allowed at the median opening on Ina Road at the eastern driveway of the Safeway Center. During peak traffic periods on weekdays and on weekends, left-turns out of the center onto westbound Ina Road are difficult and unsafe due to backups in the westbound direction and high traffic volumes in the eastbound direction. During these periods, motorists wishing to turn onto westbound Ina Road do so by first turning right onto eastbound Ina Road and then making a U-turn. With the ILT signal placed at the Safeway driveway, exiting left-turns will be prohibited, although all other turning movements will be allowed. Motorists wishing to travel west on Ina Road can make a right turn at the westernmost Safeway driveway and make a U-turn at either the ILT signal or another median opening further to the east as they currently do today. They can also turn right onto Oracle Road, turn right onto Ina Road and then make the U-turn at the ILT signal.**
 - ii. The ILT signals will be confusing to visitors. **Illuminated LED “No Left-Turn” signs will be placed at Oracle Road to alert motorists that left-turns are prohibited. Signing that will be consistent with that which will be installed at the Grant/Oracle intersection where ILT signals will also be constructed, will direct motorists through the intersection to the U-turn signals.**
 - iii. Adding the ILT signals will increase congestion and delays in the area and increase neighborhood cut-through traffic. **By reducing the cycle length at the Ina/Oracle signal, the length of backups on all approaches and the time a motorist is**



stopped will be reduced. This should reduce the incentive for motorists on Ina Road and Oracle Road to cut through the neighborhoods.

- iv. Backups at the ILT signal on the east side will impact access at Yucca Via. **Analysis of the evening peak hour traffic conditions, which are the heaviest and have the greatest impact at Yucca Via, shows that backup of westbound vehicles turning right at Oracle Road will be reduced significantly and will no longer block Yucca Via. The analysis also indicates that the backup in the through lanes resulting from the ILT signal will not block Yucca Via.**
- Several comments suggested that extending the existing single left-turn lanes or widening to add dual left-turn lanes on Ina Road would be a better solution. **Extending the existing single left-turn lanes will provide additional storage, however will not provide an opportunity to reduce the cycle length at Ina/Oracle to reduce overall delay and queuing. In addition, extending these lanes will eliminate any left-turn access (in or out) to the Casas Adobes Center and possibly the Safeway Center. Adding dual left-turn lanes on Ina Road will also not benefit overall intersection operations since traffic in dual lanes will only be able to turn left on a green arrow, as is currently done on northbound and southbound Oracle Road,**

12. Miscellaneous

- Several comments noted that a GSI is needed at this intersection to properly address the congestion issue.
- Several comments noted that widening Orange Grove Road, Magee Road, and Tangerine Road would relieve the congestion at Ina/Oracle. **Projects to widen Magee Road from Oracle Road to Thornydale Road will be implemented over the next 3-5 years. Preliminary design for Tangerine Road has started, although construction is probably 5-10 years away.**
- Residents in the northwest quadrant suggested that Old Ina Road should be extended to Westward Look Drive to provide safer access at the traffic signal onto Ina Road.
- The impact of the proposed improvements on access from the Safeway Center to Ina Road needs to be mitigated.
- Some residents in the Casas Adobes neighborhood located on the southwest quadrant are concerned about the impacts of potentially closing access to Oracle Road via Giaconda Way. **The potential closure of Giaconda Way is not associated with the Ina/Oracle improvements, but is a request generated by the neighborhood to address current issues with cut-through traffic.**
- One comment requested that a traffic signal be installed on Oracle Road at Giaconda Way.



Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvements – November 30, 2010, Public Open House

