

PORA Roads, Traffic, Safety and Transportation Committee
February 24, 2016 1:30 p.m. Minutes

Attendees: Rob Robbins/ Chairman, Harry Abramowski, Jim West, Greg Swift, John Merkel/ Sherriff's Posse, Brock Barnhart/ ADOT, John Counts/ MCDOT.

1. Introduction/ Welcome Rob Robbins
2. Minutes of January 27, 2016 for approval. Rob Robbins
Motion by James West: to approve the January 27, 2016, minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Current Updates:

ADOT – Brock Barnhart:

- Bell Road and Grand (U.S. 60) construction has started. Grand Ave. will remain open but there will be traffic shifts during construction.
- April 1st Bell Road will be fully closed at Grand for six to eight months only, we hope to have Bell Road open again by October.
- The project should be 14 months.
- The design team is Coffman Specialties, Inc. For more information go to ADOT website: www.azdot.gov/bellandgrand .
- Preferred detours south of Bell Rd. will be Dysart to Greenway Rd. to Litchfield. El Mirage Rd. to 303 north of Bell Rd.

Q: Suzanne Jones: How to contact ADOT if we see traffic problems?

A: ADOT – Brock Barnhart: Project Hotline 855-712-8530. The number is on our Detour information. Leave a message; that number is monitored and we will get back to you the same day. On ADOT website: www.azdot.gov/bellandgrand Email: bellandgrandinfo@azdot.gov .

MCDOT – John Counts:

- We have already taken traffic counts on all incoming roads showing the type of vehicles and time of day in Sun City West prior to Bell Rd. closing.
- We are waiting to see how the road closure affects SCW first. We are not implementing anything until we see what happens. We will re-evaluate from time to time.

Q Rob Robbins:

John (MCDOT): what do we need to do to move the bike route forward? We would like to add a few streets.

SCW PRIDES - Suzanne Jones:

On Saturdays when we are working on RH Johnson and Meeker we are very concerned for the safety of our PRIDES volunteers. We would like MCSO or the Posse out there patrolling during that time.

Rob Robbins: Why doesn't PORA write a letter to MCSO?

SCW Posse- John Merkel: Write a letter to the Posse also. Ask the Posse to create a "special mission" inform the Posse the days this will be needed, and times the PRIDES will be out working.

- MCSO is responsible for traffic enforcements in SCW.
- If residents do see problems call the Posse and MCSO.

4. Old Business:

Slow down signs project: Harry Abramowski:

- I took a picture of the sign in Glendale. My first reaction is there is no impact with that sign. It is a black sign and the speed limit sign overpowers that sign. You don't even notice it.

MCDOT – John Counts:

- The previous Traffic Committee gave me a different picture; the sign was different looking – yellow, not black.
- When you are ready you will need a permit, and liability insurance, to install your signs.
- The intent was to get a permit and you place the new signs underneath the speed signs at each of the entrances into the community. This has been agreed to with MCDOT management.
- The signs are allowed to be one foot lower than the speed sign. We have the largest size speed signs 48x60 in SCW; they are larger than the freeway signs.

5. New Business:

6. Adjournment at 2:30 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: Wed. March 23, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.