



# Town of Payson Transportation Planning Study Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #3 MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 (10:00AM – 12:00PM)  
Payson Fire Department  
Payson, AZ

## MEETING PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this meeting was to present the draft transportation plan to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The draft transportation plan for Payson included transportation improvement recommendations grouped into three phases –short term (2010 – 2015), mid term (2015 – 2010), and long term (2020 – 2030).

Preliminary public meeting display boards were also presented to the TAC to obtain feedback.

## AGENDA ITEMS

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting –

- Introductions
- Study Status Update
- Summary of RSA & Operational Analysis
- Working Paper 3 – Draft Transportation Plan
- Preparation for Public Meeting
- TAC Input on Public Meeting Display Boards

## INTRODUCTIONS

Dianne Kresich opened the meeting welcomed the TAC. A sign-in sheet was passed around and attending TAC members gave brief introductions (see attached sign-in sheet).

## STUDY STATUS UPDATE

Dianne provided a brief overview of the study process and reiterated the studies' focus with the TAC. She also presented a study status update and reviewed previous findings. Dianne mentioned that -

- Jacobs provided the draft **Working Paper 3: Draft Transportation Plan** to Dianne and LaRon for review. The draft Working Paper 3 will be sent to TAC members for review in the coming weeks.
- Jacobs is conducting a special traffic operational analysis for a portion of the SR 87 – SR 260 corridor and the intersections along the corridor to recommend low cost improvements.

- ADOT's Road Safety Assessment (RSA) team conducted a safety assessment at the SR 87/SR 260 intersection and at adjacent intersections. The draft RSA report is currently being reviewed by ADOT, Town of Payson, and Jacobs.
- Preliminary public meeting exhibits were on display for the TAC to review and comment.
- One of the goals of this study is to **evaluate the need for an alternate route** to relieve congestion along SR 87 – SR 260 corridor. This study will evaluate potential alternate routes and compare the results. However, **this study will not recommend an alignment for the alternate route**. This study may recommend that a DCR study be conducted to finalize the alternate route alignment.
- Public meeting has been moved from July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUMMARY OF RSA & OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS**

Rick Powers, Jacobs Project Manager, provided an update on the RSA study and special traffic operational analysis study.

#### **Road Safety Assessment (RSA)**

- RSA team was in Payson over the Memorial Day weekend to observe traffic conditions and document roadway and intersection conditions.
- RSA team included members from ADOT RSA division, ADOT Multimodal Planning Division (MPD), ADOT Prescott district, Town of Payson, and Jacobs.
- The RSA team prepared a draft report summarizing their findings. Currently, this report is being reviewed by ADOT, Town of Payson, and Jacobs. The final report is anticipated to be completed by mid July.
- The RSA report will be appended to Working Paper 3 and circulated to the TAC.

#### **Special Traffic Operational Analysis Study**

- Jacobs is conducting a special traffic operational analysis of SR 87 from Bonita Street to Rancho Road and SR 260 from SR 87 to Manzanita Drive. Intersections along this corridor are also included in the analysis.
- The purpose of this study is to review traffic operational conditions/issues and recommend short-term low cost improvements.
- Jacobs is completing the draft report that will be provided to ADOT and the Town of Payson for review.
- The RSA and special traffic operational analysis study has pushed the schedule back two months.

### **DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Vamshi Yellisetty, Jacobs Senior Transportation Planner, presented the following –

- A recap of the summary of existing and future conditions and issues.
- Draft short term (2010-2015) transportation recommendations.
- Draft mid-term (2015 -2020) transportation recommendations.
- Draft long-term (2020-2030) transportation recommendations.
- Evaluation of four potential alternate routes to SR 87-SR 260 corridor.

Additional topics discussed include-

- Dianne asked the Town of Payson staff if there was update on the status of the potential Arizona State University (ASU) campus. Debra Galbraith responded that an announcement may be made the following week.
- Debra Galbraith cautioned that the study team may face opposition from residents living in the vicinity of Sherwood Drive (new extension from Colcord Road to McLane Road). She suggested that we need to emphasize the fact that these recommendations represent the Town's needs for the next 20 years. They do not mean that the projects will be built.
- Debra also cautioned that the public is sensitive to the Mud Springs Road extension from Granite Dells Road to SR 260.
- Curtis suggested that the Longhorn Road roadway improvement from Llama Ranch to Stone Creek Subdivision may not be needed since it is not used that much. Vamshi responded that the improvements recommended were to add curb and gutter, sidewalk, and to improve drainage facilities and is not recommended for widening.
- Debra asked if any of the alternate routes will impact existing homes; Vamshi responded that the Alternative 1 Phase 1 may impact some existing homes.
- Rick mentioned that he has evaluated the possibility of the alternative routes including the original route along Forest Service roads. The original road was not further considered due to its length and need for a large bridge.

### **PREPARATION FOR PUBLIC MEETING**

Dianne mentioned that the next public meeting will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>. She asked the TAC members to review the preliminary display boards laid out in the back of the room and mark up any corrections and suggestions. Jacobs will provide URS PDFs of the boards for e-size mounting. Jacobs will also prepare a handout in 11x17 format showing the recommendations.

### **TAC INPUT ON PUBLIC MEETING DISPLAY BOARDS**

- Mid-term improvements display: Add "ROW needed" for the Frontier Street: SR 87 to McLane Road project.
- Short-term improvements display: Sherwood Drive extension from Colcord Road to McLane Road goes through a residential neighborhood.
- Long-term improvements display: Add "Privately developed" for the Green Valley Parkway Phase II project.
- Emphasize that the alignments are conceptual and nothing has been determined as actual locations. The actual alignments will be developed by a DCR study. No funds have yet been identified to conduct a DCR, purchase right-of-way, or construct a new roadway.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.....**

### **Attachments:**

Agenda

Sign-in Sheet



## **Town of Payson Transportation Planning Study TAC Meeting #3**

Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 (10:00 – 12:00noon)  
Town of Payson Police Department Training Room  
303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona

### **AGENDA**

1. Introductions – Dianne Kresich & La Ron Garrett
2. Study Status Update – Rick Powers
3. Summary of RSA & Operational Analysis – Rick Powers
4. WP3 (Improvement Recommendations) - Rick Powers & Vamshi Yellisetty
5. Preparation for the July 21<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting
6. TAC Input on Public Meeting display boards
7. Action Items – All
8. Adjourn

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