



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



June 21, 2007

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #7 Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CAC was held from 6-7:30 pm on February 27, 2007 in the Multipurpose Room of the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. In attendance were appointed members George Kalil, Dirck Schou, Claire Fellows, Les Pierce, Jamey Sumner, Brett Dumont, Cynthia Ayala, Bill Seitz and Sandra Zepeda. Staff present included Andy McGovern, Janice Cuaron, and Bob Peterson (City of Tucson) and consultant team staff Alejandro Angel, Barbara Grygutis, Dave Dobler, Edie Griffith-Metty, Freda Johnson, Nanette Pageau, Claudia Perchinelli, Darlene Showalter, Angela Stith and, Jay Van Echo. Also present were observers Al Garcia, Alicia Heiserer, Kelly Langford, Jeanette Seitz and Mary Ellen Wooton.

1. Welcome and Introductions; Confirm Quorum

Sandra Zepeda, CAC Vice Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. She turned the meeting over to moderator, Freda Johnson, who said that a quorum was present. Everyone introduced themselves. A special welcome was extended to new member Bill Seitz who represents the South Park Neighborhood.

2. Review Ground Rules for Meetings/Meeting Summary

Freda reviewed the ground rules developed at the first CAC meeting.

3. Project Schedule – DMJM Harris

Edie Griffith-Metty distributed handouts showing the draft project schedule from May 2007 to May 2008. Edie acknowledged that separate reports are to be done for the Kino/22nd Street intersection and the 22nd Street segment.

4. Traffic Overview – PSOMAS

Alejandro Angel presented the traffic overview for Kino Parkway and 22nd Street. He said that additional interchanges in the project vicinity were examined closely to learn if any traffic movements are redundant. Some examples of traffic movements were presented as candidates for removal in the future. Jamey Sumner commented that ultimately Aviation is to be extended to Valencia and he is concerned about cutting out access points. Andy McGovern said that access points can be added later and that the design will be done with the idea of expansion in mind.

5. Present preliminary alignments for 22nd Street, from Kino Parkway to Tucson Boulevard – DMJM Harris

Eydie Griffith-Metty presented the alignments beginning with the first one that shifts the roadway to the south. She said that under this scenario, the existing bridge is kept in place and there would be two lanes in each direction. The second alignment shifted the roadway to the north. The third alignment extends the roadway down the middle with some widening on either side. This alignment would require staged construction at the bridge. A question was asked about impacts to existing homes and businesses. Response was made that this information will be developed and presented to the CAC. Other considerations include traffic operations and impacts as well as weight loads on the bridge.

Andy McGovern talked about next steps in the project. He said that the Advance Planning Report for the 22nd Street portion will provide justification for the project in a ‘fact sheet’ format. He said that meetings will be held with all property owners affected by the three alignments in order to gather input. After this there will be a public open house. He said that the Technical Advisory Committee for the project will be asked to develop a matrix of impacts such as right-of-way, costs and circulation. Then a similar effort will be made for the interchange. Claire Fellows asked if the railroad will be part of discussions about right-of-way. Andy said that railroad representatives would be invited to do this but that he believes they will be more interested in vertical clearances. Caludia Perchinelli of Structural Grace added that railroad standards will dictate the bridge height, span and width.

6. Share images – integration of landscape and art – McGann & Associates and Structural Grace

Dave Dobler introduced Darlene Showalter who presented images of how landscape and art can be integrated into the project. Darlene discussed typical landscape elements such as plants, streetscape, surface treatments and water harvesting. Claire Fellows commented that there is not much opportunity for landscaping at the 22nd Street Bridge. Dirck Schou commented on the tremendous job done on the new pedestrian walkway at Euclid and Barraza.

7. Discuss future meeting dates

By general agreement, the next meeting was set for July 25 and that the August or September meeting date would be set later.

8. Announcements by City staff

Andy McGovern said that DMJM Harris was selected to work on the widening of 22nd Street between I-10 and Kino Parkway and that some members of this CAC might be asked to serve on that project’s CAC. In response to a question from George Kalil, Andy

confirmed that the Nogales Spur of the railroad would be addressed. Andy also announced that temporary detention ponds are being established in the southwest quadrant of the Kino/22nd intersection. He added that work on the alternatives for the Kino/22nd intersection will resume in the fall. George Kalil asked about assistance for people affected by 22nd Street construction and Andy said that the City's relocation program will be applied.

Jamey asked when construction would start. Andy responded that there needs to be a determination of whether a public vote is necessary and if so then on which ballot the item appear. He noted that Pima County bond funding is available in 2011.

George Kalil asked if those displaced by ROW purchase will be under Arizona Department of Transportation rules. Andy said that the City's rules would apply and property owners would receive fair market value and moving costs.

9. Call to the Audience

Jeanette Seitz from the South Park Neighborhood Association presented a petition to name a new walking park in the neighborhood after the late Louis Padilla, former member of the CAC from the South Park neighborhood. She asked people who live nearby to consider signing it.

Al Garcia commented that branches from big trees need to be maintained on roadways such as Palo Verde and Kino and that a lot of money is spent on maintenance. He said it is important to factor in maintenance costs.

Alicia Heiserer of the BAC asked if any of the alternatives presented will effect bicycle paths during the alternative's construction? Andy responded that some may, it is too early in design to know exactly where at this point.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned