

PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee February 25, 2015, Minutes

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson / Chairman, James West, Harry Abramowski, Posse: John Merkel, MCDOT: John Counts and Dan Clements.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. Merlyn Carlson
2. Minutes of January 28, 2015 Merlyn Carlson
Motion by Jim West: to approve the minutes was seconded and passed unanimously

3. MCDOT Senior Planners, Laurie Santana and Suparna Dasgupta presented a PowerPoint on the Maricopa County Transportation System long range Plan 2035 website mcdot.maricopa.gov/tsp and how to use.

4. Current Updates:

MCDOT: Dan Clements

- Crack seal is completed in Sun City West.
- We are doing preservative seal at this time, along with some slurry seal.

MCDOT: John Counts

- I have talked to our people regarding the “It’s our Town Please Slowdown” signs and we don’t have a problem with that. When you get ready to install let us know where and how they will be installed. The signs will need a permit.
- I’m meeting with the Rec Center regarding a 5K run scheduled on March 14th; the run will be from Beardsley Rec Center to Stardust Golf Course and back to Beardsley. This will be a big event; so far 300 or 400 people are registered to run. Some streets will be closed down for a few hours. The Sheriff’s Posse and Fire District are also invited to attend.
- We did a street classification study on Stardust east of Granite Valley for a week and found there are a lot of cars going 20 miles an hour over the speed limit, which is criminal speed. We have turned that information to MCSO Sgt. Polly White, and to County Supervisor Hickman’s office.
- Meeker truck count isn’t complete. It will identify the number of vehicles on the road, the speed and what kind of trucks are driving on the road. The counter counts axles.
- We are still taking care of several issues from the last meeting.

Q: Gail Winter: My concern is the cars turning left into Palm Ridge Rec Center from William Dr. There seems to be some confusion on where to be when turning. Is there an arrow we could add to the pavement in the center turn line that might help?

SCW Sheriff’s Posse: John Merkel:

- I had a request last month to check the speeding on Summerstar Dr., between Meeker Blvd. and southern end. I have asked John Counts if it is possible to setup a counter in that area.
- I am in the process of reviewing and making a new accident report with the data from MCSO. I hope to have it available next month.
- The Posse does monitor speeding with radar and we give that report to MCSO, with time and place, to help them with their traffic control in Sun City West.
- When the traffic count goes up the number of speeders goes down. The reason seems to be, if you have two cars traveling side by side same speed they make it hard for the ten or so cars behind them to go around. When you only have three or four cars traveling it makes it easier for the faster cars to go around. This time of year the speed levels drop two to three percent.

5. Old Business:

Merlyn Carlson: Regarding the golf cart seatbelt event, I will call on Rob Robbins to fill us in.

Rob Robbins: PORA is in the process of buying 500 seatbelts with a group in Sun City. That includes the bolts, washers and seatbelts. They have been shipped and we will be receiving them soon.

Merlyn Carlson:

- MCSO said they would install and inspect. We are getting ready to have an event to install.
- The process for the electric speed sign is underway and will need a permit.
- This is "It's Our Town Slow Down" signs cost will about \$50 each.
- I met with Jennifer Toth at MCDOT and asked if she could help us get a dedicated detour route when the construction of Bell Road and Grand Ave. starts.

Q: Roger Strom: The left turn lane onto RH Johnston from Bell Rd. needs to be extended.

A: MCDOT John Counts: We have received that complaint also; we have no jurisdiction at that location we turned that over to the City of Surprise.

6. New Business:

7. Comments from visitors:

8. Adjournment: 2:43 p.m.

9. Next Meeting: **March 25, @ 1:30 p.m.**