Comments

Current problems at the intersection

- I live in Casa Adobes, drive through the proposed project area several times a day
- Only getting out of Safeway turning onto west bound Ina, try it turn south on Oracle be a use of the right turn for Ina (Oro Valley residents) backed up traffic
- Cars ignore the “Do Not Block the Intersection” signs that are posted immediately east of Yucca, which is our access road to Ina. So cars block the entrance to Yucca from Ina and it is difficult and sometimes dangerous to exit right or left from Yucca, or to enter it via a left turn from Ina.
- We live northeast of the Oracle/Ina Intersection. Yucca is our only exit if we wish to head east or south into town. Anytime after 4 pm there is right turn traffic backed up from Oracle across Yucca making getting out, especially to cross Ina very difficult
- Substantially! Noise, congestion, unwanted traffic in neighborhood, drivers using circular drive to make u-turn
- I sit through multiple left hand turn lights on Oracle southbound. (Luckily only one day a week rush hour.) The double right westbound should be an improvement.
- I take alternate routes to visit relatives (I'm retired). Usually La Canada – but that's a mess not too!! Also – and more important it is very difficult to get in/out of Safeway area and dangerous. I tend to avoid rush hour (or almost any hour) visits there
- People, trucks, semis, buses cutting thru at speeds too fast for narrow 1950 subdivision streets
- We can not enter or exit our neighborhood during peak traffic hours
- The County supervisors never should have allowed the developers to build and build and build to the north and west unless they had figured out how people would get from their jobs to their houses. Cutting through our neighborhoods
- I live in the area and have a business in the area that was just severely impacted by lane restriction on Ina and La Canada project. I shop at Safeway and bank at Bank of America.
- I currently do not make the turns north on Oracle from the east and only occasionally from the west. The congestion is mostly on the westbound going north, so why eliminate the left turns which are not backed up at this time, especially the west bound going south.
- We use Westward Look Drive in order to get to Ina Road. Very often we have to go east to 1st avenue to Orange Grove and then go west to get to Oracle. At times, when trying to return home from the west, we have to wait for a red light at Westward Look Drive. That light is triggered only by traffic trying to leave the drive.
- Just the congestion at the site. For us it is not too bad. Except the anxiety of the long-long-lines to the right turn at Oracle. Please make left turn light out of Westward Look a little longer – so that at least 3 cars can get through.
- Lengthy wait times at intersection. Cut-through traffic through the Casa Adobes neighborhood.

WB Dual Right-Turn Lanes on Ina Road

- This is a great idea! My only concern is that people tend to forget how to merge at a yield sign, and instead come to a dead stop, even when they have a lane
- Badly needed! Good Idea!
- It is not clear how dual right turn lanes would affect access from Yucca on to Ina and from Ina onto Yucca. If there is a red light installed at the present u-turn location it would back traffic east of the light even more making it even more difficult and dangerous to enter and exit Yucca. It would mean 2 lanes backed up and blocking Yucca
- Our concern is the addition of a red light at the turnaround west of Yucca, before Oracle. This will exacerbate the traffic backups across Yucca.



- In general, have you considered going overhead/below grade with the thru lanes of Ina & Oracle and use off ramps for turns or exiting of the major roads and perhaps this is not visually appealing, but would be much more effective.
- Will it really reduce the backup as much as predicted? Will there be barriers to prevent people from jumping into the right 2 lanes from the straight westbound lanes?
- Doesn't really affect my north-south travel
- It does nothing to solve our neighborhood problems
- Our neighborhood has one access/egress to Ina Road and that is Yucca Via. There will be no way to get out because of continual lines of right hand turns. There must be a flashing light or big sign so people (drivers) do not block Yucca Via
- This is needed and a good idea
- Still have a light. People don't stop now before proceeding – will do it less when they think both turn lanes are dedicated. U turns are less direct and will cause their backups. Just adding more lights and ____ sections (u-turn).
- If that is the only change made, it will ease the queue waiting to make the turn. Hopefully the queue will no longer reach Westward Look Drive.
- This should be your First Action – once you take care of this mess – the rest would be quite acceptable.
- Seems like a good idea to alleviate right-turn backup.

Indirect Left-Turn

- This is a terrible idea! Have you even seen the amount of traffic coming in and out of Safeway at 5 pm? A light at that exit off Ina from the shopping center is a good idea, but I think Tucson is far more obsessed with u-turns than it should be. There's nothing wrong with a left-turn. What about extending the length of the left turn lanes?
- Add the double right turn lane on west bound Ina and call it a day. Leave the left turn lanes along!
- It is not clear how indirect left turns on Ina would affect ____ of entry and exit to and from Yucca. My concern again is the possible installation of a traffic light at the current u-turn location.
- Very confusing for visitors – forcing a right/u-turn over a left turn
- How much additional right of way will be taken? Get on with expanding capacity on Orange Grove!
- Go for it!!
- Suspect that increases potential for accidents – especially during rush hours
- It helps everyone except the people in the northwest quadrant.
- This will add 10 minutes to go south on Oracle road and will cause massive cutting through neighborhoods in the area. There is no proof that this will work at the particular intersection.
- I'm not in favor of this – extend the left – turn lanes, no double left turn lanes. I don't care if you can't get into Casa Adobes they can make a u-turn.
- Double traffic in the lanes just east and west of Oracle as they go to the u-turns. Make exit out of Safeway on Ina going west impossible – now I will need to go east and u-turn – adding to the traffic.
- U-turn west Oracle will add a light and further congest the traffic at Casas Adobes entrance by Pei Wei.
- More traffic on neighborhood road to avoid this traffic _____. More traffic means more noise.
- This will add a significant number of cars to the dual right turn lanes on Ina. The 29 second improvement at the intersection will be out balanced by the increase number of cars traveling west to go north on Oracle.
- We think it would add to the confusion and congestion – If you take care of the right turn cars everything would ease.



