

PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee **November 30, 2011 Meeting Minutes [Draft](#)**

Attendees:

Committee Members: Merlyn Carlson, Harry Abramowski, Del Young, James West, John Anderson.

Posse: John Merkel

MCDOT Representatives: Roger Ball, Daniel Clements, John Counts .Nicholas Swant.

ADOT Representatives: Jennifer Grentz

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Merlyn Carlson.
2. Introduced Mitch Wagner the Public Works liaison for the Board of Supervisors in Maricopa County.
3. Minutes of Oct. 26, 2011, were approved as written. Merlyn Carlson

4. Current Updates:

MCDOT: Roger Ball gave a presentation showing the different changes made through the years with the striping on the SCW streets. Roger stated that this is not a SCW situation, the striping is an Arizona situation. The assumed meaning of the law being so conflicted in the way is it interrupted, a golf cart driver might think he is legal driving in the edge line area as AARP has suggested, but the law reads not to drive on the edge of the street for any length of time. Mr. Ball suggested SCW residents might want to get organized and ask the Arizona State Legislators for clarification of the law that seems to read two ways.

- This striping issue generated much interest and conversation. Several people gave commit both pro and con for the white edge line.
- **Brenda Zambeller:** is on the traffic committee, and has lived in SCW for 20 years. Brenda wanted to give some back ground on the road striping. Through the years SCW residents and PORA traffic committee have requested striping changes, then after that had been done, other residents came in opposition to the first group requesting different changes on the striping. MCDOT has tried to appease the SCW residents and accommodate the community.
- **Bob Barron:** shared his study of SCW. Currently golf carts are 8% of SCW traffic on the SCW roads, 1 in 12 vehicles. Most accidents with cars are fender benders, almost all accidents with golf carts are more serious accidents with injuries or fatalities. Mr. Barron feels the white edge line striping with the single yellow center line would be safer for both golf carts and cars to travel safely.
- **Roger Ball:** said out of the 3 golf cart fatalities this year, **none** were wearing seat belts.
- **John Counts:** said almost all traffic lanes are standard at 44 feet across. Current striping is 12 feet center yellow turn lane, 16 feet to edge, with 8 foot car park, and 12 feet to drive.

- **Harry Abramowski:** thinks the street driving area should be larger than 16 feet. Harry felt that wasn't enough room to comfortably go around golf carts and parked cars. He thinks 20 feet is needed instead of 16 feet; take the extra 4 feet from the center 12 feet turning lane that into a medium, with no turn lane needed.

MCDOT Dan Clements:

- Slurry seal project was completed in SCW on November 17th.
- Crack seal project just started working north of Deer Valley now.
- Sidewalk and concrete gutters repairs due to start mid-December.

MCDOT John Counts:

- The new traffic signal is in at RH Johnson & Trail Ridge Dr.
- Granite Valley Dr. north of Meeker Blvd. by Del Webb Hospital we are meeting with the hospital regarding adding crosswalks on the west side of the road.
- **Diane Krents:** Director of Security at Del Webb Hospital expressed concern over pedestrian traffic crossing Granite Valley Dr. going to medical complex. Diane would like to see more crosswalks in that area. Also we need to slow people down in that area. MCDOT agreed to look into the matter.
- **Harry Abramowski:** asked if this might be a candidate for the high visibility crossing, similar to the crossing that is being planned RH Johnson and Camino del Sol?
- **Del Young:** felt leaving Medical complex C and turning left onto Meeker Blvd. was dangerous with the plants in the median blocking vision of oncoming traffic.
- **Dan Clements MCDOT:** will take a look at the median.
- Corral Dr. and 151st/Tom Ryan Dr. There is definitely a problem at that intersection MCDOT is currently studying the problem for possible solutions.
- **Dan Clements:** I have received calls regarding the traffic light at the intersection of RH Johnson & 151st, the light looks like a strobe light. John Counts said we no longer have strobe lights, and he will take a look at that intersection.

ADOT Jennifer Greutz:

- Manhole adjustment work has been completed on Grand Ave. between the Loop 101 and the 303.
- 303 sound wall north of Deer Valley was due to start construction in September, but it has been delayed. No start yet because of sub-contractor issues.
- 303 from Grand Ave. to Happy Valley Pkwy. Sound wall is 30% designed.

SCW Posse John Merkel:

- The street lights on Meeker Blvd. between Echo Mesa and 135th Ave. have had the lights out with wiring problems; APS has repaired the wiring and lights are back on.
- **Steve Johnson:** is a SCW resident and is a Certified Defensive Driving Instructor for Minnesota, and Certified by the National Safety Council. I will be offering the Senior Defensive Driving, First and Refresher Course for PORA Life Expanding Lessons starting the end of January.

Committee Reports Harry Abramowski: A survey was done a year ago on 10 top problem areas in SCW. Trail Ridge was one we had down and MCDOT just finished putting a signal light at that intersection. Two other intersections in the report.

1. Spanish Garden and Aleppo and 2. RH Johnson & New Tradition Rd. Harry and Bob Barron will head up the committee to further study both of these.

5. Old Business:

6. New Business

7. Adjournment at 2:45 pm.

Next Meeting: January 18th @ 1:30 pm.

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