

**PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee**  
**March 26, 2014 Minutes**

**Attendees:** Merlyn Carlson / Chairman, James West, Marshall Oaks, Del Young,  
ADOT: Michelle Thompson, POSSE: John Merkel, MCDOT: John Counts and Dan  
Clements.

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| 1. Meeting was called to order at 1:29 p.m.                 | Merlyn Carlson |
| 2. Minutes of February 26, 2014 were approved as corrected. | Merlyn Carlson |

3. Current Updates:

**SCW Posse: John Merkel:**

- The MOU regarding the electronic speed monitoring signs will be on the Posse Board agenda for the April meeting.
- We have been checking out some areas of concern for possible speeding problems reported on:
  1. 151<sup>st</sup> between Deer Valley and RH Johnson
  2. RH Johnson going north from Meeker to Grand.
  3. Stardust, from RH Johnson to Granite Valley

**Merlyn Carlson:** the MOU between PORA and the Posse will hopefully help Sun City West obtain some grants to pay for one mobile and one permanent speed monitoring sign.

**MCSO:** None

**ADOT: Michelle Thompson:**

- ADOT met with the residents of Sun City West, Corte Bella and Sun City Grand with updates regarding loop 303 from Grand to Happy Valley road projects. That project will start this summer.
- Loop 303 and Grand on and off ramps will be on the west side of Grand, as they are now, with a stop light.

**Q:Ron Eriksson:** Will the loop 303 by Sun City West be a lower grade like the Loop 303 at Sun City Grand side?

**A:Michelle Thompson:** The reason it will remain at the same level it is at has to do with drainage. It is a flood plain in that area.

**MCDOT: John Counts:** We just completed traffic studies for signals on:

- Deer Valley and 151<sup>st</sup> intersection
- El Mirage and Corte Bella
- Beardsley and Stardust
- Aurora and Stardust

All have failed.

We also checked for four-way stops:

- Parkwood Dr. and 125 Ave.
- Aurora Dr. and Ballad Dr.

Both of those failed.

We have more in progress at this time:

- 157<sup>th</sup> and Greystone Dr.
- Heritage and 151<sup>st</sup>
- 147<sup>th</sup> and Greystone

**Q: Merlyn Carlson:** Is MCDOT putting in turn lanes at the Fry's construction at this time?

**A: MCDOT: John Counts:** Yes, there are two driveway turn lanes are under way. The pedestrian signal at 138<sup>th</sup> Ave. and RH Johnson will be changed to a traffic signal soon. We always check our intersections, in time as we see need for change we will make those changes also.

**Q: Merlyn Carlson:** Harry Abramowski asked me to follow up for him; will there be a Posse sign on RH Johnson soon?

**A: MCDOT: John Counts:** It should be in any day.

**MCDOT: Dan Clements:**

- Slurry Project is 100% completed.

**Q: Roy Handwerk:** Addressing the Bell Rd. and Grand Ave. three options, I would like the no-build option to keep traffic out of Sun City West.

**A: Michelle Thompson:** When an option is chosen I will have more information for you on an official detour route.

**A: SCW Posse: John Merkel:** Keep in mind the no-build option has problems for SCW as well. The traffic on Bell Rd and Grand will continue to increase with time, there will be more cars using RH Johnson to bypass Bell and Grand intersection. We will be working with ADOT to get a reasonable detour option when the decision is made.

4. Old Business:

5. New Business

6. Adjournment: 2:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: **April 23, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.**