- New traffic light proposed for Ina at Via ponte. Please provide the length of wait times for both Via Ponte and Oracle eastbound travel relative to the existing conditions of 1 light at Oracle Road. How will this new light alleviate cut-through traffic in Casa Adobes? New light at Safeway. Presently, Safeway Center very difficult to exit. Will spaced exit and u-turn still be possible at Beyond Bread, or will the indirect left-turn extended queue lane not allow an exit at this location? (for U-turn and westbound travel on Ina.)

Miscellaneous

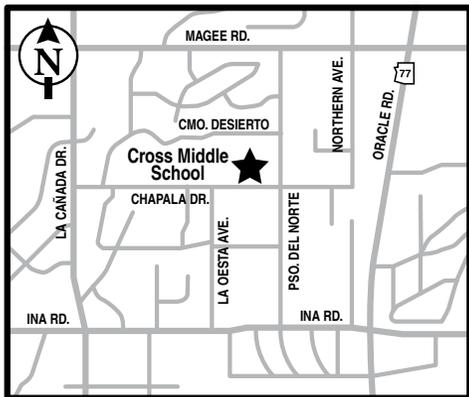
- What about a light at Oracle and Giaconda? That "intersection" gets blocked up everyday during rush hour by people blocking the path of drivers trying to make a right or left turn. This, I believe, would also cut down on any cut-through traffic generated by the shopping center traffic through Casa Adobes estates, which some residents of our neighborhood seem overly concerned about.
- Yucca is the only direct access our neighborhood has to Ina Road construction there would block ____ for a long time, inconveniencing the whole neighborhood. Please consider how to allow residents, visitors, and service people to enter Yucca safely from Ina and how to exit it also safely out Ina.
- Please consider the residents of the neighborhood south of Suffolk, east of Oracle, North of Ina. Yucca is our sole egress, already blocked by traffic west bound on Ina waiting to turn north on Oracle. Your construction promises to make our exit Via Yucca more difficult and dangerous. A sunken north south Oracle/Ina intersection would not widen the foot prints of the intersection (drawing provided)
- I am sympathetic to your dilemma; however, I am hearing conflicting recommendations for resolving problem. You must evaluate the un-intended consequences of any action you take. I am hearing that tacit approval has been given to closure of Giaconda Way west of Oracle. Any un-intended consequences of this action would be to force the residents of the 125 homes to use the Ina/Oracle intersection for all travel to the east/south/north of the neighborhood. It seems that this would add to the overall problem while only marginally reducing neighborhood traffic. It would also increase activity at the light at Ina and Via Assisi. There are easier ways to remove the incentives to cut through this neighborhood using the resources already installed. (Light control, signage, mandates to bus agencies, etc). Also the party organizing the closure of Giaconda way has stated that Pima County will pay all of the costs of the closure, a fact I doubt to be true. (Note: some of the vehicles using the Giaconda Way area Sun Tran buses {usually empty} school buses, and large commercial trucks. These can be managed by mandates to their agencies)
- How about an express – thru lane?
- We are part of the just over 60% of property owners in Casas Adobes neighborhood, that whole heartedly support the blocking off of Giaconda. The complaints heard tonight represent the minority. Please put this into effect as soon as possible.
- I suggested by mail and previous comments that Yucca Via should be closed and old Ina be extended to Westward Look. This would allow the neighborhood a link to a road with an existing operating light to traffic.
- Is Oro Valley going to annex to Ina Road? Widen Orange Grove! That was supposed to have been done 20 years ago to take the onus off of Ina. Orange Grove goes far west as well. During construction will police cars make sure that cars don't cut through Yucca Via? It happens now all the time. The wait times are for people who live elsewhere not people in the area. Lengthen the red light at Westward Look! That would hold back the traffic going west in the evening. So, for 2x a day, the people who live in these neighborhoods/areas will be inconvenienced all the time! I don't care about the people who are just "passing through" let them wait.
- Please do not start construction until La Canada is completed so drivers can take it – this will cause less congestion. Do work at night so lanes are not restricted during busy times. Traffic flow out of Safeway must be addressed. Now with Beyond Bread open, traffic is even heavier.



