

## **PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee Minutes September 28, 2011**

### **Attendees:**

**Committee Members:** Merlyn Carlson, John Merkel, Jack Meyer, Marshall Oaks, Harvey Lorentz, Harry Abramowski.

**MCDOT representatives:** John Counts, Roger Ball, and Dan Clements.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Merlyn Carlson.
2. Welcome to Committee, MCDOT and Residents.
3. Linda Munson was introduced; she will be taking the minutes for the Roads, Safety and Traffic meetings.
4. Minutes of May 25, 2011 were approved as written.

### **5. MCDOT and Local Representatives Current Updates:**

#### **Roger Ball MCDOT:**

- The Golf Cart issue is really a State issue; there are as many golf carts in Mesa as in SC or SCW. Arizona & Maricopa County have never had golf cart lines. Because of conflicting information at this time MCDOT, as a simple solution, has no plans of restriping the right edge line on the streets currently being resurfaced.
- Golf Cart Brochure guidelines' MCDOT would need to endorse the brochure:
  1. Brochures will have to be suitable for all golf cart communities.
  2. Note the difference between golf carts, and neighborhood electric vehicles.
  3. The importance of having and using seat belts when driving on the streets.
  4. Add endorsed by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors along with Sherriff Arpaio as approving the brochures.
  5. Also add some information on bicycle safety.

#### **John Counts MCDOT:**

1. No edge lines will be on the following streets:
  - 151 Ave. to RH Johnson north to Deer Valley
  - Echo Mesa Dr. to Stardust Blvd, then Heritage Dr.
  - Camino del Sol
  - Meeker Blvd. from Beardsley Rd. to 135<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - The signal lights are being installed at RH Johnson & Trail Ridge.
2. Next construction due to start was the crossing at Wilson & Meeker. The project is on hold due to right of way issues that haven't been resolved.
3. We have a consultant designing the 2 crosswalks, at the intersections of RH Johnson at 138<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Camino del Sol & 138<sup>th</sup> Ave. This will be something totally different than anything we have done before; it is called a high bread pedestrian signal called the "Hock".

**Dan Clements MCDOT:**

- Resurfacing is ready to start at RH Johnson from Bell Rd. to Meeker Blvd.
- Crack sealing will start this fall.
- In Oct. MCDOT will be repairing 3 or 4 sidewalk locations.
- We are scheduled to start redoing concrete gutters from Trial Ridge Dr. to Meeker Blvd. west to RH Johnson.
- Roads we are currently resurfacing will get new concrete gutters next spring.
- The City of Surprise project at the intersection of El Mirage & Bell Road currently has no start date. This will be a very large project, and will involve moving mobile homes, gas station etc. to widen the road.

**John Merkel, SCW Posse:**

- Seatbelts if installed in golf carts must be used.
- Seatbelts are encouraged on golf carts that drive on the streets.
- Traffic enforcement –Sherriff’s Office deputies are now riding along with the Posse, 1 or 2 days a week. The deputies’ job will be to make contact, write tickets, and warnings.

**6. Old Business:**

**Committee Reports: Harry Abramowski**

- Communications committee: waiting for clarification from MCDOT to proceed with golf cart brochure.
- Pedestrian safety committee: no report
- Pro active committee: under further review.

**7. New Business none**

**8. Comments from the Public**

**Harold Kahn:** Complements to MCDOT on the roads. I would like to know how many miles of road MCDOT has resurfaced.

**Robert Baron:** Suggested looking into were most accidents are happening. This might show the most dangerous intersection.

**John Merkel, Posse:** Sherriff deputies not just looking at speed, but also intersection behavior.

**Lee Shinn:** I notified APS that there are several streetlights out on 135<sup>th</sup> and Echo Mesa two weeks ago, APS told me it was an underground problem they are working on.

**John Merkel, Posse:** The Posse has reported this to APS several times. I will contact APS again.

**9. Adjournment at 2:45 pm.**

Next Meeting: Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>