



City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)
Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)
Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive, Tucson, AZ

Meeting Summary

ATTENDEES

Ward 4 CDRC Members

Rick Hanson, Civano Neighborhood Association (NA)
Laura Hinyup, South Houghton NA
Rudy Lopez, Rita Ranch NA
Keith Miller, Mesquite Ranch NA
Bob Small, Civano NA
Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA
Joe Yee, Old Spanish Trail NA

City of Tucson (COT)

Teresa Smith, Ward 4 Staff

TDOT Staff and Consultants

Michael Marietti, TDOT Project Manager
Sean Samsel, Psomas Project Manager
Kevin Thornton, Psomas Project Manager
Chenggang Zhang, Psomas Project Engineer
Chelsea Marshall, Wheat Design Group
Jan Gordley, Gordley Group
Lori Lantz, Gordley Group

Guests

Trey Benson, Rita Ranch NA

MATERIALS

- Agenda
- Implementation plan map
- CDRC neighborhoods map
- Landscaping plant displays (2)
- Meeting evaluation form
- Comment form
- Fact sheets - Houghton Road: 22nd to Irvington; Houghton Road: Valencia to Mary Ann Cleveland Way; Houghton Road Bridge over UPRR/UPRR Bridge to I-10
- Sept. 19, 2018, Ward 4 CDRC meeting summary

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING PROTOCOL

Jan Gordley opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming, recognizing the hard work and contributions of the Ward 4 CDRC members since they began meeting almost 12 years ago, in 2007. More than 47 CDRC and public meetings have been held during this time. Jan also introduced Kevin Thornton, Psomas project manager for the 22nd Street to Irvington segment. She reviewed the rules of the meeting to ensure a smooth process, then asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

PROJECT UPDATES

Houghton Road: UPRR Bridge to Interstate 10

Michael Marietti confirmed for the committee that this project continues under construction and is expected to be completed on schedule in early 2020.

Houghton Road: Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad

This project has completed construction. Infrastructure for future street lights was included in the project, but lights are not being installed at this time. There are bat boxes under the bridges.

ADOT Interstate 10 Traffic Interchange at Houghton Road

The two projects adjacent to Interstate 10 were designed to be in alignment with the ADOT I-10 Traffic Interchange plans, but it's possible some small adjustments may have to be made when the interchange is built. ADOT will be at the public meeting on May 16 to answer questions and review plans.

Houghton Road: Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way

Sean Samsel gave an update on this project and responded to questions.

- 90% plans were completed in November
- Plans should be at 100% this summer
- Utility relocations will begin shortly and run through late 2019
- Most utility relocations will be off-road boring, and will not affect traffic as much as trenching. Relocations will be done by Southwest Gas in the summer and

Tucson Electric Power in the fall. Most utility relocations are not expected to affect the existing right of way. Ward 4 requested that work be coordinated with school bus schedules.

- Construction should begin in 2020
- Intersection work will occur by quadrants, to maintain traffic flow. Driveway access and two-way traffic access will be maintained. During construction the contractor is expected to maintain the quality of road such as potholes and raveling.

Houghton Road: 22nd Street to Irvington Road

Kevin Thornton presented the update on this project and responded to questions.

- 60% plans were completed in August 2017, then project was put on hold
- Project restarted in January 2019
- 90% plans should be complete in late 2019
- Design completion anticipated in 2020
- Construction is scheduled for 2021
- Design plans include:
 - Six travel lanes, curbed outside edge and median, and bus turnouts
 - Multi-use lanes in both directions, sidewalk on the west side and multi-use path on the east side
 - Traffic signals and turn lanes at Old Spanish Trail, Golf Links, and Escalante
 - PELICAN pedestrian signal, bus storage and circulation improvements at Secrist Middle School
 - Drainage improvements for all-weather access
 - Retaining walls
 - Lighting and public art
- Improvements at Pantano Wash include:
 - Improvements to existing bridge, construction of new adjacent bridge
 - Bank protection and underpass for future linear park connectivity
 - Grade control structure to protect bridges

- More complete plans for this project as well as details for the Secrist Middle School configuration will be at the public meeting
- City of Tucson performed a traffic study at the Keystone intersection, and a traffic light was not warranted, but a study can be done again in the future. A median will help with two-stage crossing.
- Landscape design plans were reviewed by Chelsea Marshall. Wheat Design Group is currently working on a plant inventory.
- Areas will have curbing where access control is needed
- The road near Old Spanish Trail will stay close to grade, possibly a few inches higher

PARKING LOT CONCERNS AND CDRC INQUIRIES

Sean Samsel reviewed CDRC concerns and responded to questions.

- Development of Arizona State Land Department (ALSD) south of Valencia
 - Houghton design team has coordinated with consultants performing studies/planning for future developments
 - Met with ASLD in mid-April to discuss access planning and median opening needs for future developments on both sides of Houghton
 - Working with ASLD to finalize median opening location for final plans
- Status of Public Art coordination
 - Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way:
 - Artist selection committee conducted interviews with finalists in Fall 2018
 - Simon Donovan and Ben Olmstead were selected as the winning artists
 - City of Tucson is working on finalizing contract
 - Committee will reconvene soon to meet with artists, select art placement location and provide input on design
 - 22nd Street to Irvington Road:
 - A call to artists resulted in more than 50 submissions

- An artist selection committee is being assembled for the public art review process
 - Art representative will attend public meeting on May 16 for public input
- Roadway profile, property impacts and noise concerns for 10 homes at southern end of segment
 - Roadway slopes contained within existing right of way, no impacts to properties
 - New roadway will be reconstructed close to existing profile, cannot be lowered due to water line impacts and drainage conveyance needs
 - A noise study was conducted. Methodology considers roadway profile, and noise levels did not meet Regional Transportation Authority requirements for mitigation.
 - Final noise study is posted on the project website at houghtonroad.info
- Location for Rita Ranch Monument Replacement
 - At October 2018 CDRC meeting, discussed locating replacement Rita Ranch monuments at the Rita Road western 'entrance' to neighborhood
 - Design team has surveyed existing monuments and developed construction detail to be built by contractor
 - City of Tucson will work with Rita Ranch Neighborhood Association to determine exact placement and any necessary license agreements
 - Potential monument design drawing was shared with the committee

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

The committee members took turns asking additional questions about the projects, parking lot items and other issues.

PARKING LOT

- Southern segment plans alignment
- UPRR Bridge update – bat populations and boxes
- Public art, retaining wall in 22nd to Irvington project
- Frequency of meetings

Lori Lantz added two items to the parking lot per committee request:

- Where will traffic go during construction - alternate routes at Harrison and Irvington
- Rough spots on bridge pavement

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. Following the meeting, team members addressed individual questions about specific areas utilizing project roll plot maps and 90% plans for Valencia to Mary Ann Cleveland Way and 60% plans for 22nd Street to Irvington segment. Landscaping and plant selection displays were also available for review.