Widen Orange Grove to take some traffic off Ina and what about building a bridge over La Cholla and Overton – every time it rains we can't go there!

- Need to propose a joint project with ADOT to more comprehensively address Oracle and Ina traffic patterns load. Better options leaving shopping centers – like Safeway. If you make improvements on Magee, Tangerine and other (Orange Grove) roads less people would choose the Oracle/Ina intersection. Wait for additional funds to accumulate from 2006 sales tax so overpass (?) construction can be realized.
- Even though bond money is not available to make Orange Grove, Magee, and/or Rudasill into through lane roads like Ina, can stimulus money be used for these projects. Several east/west thoroughfares are a more long range solution to the traffic hemorrhage that exists in the northern corridor. Your solution, I'm afraid, is merely a band aid.
- At some time thought should be given to a clover leaf at the Ina Oracle. Please do plan ahead. Why was this intersection given some thought and action even 1 or 5 years ago?
- It is our understanding that 60% design plans have been prepared for the project. Because the display graphics do not provide adequate detail to properly review the current development concepts we request a pdf copy of the 60% design plans. Either electronic pdf file set or 11X17 paper set would work. Proposed Giaconda Way blockade and associated Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP): I have previously discussed the possibility of a resident-only gate at the Via Ponte blockade site, which is the best solution for the entire neighborhood. PDOT responded they are not able to make this happen, unless an established HOA/Entity asked the County for control of all the Casa Adobes streets, infrastructure improvements, etc. PDOT has said the residents of Casas Adobes should continue to communicate between themselves and the County, although the Phase 1 60% petition (NTMP has apparently been reached. We would like to meet with PDOT staff and discuss the different phases of the NTMP in relation to their potential implementation. We understand PDOT assumes the leadership role in this program and guides the development of solutions. Please contact Mark at 243-1871 to set up the initial meeting. At the public meeting, we were told Annie Medina was the NTMP coordinator for this project. If so, we request a meeting with Annie as soon as possible.





Pima County Department of Transportation

Notice of Public Open House Oracle Rd. / Ina Rd. Intersection Improvement Project

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Meeting is from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. • Presentation at 6:15 P.M.
at Cross Middle School • 1000 W. Chapala Dr.



RTA
Regional Transportation Authority



The Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT), in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation, would like to invite you to attend a public open house for the Oracle Road / Ina Road intersection improvement project. The purpose of this project is to increase capacity and enhance safety at the Oracle Road / Ina Road intersection.

Improving traffic conditions at this intersection is a high priority for a number of reasons: Oracle Road (State Route 77) and Ina Road are critical roadways in the metropolitan transportation system, serving regional mobility and commerce. Over 96,000 vehicles pass through this intersection daily, the 7th highest in this region. The daily volume of traffic is expected to increase to 126,000 vehicles over the next 20 to 30 years as Oro Valley, Catalina, and Pinal County continue to develop. The current capacity of the Oracle Road / Ina Road intersection is inadequate, creating a bottleneck in the regional transportation system and causing: lengthy delays and backups; undesirable cut-through traffic in nearby neighborhoods; limited access to businesses in the area; and reduced air quality.

Representatives from Pima County and the project team will be available to answer questions and address concerns about the project. The meeting will start promptly at 6:00 P.M. with a brief presentation at 6:15 P.M., followed by an open house to review project displays. Public opinion forms will be available for public feedback. For more information about the open house, visit www.roadprojects.pima.gov

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations for effective participation and communication in the meeting may call Julie C. Simon with PCDOT Community Relations at (520) 740-6410 by November 24, 2010, to make appropriate arrangements. All meeting sites are accessible.



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Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
Tuesday, November 30, 2010

AGENDA

1. Welcome Jim Schoen
Kittleson & Associates, Inc.
2. Introduction Honorable Ann Day,
District 1, Pima County Board of Supervisors
3. Presentation Jim Schoen
Kittleson & Associates, Inc.
4. Open House Breakout Groups



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FACT SHEET Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project

The Pima County Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation, has initiated a project to increase capacity and enhance safety at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection. Funding for this project is being provided through the RTA.

