

PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee September 25, 2014 Minutes

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson / Chairman, James West, Del Young, Harry Abramowski,
Posse: John Merkel, MCDOT: John Counts, Dan Clements, MCSO: Sgt. Polly White,
ADOT: Michelle Thompson and Megan Griego.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Merlyn Carlson
2. Minutes of May 28, 2014, were approved Merlyn Carlson
3. Current Updates:

MCSO: Sgt. Polly White:

- Tomorrow a new class will graduate the academy. We should get some of the new graduates this time.
- Radar in all patrol cars.

John Knight: I have noticed more MCSO offices patrolling RH Johnson lately and I want to thank you.

SCW Sheriff's Posse: John Merkel:

- Thanks to MCDOT for relocating the Posse sign on RH Johnson Blvd. it is now visible to traffic going both directions.
- I contacted the manager of CVS regarding the faded stop sign last spring. He has done nothing as yet.
- In 2013 I did an analysis of all the accidents in Sun City West. Between 151st and Heritage Dr., 151st and Greystone Dr. and 151st and White Horse there were five accidents that year.

ADOT: Michelle Thompson:

- ADOT has made a decision to move forward with the Bell Rd. and Grand (US 60) construction. It is in its 30-day review period. We received around 300 comments. The environmental assessment is at the PORA office for review. Alternative A: the median urban design.
- Traffic will not be detoured onto RH Johnson in Sun City West. Bell Rd is not scheduled to close at this time. There may be times we will close for a long weekend, but we will try to keep that to a minimum.
- Megan Griego was introduced; she will be replacing Michelle for the West Valley project.
- The Loop 303 widening project is underway – the part east of El Mirage will be completed by January, the part west of El Mirage will be completed by April 2015. It is on the fast track, six lanes total, three lanes in each direction. Early 2015 we will start the El Mirage and Loop 303 interchange.

MCDOT: Dan Clements:

- Deer Valley preserve and seal project will be starting soon.

MCDOT: John Counts:

- From the last meeting; Limousine Dr. and RH Johnson will remain as is.
- RH Johnson has no right turn lane at Grand. Not sure what the question was.
- No parking signs will be installed soon at Beardsley and 128th.
- The steel plate on the northbound lane of RH Johnson at Whispering Oaks Dr. doesn't belong to MCDOT. I can't find anyone who know who put it there.
- The intersection of Deer Valley and 151 Ave. does not meet warrants for a signal.

Q Merlyn Carlson: I'm getting reports that the traffic signal at Granite Valley and Dachtler in front of the hospital is staying red longer than it should on Granite Valley.

C: Posse John Merkel: I think it is an intermittent problem. Sometimes I check it and it is fine, other times can seem that it is not working correctly.

A:MCDOT John Counts: Back when it was installed we did have some problems, but everything has been fixed now.

4. Old Business:

5. New Business

Q: Mary & John Knight: reported commercial trucks, Senergy petroleum trucks, and buses going down Meeker from Beardsley to RH Johnson Blvd. Is there any way of stopping the commercial traffic in this area?

A: Posse John Merkel: I will take a look to see the problem.

Q: Merlyn Carlson: Can we put up a sign no commercial traffic?

A: MCDOT John Counts: El Mirage is a major road, Beardsley and Meeker are either a major collector or a minor arterial. We would not stop traffic from using those roads; they are doing what they are designed to do.

Q: Merlyn Carlson: We have been hoping to get an event going to encourage having and using seatbelts in golf carts on the streets. We have about half the golf carts without any seatbelts driving on the streets.

MCDOT: Dan Clements: I will check with the county to see if we could help with the seatbelt event. We can offer guidance only. MCDOT is restricted on how funds are spent.

A: Sgt. Polly White: Traffic safety sponsored this event in Sun City several years ago.

Q: Merlyn Carlson: Sargent White, could you check with MCSO to see if there is any way to proceed with this?

A: Sgt. Polly White: I will look into that.

Merlyn Carlson: We have the new traffic brochures available in the PORA office.

6. Adjournment: 2:21 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: **October 22, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.**