



**MEETING NOTES
LA PAZ TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 23, 2009**

A meeting was held at the Quartzsite Library of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the La Paz Transportation Planning Study. The primary agenda items were: review of comments on Working Paper 1; discussion of travel demand model; review of future socioeconomic data; and review of public open house presentation.

ATTENDING

Charlene FitzGerald, ADOT MVD
 Pete Lima, Lima & Associates
 Paul Patane, ADOT Yuma District
 Bruce Fenske, AODT Yuma District
 Richard Ench, Colorado River Indian Tribes
 Troy Smith, AZ Game & Fish Department
 Nora Yackley Town of Quartzsite
 Michelle Beggs, ADOT CCP
 Ellen Carr, LSD

Rob Bohannon, Lima & Associates
 Michael Jones, ADOT Yuma District
 Dave Barber, WACOG
 Bill Knowles, AZ Game & Fish Department
 Tom Simmons, La Paz County Public Works
 Emmett Brinkerhoff, Town of Quartzsite
 Renee Hembree, La Paz County Public Works

REVIEW OF COMMENTS ON WORKING PAPER 1

Comments previously received on Working Paper 1 were handed out to the committee. Charlene FitzGerald asked the TAC for additional comments. Comments were made in regard to:

- Clarifying dates for data sources.
- Clarifying employment numbers in the Town of Parker.
- Adding more discussion on wildlife corridors.

- Referencing weight restrictions on bridges on Mohave Road.
- Adding reference to historical properties in the Bouse area.
- Review the BL < travel management plan

Lima & Associates was given traffic impact studies for the Bill's Ghost Travel Center in Quartzsite and the Quartzsite Park Place Travel Center.

DISCUSSION OF TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL

Pete Lima reviewed the travel demand modeling process and presented the preliminary results of the travel demand modeling. A plot of the projected traffic volumes versus actual traffic counts was reviewed. Two areas where projected traffic volumes are significantly lower than the actual counts are Vicksburg Road and Main Street in Quartzite. The probable reasons for this are that the employment numbers or trip generation rates along Main Street in at the I-10/Vicksburg interchange area. These numbers will be adjusted and the model will be rerun.

For projected traffic volumes, Lima & Associates will present both average annual daily and seasonal future traffic volumes.

REVIEW OF FUTURE SOCIOECONOMIC DATA

Pete Lima reviewed the current socioeconomic data and DES projected population estimates. He asked the committee to review the future population projections and the socioeconomic TAZ data. He said that Lima & Associates will follow up with an Email outlining steps for the review.

There was a comment about how large some of the TAZ's are and that new TAZs might be needed in Brenda, Hope, and some other developing areas.

There was also discussion of the proposed solar power generation facilities for the future conditions and how they may impact traffic.

A comment was made about considering turning movements for the refuse stations in the future.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATION

Rob Bohannon gave the open house presentation to the TAC. Minor revisions were made to the presentation based on comments from the TAC.

There was a comment that the low density of County could be emphasized and how that impacts the ability to provide infrastructure.

In the discussion on crashes, it was noted that the SR 95/SR 72 intersection will be signalized shortly.

ACTION ITEMS

TAC members will finalize comments on Working Paper 1 by July 7, 2009 and submit to Charlene FitzGerald or Lima & Associates.

Lima & Associates will revise Working Paper 1 based on the comments and submit to ADOT to upload on the project website.

Lima & Associates will send the TAC a list of steps for the review of future socioeconomic data.

The next TAC meeting will be scheduled in late September or early October 2009.