



Apache Junction Comprehensive Transportation Study

Task Assignment MPD 26 – 10
ADOT Contract No: T08-49-00001



Date: 8/25/2011
Location: Parks & Recreation Conference Center
1001 N Idaho Rd, Apache Junction, AZ
Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

TAC MEETING MINUTES

Action Items:

Action Item	Responsible Person(s)	Due Date
Review WP-2 and provide comments to Charla	TAC Members	8/31/2011
Schedule A.J. Council meeting	Charla/Giao	9/2/2011
Start 2 nd Phase Public Involvement	KDA assisted by Jacobs	8/31/2011
A.J. Council meeting - Study Update	Jacobs/Charla/Giao	9/19/2011
Wrap-up Public Involvement Ph II and PI Report	KDA	10/6/2011
Draft Final Report to TAC	Jacobs	10/15/2011

Meeting Notes:

1) Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Charla Glendening followed by self introductions of the attendees (see sign-in sheet). Charla turned the meeting over to Rick Powers for the presentation of the draft transportation improvement plan.

2) Study Status Update

Rick handed out copies of the agenda and reviewed the discussion items. Vamshi handed out copies of the PowerPoint presentation and Rick gave a brief update on the status of the study. We are in the final stages of the study. WP-2 Draft Transportation Improvement Plan was submitted to the TAC for review. Final public involvement effort and development of the final reports (Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transit Feasibility) remain to be completed.

3) Draft Transportation Plan Discussion

Rick presented the draft transportation improvements for short, mid and long-term phases based on population levels. Rick also presented the results of the alternative analysis modeling that was conducted for the following scenarios 1) No-build, 2) short-term with population level 1 (60,000), mid-term with population level 2 (75,000), and long-term with population level 3 (130,000). The long-term (population level 3) alternative analysis reviewed the impact of three different alignments of potential future freeways in Pinal County on Apache Junction's transportation system. The three alternatives included;

- Alternative 1 with the US 60 re-route completed, the North-South freeway connecting to the US 60 re-route, and the proposed SR 24 connecting to North-South freeway alignment
- Alternative 2 with the US 60 re-route completed, the North-South freeway turning into Ironwood Drive alignment at SR 24, Ironwood functioning as an



expressway between US 60 and SR 24, and SR 24 connecting between SR 202 and North-South freeway alignment.

- Alternative 3 with the US 60 re-route completed, the North-South freeway turning into SR 24 and ultimately connecting with SR 202 with no connection to US 60, and no expressway in Apache Junction.

Giao Pham mentioned that the City of Apache Junction is working on grant applications based on the findings of this transportation plan. Rick also presented the recommended future functional classification for Apache Junction study roads.

4) Transit Feasibility Study Update

Rob Bohannon gave a brief update on the recommended transit alternatives based on the same population levels as the Draft Transportation Plan. Short-term improvements are to establish a local circulator route to serve the core of Apache Junction. Mid-term improvements include adding multiple bus routes to serve the core of Apache Junction and link the Portalis area to the downtown and retail areas. The long-range plan includes expanding the Bus Rapid Transit into Mesa, development of park and ride facilities for commuters and the possible extension of the Light Rail into the core of Apache Junction.

5) Public Outreach Discussion

An updated public involvement plan was presented by Marsha Miller. Due to the low turnout at the first public meeting, ADOT and the City of Apache Junction plan to eliminate the second public meeting and replace it with more targeted outreach efforts. ADOT will provide the community with a variety of options to review the plan and give input. An on-line survey will be developed and distributed to residents. The information will be posted on the ADOT and Apache Junction websites for review and comments; social media will also be used to receive comments from the younger residents. In addition, an outreach effort to the HOA's and other community events will occur. The outreach will also be coordinated through the city's community relations director Pat Brenner. The TAC was in agreement with this approach due to the lack of attendance at the first public meeting. The TAC agreed to leave the comment period open until the end of September to assure we maximize input opportunities, with the final PI report to be submitted shortly thereafter.

6) Schedule

Rick reviewed the study schedule and mentioned that the original target dates will be extended by approximately two weeks due to the changes in the public involvement strategy. The study completion should be in early November including the council adoption of the Transportation Plan and the Transit Feasibility study.

7) Next Steps

The action items and next steps are shown above. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.