

PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee September 25, 2013 Minutes

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson Chairman, Harry Abramowski, Del Young, James West, Marshall Oaks, MCSO: Deputy Vogt, POSSE: John Merkel, MCDOT: John Counts, Dan Clements.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. Merlyn Carlson

2. Minutes of May 22, 2013, were approved as amended Merlyn Carlson

3. Current Updates:

ADOT: None

MCSO: Deputy Vogt

SCW Sheriff's Posse: John Merkel:

- We are currently working on a grant, with State Farm Insurance, for a speed monitoring device.
- I attended the Sun City golf cart safety meeting with Debbie Lesko, Rick Gray, County Supervisor Clint Heckman, MCDOT, and MCSO. The discussion mainly had to do with golf carts driving over the solid edge markings close to the curbs on the roadways. There was some difference of opinion as to whether they should be driving there. Representative Lesko will be drawing up some legislation that should help to clarify and allow golf carts to operate there.

Q: Frank Kaminski: Is concerned for the golf cart drivers having ample room.

A: Posse: John Merkel: The roads in Sun City West are not standard width. Our roads are wider than 2 lanes, but not wide enough for 4 lanes. After removing the edge lines from the roadways in Sun City West, the golf carts can now travel as close to the curb as possible letting the faster cars pass the golf carts in the same lane and everyone is legal. This is what the legislation Debbie Lesko will be drawing up hopes to clarify and accomplish statewide.

Marshall Oaks: Would it help to have a "slower traffic move right" sign?

MCDOT: John Counts: That type of sign is used when there are multiple lanes.

Harry Abramowski: We could use a sign that says "share the road".

MCDOT Updates:

Dan Clements:

- The crack seal and slurry seal projects will be starting this fall. If it gets too cold the project could carry over to the spring.
- We have started weed spraying with pre-emergent and weed killer in the median on RH Johnson from Bell Rd to Grand.

John Counts:

- The construction of the intersection of Bell Rd and El Mirage Rd will start mid to late October. All lanes will line up after this project is completed.
- The traffic signal at Granite Valley and Dachtler light sequence has been fixed.
- I will be one of four from MCDOT attending the committee meeting with Debbie Lesko at the capital next week. The purpose of the meeting is to draw up legislation that will change the Arizona state law regarding golf carts.

Q: Harry Abramowski: We ask for a sign on RH Johnson for the Posse.

A: John Counts: Yes

Q: Merlyn Carlson: Is there going to be a stop sign at the intersection of Executive Way and Via Manana?

A: John Counts: Yes, I will find out about that.

Q: Merlyn Carlson: There is a lot of concern of people making a left hand turns out of Safeway parking lot on to RH Johnson. Should we stop or close off to allow only right hand turns when leaving Safeway parking lot on to RH Johnson?

Q: Merlyn Carlson: When will the Williams Drive/ Deer Valley Road: El Mirage Road to 109th Ave project start?

A: John Counts: That is due to start this time next year; that will be a two-year project.

4. Old Business:

5. New Business

6. Adjournment: 2:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Wed. October 23, 2013 @ 1:30 p.m.**