

PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee January 23, 2013 Minutes

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson Chairman, James West, Marshall Oaks, Harry Abramowski, Larry Woods CETOC, MAG committees, ADOT: Troy Sieglitz, Felicia Calderan
POSSE: John Merkel, MCDOT: Dan Clements, John Counts

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Merlyn Carlson
2. PORA Board candidates for the upcoming election were introduced:
 - a. Marshall Oaks
 - b. Albert Gervenack
 - c. Robert Gooltz
 - d. Merlyn Carlson
3. Reminder to sign up for the Sr. Defensive Driving courses that is being offered by PORA Adult Learning in February.

4. Minutes of **October 24, 2012**, were approved Merlyn Carlson

5. Current Updates:

ADOT:

PowerPoint presentation by Felicia Carderan and Troy Sieglitz

Regarding the Bell Rd. and US 60 (Grand Ave.) intersection. ADOT explained the 7 concepts being studied.

Q: John Merkel POSSE: where would traffic be detoured during construction?

A: Troy Sieglitz ADOT: ADOT will not detour traffic into a residential area such as RH Johnson Blvd in Sun City West. People normally will try to avoid construction areas if possible. East/west traffic will probably stay on Bell Rd. Dysart and Litchfield might be north/south detours streets. El Mirage to 303 is another possibility. ADOT is also considering taking Thunderbird Rd. out to meet Grand Ave that would give traffic another route. At this time we have about 40,000 cars on Bell Rd. and 35,000 cars on Grand Ave. per day.

This project has tentative funding to design it in 2014 and construction in 2015. The 303 will address traffic to the west and the north.

Felicia Carderan: Reminder of the public meeting on January 29 at the Hampton Inn at 14783 W. Grand Ave at 4 p.m. ADOT will be able to go over this in more detail.

MCDOT:

Dan Clements:

Slurry seal project is completed in Sun City West.

John Clounts:

MCDOT ready to start waiting on the right-of-way clearances at the following intersections:

- Traffic signal on Granite Valley and Dachler Rd.
- Pedestrian signal on Granite Valley and Mantor Ln.

Intersections that will be starting late March early April, and should be finished by the end of June:

- Pedestrian signals at 138th Ave. at RH Johnson.
- 138th Ave. at Camino del Sol to start construction.

Deer Valley Road/Williams Dr. starting at 109th Ave. and will cross state land. The construction is scheduled for 2015 and will be a long project.

Bill Hansen, PORA President: requested MCDOT- a traffic study of the Sundome, future Fry's, property, showing the possible need for added turn lanes and traffic signals.

CETOC & MAG:

Larry Woods:

The proposed 303 sound wall will cover the north end of SCW, from US 60 (Grand Ave.) going all the way around SCW north boarder. The sound wall will be a higher wall than the existing community wall. It is the final phase of the 303 construction we are talking about, US 60 (Grand Ave.) to Happy Valley Road. Federal funds used for this phase of the construction will not be available till 2030/2035. About 18 months ago we made a formal request to MAG to have the sound wall completed around SCW. The problem MAG ran into is there are now other properties between Grand Ave. and Happy Valley Road. This has made adding the sound wall a bigger issue.

The intersection of the 303 and El Mirage Rd. is the only "at-grade" intersection. The construction of that intersection will be moved up to 2015, and when they do that the goal is to add the sound wall. The big question is how to get the money for this construction.

SCW Posse:

John Merkel:

- Discussion last meeting regarding the stop light at the intersection of RH Johnson and Stardust, has the light been fixed? Yes, it has been fixed.
- Crosswalk at 128th and Galaxy Drive by the church, this resident is in a wheelchair; crosswalk there has a 6 inch curb.
- **A: Dan Clements MCDOT:** ADA ramp is already in place.
- Site line areas that need to be looked at are: 128th and Jadestone, Echo Mesa and Meeker Blvd., also Aurora and Meeker.

6. Old Business:

Merlyn Carlson: The new Safety First brochure is out; we want to thank Harry Abramowski for his work designing much of the brochure, Adultcare Assistance Homecare for printing them, the POSSE for getting them out to all SCW residents in their October mailing.

Bill Hansen: Updating the Bell Rd. and El Mirage Rd. signage project, on the northwest corner. Construction is due to start on that intersection in the near future. A new turn lane will be added on that corner, EPCOR will be relocating its equipment and wall. We are hoping to add the sign at that time.

7. New Business

8. Adjournment: at 2:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 27th at 1:30 p.m.