Improving traffic conditions at this intersection is a high priority for a number of reasons:

- ❖ Oracle Road (State Route 77) and Ina Road are critical roadways in the metropolitan Pima County transportation system, serving regional mobility and commerce.
- ❖ Traffic volume at the Ina Road/Oracle Road has increased 58% over the past 10 years (56,000 ADT in 1999). Today, over 96,000 vehicles pass through this intersection each day, the 7th highest in the region.
- ❖ This daily volume of traffic is expected to swell to 126,000 vehicles over the next 20 to 30 years as Oro Valley, Catalina, and Pinal County continues to develop.
- ❖ The current capacity of the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection is woefully inadequate, creating a bottleneck in the regional transportation system and causing:
 - ✓ lengthy delays and backups
 - ✓ limited access to businesses in the area
 - ✓ undesirable cut-through traffic in nearby neighborhoods
 - ✓ reduced air quality

The Ina Road/Oracle Road improvement project is currently in the preliminary engineering phase. Improvement alternatives have been evaluated and the results and recommendations will be presented to the public for comments. Once the improvement concept has been finalized, preparation of construction documents will begin. It is anticipated that construction could begin in the summer of 2011.

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This is a project of the Regional Transportation Authority. The voter-approved, \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at www.RTA mobility.com. The Regional Transportation Authority has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments. This project will be managed by Pima County.



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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
Comment Form**

Name: Vernon & Cecilia Roubush
Address: 320 E Desert Tree Dr (Westward Look)
Phone # or email: 297-0500 Date: 12-3-10

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

Just the congestion at the site

For us it is Not Too Bad - except the Anxiety of
the long-Long-Lines to the rt turn at Oracle.
Please make Left Turn Right out of Westward Look
a little longer - so that at least 3 cars can get
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This should be your FIRST Action - Once
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would be quite acceptable.

The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

We think it would add to the confusion
and congestion - If you take care of the
right turn cars everything would ease.

4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

at some time thought should be given
to a clover leaf at Ina & Oracle -

Please ~~do~~ plan ahead. why was
this intersection given some thought and
action even 10 or 5 years ago

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Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project Comment Form

Name: Margaret Sheehan
Address: 7560 N Palm Circle 85704
Phone # or email: 520 531 1638 Date: 1-16-2011

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

The back-up for right-hand turn to go North on Oracle Rd is lengthy. We have to adjust our timing, when possible, for going in that direction.

We have also noticed that since the new medical plaza has been built, noise has greatly increased.

Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended.

What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

Excellent idea! The only problem I have found was vehicles turning north from eastbound Ina were not yielding to us right-turners when we had the green.

The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

When the Safeway Plaza was shut down on

JAN 9th the police had so-called Michigan turn-arounds at the Westward look light for westbound Ina traffic. It was slow & tedious from what I observed, and that was without having eastbound traffic to contend with.

FORGET IT! OVER

Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

Do not let vehicles exiting from Welgreen's etc. make a left-hand turn onto Ina. They should go to one of the three western exits.

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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
Comment Form**



Norma Lackow
328 E. Desert Tree Drive
Tucson, AZ 85704-7043

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone # or email: 742-7561 Date: 12/2/10
ABNORMAL8@COMCAST.NET

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

WE USE WESTWARD LOOK DRIVE IN ORDER TO GET TO INA
RD. VERY OFTEN WE HAVE TO GO EAST TO 1ST AVE TO ORANGES
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IF THAT IS THE ONLY CHANGE MADE, IT WILL LEASE THE
QUEUE WAITING TO MAKE THE TURN. HOPEFULLY THE
QUEUE WILL NO LONGER REACH WESTWARD LOOK DRIVE

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Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project Comment Form

Name: Jessica Horton
Address: 7120 N Via Pisa
Phone # or email: 219-2558 Date: 11/30/10

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

I live in Casas Adobes, drive through the proposed project area several times a day.

Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

This is a great idea! My only concern is that people tend to forget how to merge at a yield sign, & instead come to a dead stop, even when they have a lane.

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This is a terrible idea! Have you ever seen the amount of traffic coming in & out of Safeway at 5pm?? A light at that exit off Ina from the shopping center is a good idea, but I think Tucson is far more ^{OVER} obsessed with U-turns than it should be. There's nothing wrong with a ~~left~~ left-turn. What about extending the length of the left turn lanes?

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of Casas Adobes Estates, which some residents
of our neighborhood seem overly-concerned about.

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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
 Comment Form**

Name: MICHAEL Horton
 Address: 7120 N. VIA ALSA
 Phone # or email: 219-2550 Date: 11/30/10

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?
only getting out of Safeway turning onto west bound Ina. trying turn South on Oracle because of the right turn from Ina (oro valley residents) backed up traffic.

