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La Cholla Blvd: Magee to Tangerine CAC Meeting

SUMMARY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 TIME: 6:00-7:30 PM

LOCATION: Grace Community Church
9755 N. La Cholla Blvd.

TYPE OF MEETING	Community Advisory Committee Meeting
FACILITATOR	Dean Papajohn
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Members Present</u> Fred DiNoto Robert Ewens DeDe Betten Bob Iannarino John L. Reynolds Barbara Wisot Randall Abbey John Lakey Danny Goldmann Roland J. Staub, PE Brent Bartz</p> <p><u>CAC Members Not Present</u> Andrea Calabro Dallas & Carmen Bigelow Jane Perry Loren B. Christenfeld Thomas Tucker</p> <p><u>Pima County Team Members</u> Dean Papajohn, Project Manager Eric Sibson, URS Julie Simon, Community Relations Program Coordinator Quinn Castro, Traffic Engineering</p> <p><u>URS Group:</u> Eric Sibson, Project Manager</p> <p><u>Sound Solutions:</u> Bill Holliday, Acoustical Engineer</p>
DISCUSSION	La Cholla Blvd: Magee Road to Tangerine Road Project

1. **Welcome** (5 min., Dean Papajohn)
2. **Review of meetings with Fairfields La Cholla Hills** (Dean Papajohn & Fred DiNoto)
3. **Presentation of Stage I (15%) roadway and drainage design** (Eric Sibson)
4. **Presentation of Traffic Engineering** (Quinn Castro)
5. **Project documents** (Dean Papajohn & Eric Sibson)
 - Draft DCR
 - Draft EAMR
 - Stage I roadway plans and cross sections
 - Stage I Right-of-Way plans
 - Stage I Drainage Report
 - Bridge Selection Report
 - Noise Analysis Report
 - Draft Traffic Report
 - Draft Geotechnical Report
 - Biological Report
 - Preliminary Site Assessment Report
 - Cultural Resources Report
 - Jurisdictional Delineation submittal to ACOE
 - Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

1. Welcome

Dean Papajohn addressed the committee and welcomed them to tonight's meeting. Mr. Papajohn equated a quote by Albert Einstein "Life is like riding a bicycle you have to keep moving in order to keep your balance" to the progress of this roadway project. Mr. Papajohn directed the Committee to item #5 of the agenda. He indicated that at tonight's meeting CAC members will begin receiving the initial results and studies of these reports.

2. Review of meetings with Fairfields La Cholla Hills

Mr. Papajohn briefly discussed the outcome of two meetings held with the Fairfields at La Cholla Hills community. The first meeting was held on Thursday January 21, 2010. This meeting was held to present and discuss noise mitigation and potential location of sound barrier walls for those residents that live on Candlewood Loop and Breezewood Place. There were two voting groups; one group included all the residents on Breezewood Place. The second group included the residents on Candlewood Loop. A margin of 50% in agreement was required from each group in order to construct a wall. The north wall along the Candlewood Loop section has been approved for a barrier wall. Staff is still waiting final voting from those residents along the Breezewood section. The second meeting was held on Tuesday February 9, 2010, with the entire Fairfield at La Cholla Hills community. This meeting was held to present and discuss the planned access into the Fairfield at La Cholla Hills community. Mr. Papajohn further discussed some of the concerns presented at the February 9th meeting. Some of the major concerns included ingress/egress into Fairfields. Several residents expressed the need to have a traffic signal installed for access into Fairfields. The County project team has been working on determining if a traffic signal is warranted at that location. Quinn Castro, from Traffic Engineering, will be giving the committee an update on this item later on in the meeting.

Mr. Fred DiNoto addressed the committee advising them that the project team did an excellent job presenting the project and that there was a high level of community participation. Some of the community concerns he received involved a signal light at Fairfield. Some residents felt strongly about having a signal at Fairfield. Other concerns were graffiti on the walls. Mr. DiNoto congratulated Dean on his attention to the residents. A majority of the residents were pleased with the project even though there would be no signal light.

Mr. Papajohn informed the committee that on March 2nd the project team will be meeting with the residents from the Bluffs to discuss access. The team will also be meeting with residents along Lucero to discuss the impact the project will have to there area. That meeting date is yet to be determined

3. Presentation of Stage 1 (15%) roadway and drainage design

Mr. Eric Sibson addressed the committee. Mr. Sibson discussed the project elements: 50 mph design with a speed posted at 45 mph. Typical Section Elements, 11' lane with 6' shoulders; Two way Frontage roads; curbing throughout; 4:1 slopes typical, in some areas steeper; slope protection will be necessary: La Cholla will be rubberized asphalt. Drainage would require construction to accommodate a 100 year flow, this includes box culverts, open channels, and culverts at drip crossings; pavement will have catch basins for storm drainage in the 10 year event. There are specific areas that will require additional work. The configuration at the Bluffs includes a two way access road. The bridge elevation will affect the site distance in this area. The geometry of the road is a straight alignment. The only exception is that the bridge will shift to the east in order to construct a two way access road. Earthwork will require embankment for the bridge. The project will require the Right-of-Way acquisition of 44 acres. Mr. Papajohn added that as the project is being prepared the County tries to not acquire any property that is not needed. Mr. Sibson continued by stating several one-on-one discussions have taken place with property owners about ROW acquisition. Retaining walls will be 9-10 feet tall. The Bridge will be 6 spans (600 feet). The Bridge will have an approximate 51 degree skew. No rubberized asphalt will be used on the bridge surface. Soil cement will wrap around the bridge. It will not continue upstream.

One utility location that has been identified for relocation is a metro water well site. Other utility coordinations include Comcast, Pima County Wastewater (manhole adjustments), Qwest, Southwest Gas and TEP's relocation of overhead power poles. Pot holing for utilities is being planned now. One construction scenario could be to complete the work in three phases: the first phase will be the south bound section of roadway. Phase two will be the north bound section. Third phase will be the medians. Construction phasing will be determined by the contractor at the time of construction.

4. Presentation of Traffic Engineering

Ms. Quinn Castro addressed the committee. Pima County looks at a 20 year outlook in order to project the numbers of users that will be using this roadway in the future. These numbers come from different studies, such as Oro Valley and Pima Association of Governments. These numbers also come from looking at parallel roadways (i.e. La Canada, Thornydale, Shannon) and can be applied to what we are looking at here. Some of the numbers were changed and a more conservative estimate was done for the south portion of the project. However, the numbers received from Oro Valley were used for the north portion which is located in Oro Valley. Several traffic studies were done throughout the corridor to see if a traffic signals or dual turn lanes were warranted. These studies showed that no additional traffic signals are warranted. The roadway design calls for a median that will be between the north and south directional lanes. There will be a 20 foot wide median. These mediums will provide left and right turn access to smaller intersections as well as u- turn access. Staff looked at all of the intersections. They looked at vehicles heading through the intersections, left hand turns, and right hand turns, to determine the projected volume and to determine if additional traffic signals were warranted or if a dual turn lanes were warranted. The current projections do not warrant the installation of any additional traffic signals. For all the intersections there will be dedicated lefts for all north and dedicated rights for southbound traffic. This will alleviate any back up situations that people are experiencing now.

Mr. Papajohn asked the committee if they had any more questions about any of the activities/overview. On March 16th the committee will receive a Draft of the Design Concept Report (DCE), as well as the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR).

Mr. Papajohn Dean closed the meeting and advises CAC Members that staff will remain to answer any questions they have.

