



**VALENCIA ROAD: WADE ROAD TO AJO HIGHWAY  
DOT PROJECT # 4RTVWE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Lawrence Elementary School  
4850 W. Jeffrey Road  
Tucson, AZ

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

The Project Team and CAC were introduced. A listing of the CAC, Project Team and others in attendance is attached.

**II. CAC NOTEBOOK and CONTENTS**

CAC members were provided copies of the evening's presentation to be included in their project CAC notebook. An electronic copy of the presentation is also being provided as part of the meeting minutes.

**IV. PROJECT UPDATE**

An update on the work currently occurring was provided. This includes additional design efforts associated with plan development, drainage, and other environmental reviews. In the field, residences may have or will be seeing spraying for buffelgrass and subsurface investigations (drilling for soil sampling and potholing to verify buried utility elevations – e.g. 42" Tucson Water line).

**V. DRAFT DESIGN CONCEPT REPORT (DCR)**

A further review of the DCR that had been distributed to the CAC during the previous meeting was made. Key items highlighted as part of the review included the overall roadway cross section (4-lane divided roadway), drainage, pedestrian accessibility/movement (sidewalks and pathway along corridor), intersection configuration, street lighting, landscaping, and other project issues. Specific examples/exhibits of this information were provided as part of the presentation. The CAC commented on their concern with the rock/seeding and overall look with some of the weeds that had emerged in the prior phase of the project. The project team will look to address these concerns as the project landscaping is developed.

**VI. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION REPORT (EAMR) BASICS**

The CAC was provided a review of the type of information that will be contained in the EAMR document, more specifically the identification of any impacts associated with the project on the local biology, drainage/floodplain, air quality, noise, hazardous materials, historic and cultural resources, visual resources, or neighborhoods. Preliminary results of the investigations that have occurred along the project corridor were provided to the CAC as part of the presentation. The project EAMR will then include the final narrative addressing each of these in more detail, and is scheduled to be provided to the CAC at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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## VII. PROJECT SCHEDULE

An update of the project schedule was provided, indicating that the project continued with its initial design and the development of the DCR and the EAMR. This meeting was used to review and come to agreement on the DCR, with the October meeting to be used to initially review the EAMR, with the intent to look to approve that document at the November meeting. This would then allow for the completion of these base planning documents by the CAC and their submission to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for final approval – based on publication requirements and scheduling in very early 2017. Based on the approval of the DCR/EAMR the project design will then move forward to complete a Final Plans, Specifications and Estimate package that could be advertised for construction towards the end of 2017 or early 2018, pending the timing of utility relocation activities during 2017.

## VIII. PUBLIC ART INVOLVEMENT

There was a request for one more volunteer to sit on the artist selection panel. The new addition to the Art Committee was Diosdado Hernandez, whom will join Fran Buerger and Erin Jacobs from the CAC and be part of the Art Committee. It is anticipated that there will be an initial Art Committee meeting in the next month to start the review of the Call to Artists submissions.

## IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS

A review of efforts for the upcoming CAC meetings was made. A listing of the months and efforts that were discussed follows:

October 18, 2016	CAC Meeting (6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.) - Review Draft EAMR
November 15, 2016*	CAC Meeting (5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) – Finalize/Approve EAMR Public Open House (6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
January 2017	BOS Meeting – Approve EAMR

**\* The committee approved the November meeting to be held as detailed above, with a Public Open House to follow the CAC meeting.**

## X. OPEN DISCUSSION

Several general comments were made regarding the vegetation along Valencia Road and concerns for how it looked and be treated with this project – Note crews cleaning the previous project’s corridor for weeds over the past few days.

There were a few questions regarding pavement type/composition and a request for access to the geotechnical report, once it was completed.

Note that all project reports, once complete, will be available on the Pima County’s Project Website at [www.roadprojects.pima.gov](http://www.roadprojects.pima.gov)

## XI. NEXT MEETING

October 18, 2016      Lawrence Elementary School      6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Attachments:      Attendance List  
                         CAC Presentation