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BADLY NEEDED! Good Idea!

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Add the double right turn lane on West bound Ina & call it a day.
 Leave the Left Turn lanes alone!



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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
 Comment Form**

Name: IRMILDA (TRMA) SHEPPARD
 Address: 7320 N. VILLAGE AVE 85704
 Phone # or email: 520-321-1566 Date: Nov-20-2010

1. How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

Cars ignore the "Do Not Block the Intersection" signs that are posted immediately east of Yucca, which is our access road to Ina. So cars block the entrance to Yucca from Ina and it is difficult and some times dangerous to exit right or left from Yucca, or to enter it via a left turn from Ina.

2. Adding Dual Right Turn Lanes from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

It is not clear how dual right turn lanes would affect access from Yucca onto Ina and from Ina onto Yucca. If there is a red light installed at the present U-Turn location it would back traffic east of the light even more, making it even more difficult and dangerous to enter and exit Yucca. - It would mean 2 lanes backed up and blocking Yucca.

The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

It is not clear how indirect left turns on Ina would affect ease of entry and exit to and from Yucca. My concern again is the possible installation of a traffic light at the current U-Turn location.

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4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

Yucca is the only ^{direct} access any neighborhood has to Ina Road. Construction there would block that for a long time, inconveniencing the whole neighborhood.

Please consider the safety how to allow residents, visitors and service people to enter Yucca safely from Ina and how to exit ~~it~~ also safely ~~from~~ onto Ina.

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Name: KARL MOELLER
 Address: 7320 N. Village 85704
 Phone # or email: 321-1566 Date: 11/30/2010

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

We live NE of the Oracle/Ina intersection. Yucca is our only exit if we wish to head east or south into town. Anytime after 4PM there is right-turn traffic backed up from Oracle across Yucca making getting out, especially to cross Ina, very difficult

Adding **Dual Right Turn Lanes** from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

Our concern is the addition of a red light at the ~~top~~ turnaround west of Yucca, before Oracle. This will exacerbate the traffic backup across Yucca.

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Very confusing for visitors - forcing a right/turn over a left turn.

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Please consider the residents of the neighborhood south of Suffolk, east of Oracle, north of Ina. Yucca is our sole express, already blocked by traffic west bound on Ina, waiting to turn south on Oracle.

Your construction promises to make our exit via Yucca more difficult & dangerous.

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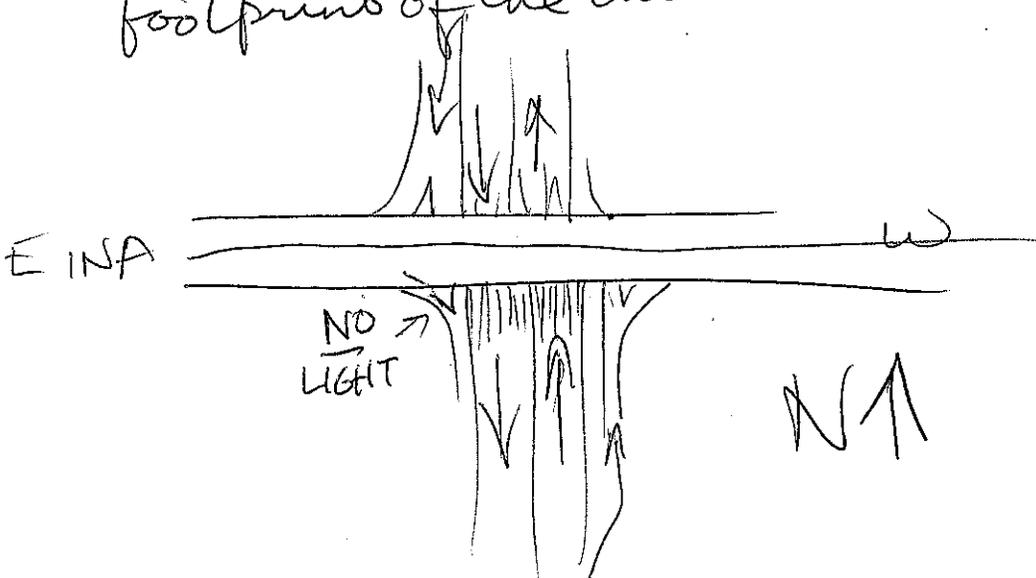
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A SUNKEN N-S Oracle/Ina intersection would not widen the footprint of the intersection.





