

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

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson / Chairman, Rob Robbins, James West, Harry Abramowski, Del Young, MCSO Polly White, Posse John Merkel, MCDOT Vicki Stewart and Dan Clements.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Merlyn Carlson
2. Minutes of February 25, 2015 Merlyn Carlson
Motion by Jim West: to approve the minutes was seconded and passed unanimously

3. Current Updates:

MCSO: Sgt. Polly White

My Captain has put in a special request for more traffic enforcement in the district three area. Due to Arizona Governor's Grant from the Office of Highway Safety there is a squad that will dedicate 40 man hours for traffic enforcement in the Sun City, and Sun City West area. They will concentrate on three problem areas.

Seat Belt project: Rob Robbins

- PORA has purchased the seat belts, MCSO will install and inspected them.
- The Rec Center will store them at Beardsley until they are installed.
- Rec Center will have several events coming up where we can also schedule an installation event.
- Cost to residents is still to be determined.

MCSO: Sgt. Polly White - Tuesdays are best for MCSO.

Merlyn Carlson: We have also proposed a radar electronic signs. The traffic "calming" sign does call attention to the speed you are traveling. PORA has offered to be a partner for the purchase of two signs, one mobile and stationary. The Rec Center governing board has offered to partner with us, and we will also be contacting the Posse.

Merlyn Carlson: Will we need permits for the signs?

MCDOT: Vicki Stewart: We will need to know where you will be putting the electronic signs.

Del Young: Who will be responsible for the maintenance of the radar electronic signs?

Merlyn Carlson: We are hoping the Posse will be in charge of maintenance. We would suggest that PORA and the Rec Center pay for batteries and lights. We will be contacting the Posse regarding these questions.

Merlyn Carlson: The signs that say "It's Our Town Please Slow Down" similar to the signs in Glendale. We think the signs will cost about \$50.00 each and several people have already offered to pay for one. The issue is who puts them up and who maintains them. MCDOT will need to issue a permit once we decide what they will look like, size of the signs and the locations they will be placed.

SCW Sheriff's Posse: John Merkel:

- I was trying to have my accident analyses completed for this meeting but I was not able to. I will have the report for next time.

MCDOT: Dan Clements

- We are doing preservative seal at this time, along with some slurry seal.
- You will have a door hanger reminding residents when road work will be in front of your home, your neighbor may have a different date.

MCDOT: Vicki Stewart for John Counts

- John has been on vacation and is still working on several projections from last time.

Mary Straub: There is a blind spot at the intersection of RH Johnson and 128th Ave. Because of the plants and bushes you can't see oncoming traffic to make a safe left hand turn from RH Johnson on to 128th Ave. and there have been several accidents at that intersection.

Wes Freeman: I am concerned with traffic speed on Limousine Dr.

John Merkel: SCW Sheriff's Posse: I don't have a lot of data on Limousine Dr. MCDOT traffic counter might be a help collecting speed and traffic count data.

Bill Hamill: Several people cross in the middle of Meeker Blvd. by the RH Johnson Rec Center walking track. I think a pedestrian crosswalk is needed.

Del Young: There is a sight obstructions coming out of Del Webb Medical Plaza building "C." The cars that are trying to make a left hand turn onto Meeker Blvd., vision is obstructed by plants in the median.

John Merkel: SCW Sheriff's Posse: Dan, will you would include the driveway from the Grandview Golf Course next door, it has the same problem.

5. Old Business:

Merlyn Carlson:

- The new director at MCDOT Jennifer Toth has offered to give us a hand requesting a dedicated detour out of the SCW community when construction on the Bell Rd. and Grand Ave. (U.S. 60) starts. We would like to see the detour on the new El Mirage road up to the 303. We will have to contact ADOT, the City of Surprise and the City of Peoria for their approval.

6. New Business:

7. Comments from visitors:

8. Adjournment: 2:40 p.m.

9. Next Meeting: **April 22, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m.**