



KINO PARKWAY – 22ND STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

June 8, 2006

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Kick-off Meeting Meeting Summary

A special kick-off meeting of the CAC was held from 6-7:30 pm on June 8, 2006 at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. In attendance were appointed CAC members Jamey Sumner, Ivo Ortiz, George Kalil, Vernon Trotter, Claire Fellows, Les Pierce, Cynthia Ayala, Louis Padilla, Wright Thomas and Sandra Xepeda. Staff present included Andy McGovern, Roger Randolph, Jim Glock, Abe Marques and Michael Graham (City of Tucson) and consultant team staff Jay Van Echo, Dave Dobler, Claudia Perchinelli, Darlene Showalter, Alejandro Angel, Edie Griffith Mettey, Nanette Pageau, Angela Stith and Freda Johnson.

Jim Glock, Director Tucson Department of Transportation, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the CAC members for their commitment and participation in the process. Abe Marques, Ward V Council Office, also thanked the CAC and said that they would be deciding the look and design of the project.

Roger Randolph, Assistant City Clerk for the City of Tucson, presented a brief overview of the Open Meeting Ordinance and responded to questions as follows. He said that the meeting agendas need to be posted at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting. With regard to the Call to the Audience, he clarified that remarks are made to the CAC by the public but no discussion takes place. Six members are needed to be present to constitute a quorum and that it would be appropriate to wait for 15 minutes to achieve a quorum. He advised that the CAC should have a chair to represent the group. He cautioned the group that there could be no meetings outside of the regular ones with posted agendas and that this guidance also applies to e-mail discussions. In response to a question, he said that CAC members are encouraged to speak to their neighborhood groups or organizations to inform them of the project.

Andy McGovern described the primary purpose of the CAC as being that of making a recommendation to Mayor and Council for the project to proceed.

A break was taken to have supper and to visit with each other.

Freda Johnson, meeting moderator, asked the group to identify ground rules for CAC meetings and she wrote them on poster paper. The rules are:

1. Respect
2. Agree to Disagree
3. Resist the Urge to Interrupt
4. Cell phones on vibrate
5. No side conversations
6. One person speaks at a time

Freda identified materials distributed at the meeting: a tentative meeting schedule, a list of project team members with contact information for key people and a map of the project area identifying homes or businesses of CAC members. She invited people to insert these into the project notebook provided to CAC members. Les Pierce noted that she cannot attend meetings on the third Thursdays of the month but that she could attend meetings on fourth Thursdays. It was agreed to revisit the meeting schedule at the next CAC meeting.

Edie Griffith Mettey, project manager for DMJM, spoke about the various reports that will be produced during the project. The reports are an Advance Planning Report to identify the need for the project, the Alternative Alignment Report to define configurations, and the Environmental Determination and Mitigation Report. The last report mentioned is the final report during Phase 1 of the project. She said that the team intends to work with the CAC to collaborate on developing solutions.

Andy McGovern, City of Tucson Project Manager, said that DMJM is under contract to work toward a recommendation to Mayor and Council. Phase 1 of the project will be followed by the design phase. He said that the CAC will meet for about 8-10 months. He reported that this project is subject to the Neighborhood Protection Ordinance which requires that any grade-separated intersection (GSI) proposed by the City needs to go to a vote in the City of Tucson and the vote of the people would be to approve the project. He said that there is a new intergovernmental agreement between the City and Pima County. Some funding will come from the new ½ cent sales tax and some will come from Pima County. The project had originally been a Pima County bond project in 1997. Overall the project cost is expected to be \$10 million. In response to a question, he affirmed that most of the right-of-way needed is acquired though final configuration of the project, but may require more. In response to other questions, Andy said that the project will tie into the Aviation overpass at Kino and the bridge over the railroad tracks, but not come in touch physically with them.

The next meeting date was confirmed as June 22, 2006. Claire said that she would be absent due to vacation plans. At that meeting a representative of the City Attorney's office will be present to answer questions about the Open Meeting Ordinance and there will be a presentation about existing traffic conditions. A question was asked if observers may interact with the CAC at meetings. Response was made that observers must wait until the Call to the Audience. It was announced that comment forms will be made available to observers.

A call to the audience was made and no one came forth.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.