

## PORA Roads, Traffic, Safety and Transportation Committee September 23, 2015 Minutes

Attendees: Rob Robbins/ chairman, Harry Abramowski, Jim West, Greg Swift, Suzanne Jones, John Merkel, John Counts ,Wyatt Sterusky, Ron Coleman, and Nicole Moon.

1. Introduction/ Welcome Rob Robbins

2. Minutes of May 27, 2015 were approved Rob Robbins

3. Current Updates:

MCSO -Sgt. Polly White – no report

SCW Posse - John Merkel

- As the head of the radar group with the Posse, we report speeding data monthly to MCSO.
- Posse membership is down due to medical issues, aging and having to retire from the Posse.
- We are on hold with the MCSO training.
- Posse drug take back on Saturday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Golf cart seatbelt event was a big success last spring; we plan to have another one this fall.
- Posse open house will be Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.

ADOT - Brock Barnhart- no report

MCDOT -Dan Clements- no report

MCDOT- John Counts

- Spanish Garden and Aleppo Dr. intersection has a new four-way stop sign installed.
- Meeker eastbound right-turn lane onto Camino del Sol has been completed.
- Williams Dr. and Territorial Ln. at Palm Ridge Rec Center had some confusion. We changed the striping.
- “No parking” signs have been installed at Beardsley east of Stardust on the north side of the road.
- We put up the advance intersection signs for Aurora Dr. on Meeker.
- We will have the new SCW road map with all the changes in the last few years to you soon.
- The fiber optics project on Meeker and RH Johnson has been completed. This project will make it easier to change the signal timing if the traffic flow increases at any time.
- There are no outstanding projects for SCW at this time.

Q: Harry Abramowski:

The city of Glendale has put up a sign that says “signals are timed for 35 miles an hour.” Is there a possibility we could do something like that when the signals are synchronized?

A: John Counts:

We can look into that.

Q: Jim West:

I was driving east on RH Johnson early in the morning and the light turned red. I stopped and noticed no cars on Meeker, and the light stayed red for a long time with no traffic.

John Merkel Posse:

I had the same experience at Camino del Sol early in the morning.

A: John Counts:

We will look into that also.

- Bike lanes were requested on RH Johnson and Limousine Dr. Bike lanes are 5.5 feet wide. RH Johnson was setup as three lanes each direction; the lanes are 11 feet wide each. No room to put in a bike lane. West of Limousine Dr. we cannot put pedestrian walkway or bike lane with the no horn rule and train track. Now we are looking at signs that say share the road.

Rob Robbins asked Greg Swift of the SCW Cyclist Club to head up the sign project committee.

SCW Foundation - Ken Smith – no report

SCW Prides -Suzanne Jones

- Currently we are having beetle pest problems with agave plants. We are having to removing the infested plants. For more information go to website: [www.thecactusdoctor.com/Articles\\_Agave\\_Snout\\_Nose\\_Beetle.htm](http://www.thecactusdoctor.com/Articles_Agave_Snout_Nose_Beetle.htm).
- We will be attending all the Rec Center open houses hoping to recruit new volunteers.

SCW Recreation Center - Cindy Knowlton – no report

#### 4. Old Business:

Discussed items below:

- a. Slow Down Signs
- b. Stationary Radar Sign
- c. Mobile Radar Sign
- d. 303 at Grand construction
- e. 303 at El Mirage construction
- f. Bell at Grand construction
- g. Bike lane proposal
- h. Speed awareness

#### 5. New Business

Q: Wanda Young:

Take a look at 138<sup>th</sup> and RH Johnson intersection. Right turn lanes needed on both sides of the street.

Q: Larry Bendelson:

I'm concerned about bicycle lanes and not being able to park your car in front of your home.

A: John Counts MCDOT:

We're putting in bicycle "share the road" signs not bicycle lanes. Dedicated bicycle lanes will not happen.

Q: Mary Blair:

I am a cyclist and the biggest problem is people that insist on walking in the street. Pedestrians that insist on walking in the street where sidewalks are provided are breaking the Arizona Pedestrian Law. They stay in the street and make bike riders go around them dangerously entering the traffic lane. They can be very rude, a man the other day actually spit on me! My husband was pushed off his bike on 151<sup>st</sup>. When I called the Posse to complain I was told to ride on the other side of the street. The Posse told me to break the law. I'm going to start taking pictures of street walkers, call the Posse, have the Posse come out and try to get that person's name. Then I will go to the Sheriff's office and file assault charges.

Rob Robbins:

The goal of this committee is to get the word out that safety is important.

Q: Bob Garrett

What about putting up photo radar cameras?

A: John Counts MCDOT

Not in Maricopa Country.

Q: Bob Garrett

By the Catholic Church on 128<sup>th</sup> people park on the street even when there are no cars in their parking lot. Can we put a "no parking" sign in that area?

A: John Counts MCDOT

I will take a look at this.

Bob Garrett:

I am with a national committee that sponsors the MUTCD (Manual of Uniform traffic control devices) administered by the National Highway Administration. The committee is sponsored by a lot of organizations representing a lot of cities and states. We meet twice a year to update the manual. The new manual was due to be out in January 2016, but it will be delayed.

8. Adjournment at 2:47 p.m.

9. Next Meeting: Wed. **October 28, 2015**