



City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM)
Ward 4 Citizen Design Review Committee (CDRC)
Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Summary

ATTENDEES

Ward 4 CDRC Members

Rick Hanson, Civano Neighborhood Association
Laura Hinyup, Houghton South NA
Frank Pyrdeck, South Harrison NA
Bob Small, Civano Neighborhood Association
Michael Tone, Rita Ranch NA
Al Wiruth, Rita Ranch NA
Moon Joe Yee, Old Spanish Trail NA

City of Tucson (COT)

Nikki Lee, Ward 4 Council Member
Teresa Smith, Ward 4 Council Chief of Staff

DTM Staff and Consultants

Michael Marietti, DTM Project Manager
Britton Dornquast, RTA MainStreet
Kevin Thornton, Psomas Project Manager
Sean Samsel, Psomas Project Manager
Carolyn Braaksma, Public Artist
Jan Gordley, Gordley Group
Lori Lantz, Gordley Group
Kara Lehmann, Gordley Group

Guests

No guests attended

MATERIALS (shared on screen)

- Agenda
- November 12 public open house invitation postcard
- PowerPoint presentation
- Meeting Guidelines
- Parking Lot
- Meeting evaluation poll

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING PROTOCOL

Jan Gordley opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. Jan also thanked Ward 4, Council Member Nikki Lee and Council Administrative Assistant Teresa Smith for their ongoing support. She encouraged the members to attend the public open house on November 12 at 5:30 p.m., then asked the attendees to introduce themselves. Lori Lantz reviewed the rules of the meeting to ensure a smooth process.

PROJECT UPDATES

Houghton Road: 22nd Street to Irvington Road – In Design

Kevin Thornton presented an update on this project, which is nearing 100% design.

- 90% plans were completed in December 2019
- Currently working on the 100% plans, anticipated completion in November 2020
- Right-of-way acquisition anticipated to take place through the end of 2021
- Utility relocations to take place in 2022
- Construction scheduled for late 2022
- Significantly more Tucson Water facility replacements than expected
- Existing public art at Golf Links designed by artist Herb Stratford will need to be relocated for intersection widening
- Two-stage left turn lanes planned for Watson Drive, 29th Street and Sky Castle Way intersections with Houghton Road
- School bus circulation at Secrist Middle School was significantly changed so that school bus parking and storage are on school property, rather than on the roadway; all school buses will come in from the north and leave to the south
- Access at McGraw's Cantina will be similar to what is currently there, a somewhat steep incline
- Multi-point hospital access at Old Spanish Trail intersection was reviewed
- Houghton and Golf Links intersection bus pullouts will be past the intersections for reduced congestion
- Golf Links will have some dual turn lanes

Houghton Road: Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way – In Construction

Sean Samsel reviewed the construction status for this project.

- Construction will begin on the west side of Houghton Road and the north side of Rita Ranch Road and include placement of concrete traffic control barriers
- After about six months, traffic will be moved to the newly paved areas and construction work will move to the east side of Houghton Road and the south side of Rita Ranch Road
- Traffic turn lanes will be available at Rita Ranch Road during construction.
- A committee member requested addition of more room in specific locations near the construction barriers for safety

Completed Projects:

- Houghton Road: Bridge Over the Union Pacific Railroad
- Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10

Public Art:

- The public art committee has been working with artist Carolyn Braaksma to create public art concepts for the Houghton Road: 22nd Street to Irvington Road project
- Carolyn reviewed her professional art background, showed slides of some past public art projects and discussed slides of the current art project concepts
- Potential public art locations are the areas near Houghton and Escalante, near Pantano Bridge, and the retaining wall at McGraw's Cantina

PARKING LOT ITEMS – OTHER

Lori Lantz reviewed the list of parking lot of items pertaining to the Houghton Road corridor. Two items were removed from the parking lot, none were added:

- UPRR Bridge update – bat populations and boxes
- ~~Public art opportunity on retaining wall in 22nd to Irvington project~~
- Frequency of meetings
- Where will traffic go during construction - alternate routes at Harrison and Irvington
- ~~Replace rocks and dirt near properties removed during utility work~~
- Permits for block/brick walls on southern section

VISITOR COMMENTS

No visitor comments.

COMMITTEE POLL

The committee was asked to take a five-question electronic poll regarding the CDRC meetings and information. Responses received were positive.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.