



KINO PARKWAY – 22ND STREET INTERSECTION & WIDENING TO TUCSON BOULEVARD



February 27, 2006 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #6 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6:00-6:50 pm on February 27, 2007 in the Arts and Crafts Room of the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. In attendance were appointed members Ivo Ortiz, George Kalil, Dirck Schou, Claire Fellows, Les Pierce, Jamey Sumner, Brett Dumont, Cynthia Ayala, Vernon Trotter, Wright Thomas and Sandra Zepeda. Staff present included Andy McGovern, Bob Peterson and Janice Cuaron (City of Tucson) and Mary Ellen Wooten (Tucson Pima Arts Council) and consultant team staff Jay Van Echo, Dave Dobler, Claudia Perchinelli, Darlene Showalter, Alejandro Angel, Edie Griffith Mettey, Nanette Pageau, Angela Stith, Barbara Grygutis and Freda Johnson. Also present were observers Bill Seitz, Robin Steinberg, Al Garcia and Roy Schoonover.

1. Welcome and Introductions; Confirm Quorum

Ivo Ortiz, CAC Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. He turned the meeting over to moderator, Freda Johnson who said that a quorum was present. Everyone introduced themselves. Janice Cuaron introduced herself as the City project manager for the widening of 22nd Street between I-10 and Kino Boulevard.

2. Review Ground Rules for Meetings/Meeting Summary

Freda reviewed the ground rules developed at the first CAC meeting. She acknowledged the meeting summary and without objection, the summary was accepted by those present. She asked the group to take a moment of silence in memory of CAC Member Louis Padilla, who passed away in early February 2007.

3. Present revised project boundaries and scope to include the widening of 22nd Street – Andy McGovern, TDOT

Andy said that the project boundary now extends east to Tucson Boulevard and includes a new interchange with Barraza and 22nd Street with full turning movements. He acknowledged that the new project title is Kino Parkway – 22nd Street Intersection and Widening to Tucson Boulevard. He said that a fee is being negotiated with the present team for this additional work and that more information will be forthcoming the next time the CAC meets. For the Kino/22nds project, he said that the goals are to create the Environmental Design and Mitigation Report (EDMR) and that it is possible some construction drawings will be done as part of phase one. There will be a new EDMR for the new stretch. With regard to the new section, Andy said not to expect a big shift in the alignment because we are matching into a fixed point at Tucson Blvd. He suggested that the next meeting of the CAC would be in three months.

4. Project Schedule – DMJM

Edie Griffith-Metey, DMJM Project Manager, provided handouts depicting the schedule for the two projects. She said that there will be one overall traffic analysis report and two alternative alignments reports and two EDMRs as had been mentioned by Andy. In addition, there will be a land use planning report about possible uses for remnant parcels.

Sandra Zepeda asked if the Barraza bridge is part of the new scope. Andy responded that a full replacement of this is part of the project. All is funded by the Regional Transportation Authority and Pima County bonds. Cindy Ayala asked if the Union Pacific has been contacted yet. She said that the railroad is moving closer and that after rezoning, railroad buildings will be closer to Pueblo Gardens. Andy said that he anticipates a long process with Union Pacific. Wright Thomas commented that the railroad is considering a large yard near Red Rock. Andy said that the present facility in the project location would remain.

5. Slide show on integrated design with bridges – Barbara Grygutis

Dave Dobler, project team representative from Structural Grace, introduced Barbara Grygutis as the artist selected for the project team. Barbara said that she would be showing bridges from around the world that show how art and engineering are totally integrated. Her presentation touched on design elements, lighting ideas, and some design solutions as retrofits. Andy asked if Barbara wished to have the CAC members bring design ideas to her. Barbara said that she had heard prior discussions by the CAC and that more dialog is envisioned. She said she recognizes that the project is really a gateway to the City of Tucson and that it is important to be making a welcoming statement in the design.

6. Discuss future meeting dates

Suggestion was made that the next meeting would be in late May or early June. Then, meetings would take place over the summer. George Kalil asked that the group be provided with a choice among two or three dates. Brent Dumont asked about the previous designs. Andy responded that the three configurations might change but in his view, they probably will not.

7. Call to the Audience

Al Garcia, observer, asked if the east bound off ramp at Tucson Boulevard will be affected. Andy said that this might go away because 22nd Street will be widened. Roy Schoonover asked if bicyclists would be accommodated in all directions. The answer is yes. Roy commented further that the bikeway under 22nd Street is less than savory.

8. Adjournment.

Ivo Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.