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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
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Name: Gary Prigge
Address: 7130 N VIA ASSISI
Phone # or email: GW PRIGGE@GMAIL.COM Date: 11/30/10

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

Substantially. Noise, congestion, UNWANTED TRAFFIC in
Neighborhood. DRIVERS USING 'CIRCULAR DRIVE TO
MAKE U-TURN

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IN GENERAL, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GOING OVERHEAD/BELOW GRADE
WITH THE THREE LANES OF INA & ORACLE AND USE OFF-RAMP
FOR TURNS OR EXITING OF THE MAJOR ROADS? PERHAPS
THIS IS NOT VISUALLY APPEALING, BUT WOULD BE MUCH MORE
EFFECTIVE

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How much additional Right of Way will be taken?

Get on with Expanding ^{OVER} Capacity on orange grove!

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I Am Sympathetic to your dilemma, however, I Am hearing conflicting Recommendations for Resolving Problems. You must evaluate the UN-intended consequences of Any Action you take. I Am hearing that Tacit Approval has been given to closure of GIACONDA Way West of Oracle. An UN-intended consequence of this Action would be to Force the RESIDENTS of the 125 homes to use the Ina/Oracle intersection for All travel to the East/South/North of the Neighborhood. IT seems that this would Add to the Overall problem while only marginally Reducing Neighborhood Traffic. IT would Also increase Activity at the Light at Ina and Via Assisi. There are EASIER ways to Remove the incentives to cut through this Neighborhood (Using the Resources Already INSTALLED. (Light control, Signage, Mandates to Bus Agencies, etc)) Also the party organizing the closure of GIACONDA Way has stated that Pima county will pay all of the costs of the closure, A fact that I Doubt to be TRUE

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(Note: Some of the vehicles using the Giaconda Way are SunTran Buses (usually empty) School buses, and large commercial trucks. These can be managed by mandates to their Agencies)



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Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone # or email: _____ Date: 11/30/10

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

*I sit through multiple left hand turn lights on Oracle southbound. (Luckily only one day a week rush hour.)
The double right westbound should be an improvement.*

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*- Will it really reduce the backup as much as predicted?
- Will there be barriers to prevent people from jumping into the right 2 lanes from the straight westbound lanes?*

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Do for it!

4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

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*I would rather hear the experts ~~talk~~ talk more and
Ann Day less.*

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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
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Name: PAUL KRUPPENBACHER
 Address: 6800 N. PASEO DE LAS ALTAS
 Phone # or email: 797-2385 Date: 11/30/10
SKIEWISP@AOL.COM

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

I TAKE ALTERNATE ROUTES TO VISIT RELATIVES
(I'M RETIRED). USUALLY LA CANADA - BUT THAT
IS A MESS NOW TOO!
ALSO - AND MORE IMPORTANT IT IS VERY
DIFFICULT TO GET IN/OUT OF SHERMAN AREA -
AND DANGEROUS! I TEND TO AVOID RUSH HOUR
(OR ALMOST ANY HOUR) VISITS THERE -

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DOESN'T REALLY AFFECT MY N-S TRAVEL

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SUSPECT THAT INCREASES POTENTIAL FOR
ACCIDENTS - ESPECIALLY DURING RUSH HOURS -

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HOW ABOUT AN EXPRESS-THRU LANE?

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**Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project
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Name: Bob & Joan Day
 Address: 7040 N. VIA ASSISI
 Phone # or email: 742-6572 Date: 11-30-10

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

People, TRUCKS, SEMI'S, BUSES CUTTING THRU AT
SPEEDS TOO FAST FOR NARROW 1950'S SUBDIVISION
STREETS.

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The concept of **Indirect Left-Turns** on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

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We are part of the just over 60% of property owners in
CASA ADORAS neighborhood, that wholeheartedly support the
blocking off of GIACONDA. The complaints heard tonight
represent the minority. ~~many of these people are only~~
PLEASE PUT THIS INTO EFFECT ASAP.

Thank you
Bob & Joan Day
742-6572

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Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project Comment Form

Name: Nadine + Rocco PAONE
Address: 7421 N. Oleander Vista, Tucson, AZ 85704
Phone # or email: _____ Date: _____

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

The county supervisors never should have allowed the developers to build + build + BUILD to the north + west unless they had figured out how people would get from their jobs to their houses. Cutting through our neighborhood is

Adding **Dual Right Turn Lanes** from westbound Ina Road to northbound Oracle Road is being recommended. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement?

Our neighborhood has one access/egress to Ina Rd, and that is Yucca Via. There will be no way to get out b/c of continual lines of right hand turns. There must be a flashing light or big sign so people (drivers) do not block Yucca Via.

The concept of **Indirect Left-Turns** on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

This will add 10 minutes to go south on Oracle Rd and will cause massive cutting through neighborhoods in the area. There is no proof that this will work at this particular intersection.

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(1) Is Oro Valley going to annex to Ina Road??

(2) Widen ORANGE GROVE! That was supposed to have been done 20 years ago to take the onus off of Ina. OG goes far West as well.

(3) During Construction, will police cars make sure that cars don't cut through Yucca Vista? It happens now all the time.

(4) The wait times are for people who live elsewhere, not people in the area.

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(5) Having, Ann Day, who is a moron, give the opening statement was a bad idea. She doesn't know what she is talking about, everyone knows that. Leave her at home next time.

(6) Lengthen the Red light at Westward Look!! That would hold back the traffic going West ~~at risk~~ in evening

(7) So, for 2X a day, the people who live in these neighborhoods/area, will be inconvenienced all the time!! I don't care about the people who are just "passing through" let them wait.



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Ina Road/Oracle Road Improvement Project Comment Form

Name: Linda Kovacs
Address: 801 E. Camino Albino / 17310 W. Ina Rd - business
Phone # or email: 955-3800 / lindak617@yahoo.com Date: 11-30-10

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

I live in the area of have a business in the area that was just severely impacted by lane restriction on Ina & Oracle project. I stop at Safeway & bank at Bank of America.

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This is needed & a good idea.

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I'm not in favor of this - extend the left-turn lanes, no double left turn lanes. I don't care if you can't get into Casa Adobe - they can make a U-turn.

4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

Please do not start construction until La Canada is completed so drivers can take it - this will cause less congestion. Do work at night so lanes are not restricted during busy times.

Traffic flow out of Safeway must be addressed. Now with Bayard Blvd open, traffic is even heavier.

Widen Orange Grove to take some traffic off Ina & impact about building a bridge over La Cholla & Overton - Every time it rains we can't go there!

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Name: Ann Berkman
Address: 935 W Casanova Pl
Phone # or email: apherkman@hotmail.com Date: 11/30/10

Not sure of the value of this input - decision made

How does the existing congestion at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection affect you, your neighborhood, or your business?

I currently do not make the turns north on Oracle from the east and only occasionally from the west

The congestion is mostly on the westbound going north so why eliminate the left turns which are not backed up at this time, especially the westbound going south.

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- Still have a light
- People don't stop now before proceeding - will do it less when they think both turn lanes are "dedicated"
- U turns are less direct + will cause their own backups
- just adding more lights + U-turn sections (U turn)

The concept of Indirect Left-Turns on Ina Road was presented as an improvement that will reduce congestion significantly. What concerns or comments do you have regarding this improvement concept?

- ① Double traffic in the lanes just east and west of Oracle as they go to the U-turns
- ② Make it out of Safeway on Ina going west impossible - now I will need to go east + U turn - adding to the traffic
- ③ U turn west of Oracle will add a light and further congest the traffic at Casanova's entrance by Pei Wei
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- ④ More traffic on ^{neighborhood} roads to avoid this traffic pattern. More traffic means more noise.

4. Please provide any other thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that the Project Team should consider for improving traffic operations, safety, and access at the Ina Road/Oracle Road intersection.

→ Need to propose a joint project with ADOT to more
comprehensively address Oracle + Ina traffic patterns + load

Better options leaving shopping centers - like ~~major~~ Safeway

- If you made improvements on Magee, Thurgood + other (Orange Grove)
roads ~~people~~ people would choose the Oracle/Ina
intersection.

Wait for additional funds to accumulate from 2006 sales tax
so repairs (?) construction can be realized.

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Name: ALBERT H. WEBER
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WE CAN NOT ENTER OR EXIT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS

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IT DOES NOTHING TO SOLVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS

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IT HELPS EVERYONE EXCEPT THE PEOPLE IN THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT

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I SUGGESTED BY MAIL AND PREVIOUS COMMENTS
THAT YUCCA VIA SHOULD BE CLOSED
AND OLD INA BE EXTENDED TO WESTWARD
LOOK. THIS WOULD ALLOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD
A LINK TO A ROAD WITH AN EXISTING
OPERATING LIGHT TO TRAFFIC.

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