



ADOT Planning Assistance for Rural Arizona
2009 Town of Sahuarita Area Transportation Study

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TAC Meeting No. 1

January 13, 2009
Town of Sahuarita, Public Works Building
14311-1 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Dave Pfordt, Town of Sahuarita, (*Local Project Manager*)
Charlene FitzGerald, ADOT MPD (*Project Manager*)
Ann Chanecka, PAG
Reza Karimvand, ADOT Tucson District
Farhad Moghimi, Town of Sahuarita
Robert Young, Pima County
Tim Bolton, Arizona State Land Department
Linda Ritter, ADOT CCP

Consultant Staff in Attendance

Brent Crowther, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (*Project Manager*)
Mary Rodin, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.
Curtis Lueck, Curtis Lueck and Associates
Angie Brown, Gordley Design Group

MEETING SUMMARY

TAC Meeting 1 for the 2009 Town of Sahuarita Area Transportation Study was held on January 13, 2009 at the Town of Sahuarita Public Works Building. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Brent Crowther, Consultant Project Manager, opened the meeting and thanked all for their attendance. He allowed for self-introductions. Meeting agenda items included a review of project objectives, discussion of work plan, review of current project activities and next steps. Following are key points for each agenda item that was discussed during the meeting.

Overview of Project Objectives

Brent Crowther described the purpose of the study, including:

- Document current and future conditions relating to multimodal transportation in the Town of Sahuarita planning area.
- Identify mobility and access needs and deficiencies.
- Recommend a program of improvements. The program will be organized into a short-term (5 years), mid-term (10 years), and long term-improvements.
- Develop a Major Streets and Routes Plan.
- Identify funding opportunities for implementation of the 5, 10, and long-range improvements.

Charlene FitzGerald asked for clarification about the time frame of the recommendations. Brent Crowther responded that projects will be recommended for the following time frames:

- 2010-2015
- 2015-2020
- 2020-2040

Charlene asked that the time frames be reflected on the projects graphics and maps.

Project Work Plan

The study will include development of 3 working papers, 2 summary reports, and a Final Report/Executive Summary.

- Working Paper 1 – Current and Future Conditions
- Working Paper 2 – Evaluation Criteria and Plan for Improvements
- Working Paper 3 – Implementation Plan
- Final Report and Executive Summary
- Public Involvement Summary Report 1
- Public Involvement Summary Report 2

Project Schedule

The schedule for the project was reviewed. There will be TAC meetings approximately every other month.

Reza Karimvand asked if there were specific dates for the TAC meetings. Brent Crowther responded that the next TAC meeting date would be discussed today.

There will be two rounds of public involvement meetings, in April and October. Angie Brown said that the public open houses will be advertised in the town newsletter (it reaches all residents), and the Green Valley and Tucson newspapers. Press releases on the meetings will also be sent to radio and TV stations. The purpose of the open house will be to obtain input on current needs and deficiencies. The second open house will focus on obtaining comments on the draft improvement plan. There will be a website for the project within the ADOT website.

Charlene FitzGerald asked if the team had roles and responsibilities defined for the public involvement efforts. Angie Brown said that the team had discussed this and will stay in touch during the project. Dave Pfordt commented that it may be better to delay the April open

house to May, 2009. Charlene FitzGerald commented that the first open house should be held when Working Paper 1 is completed in draft form.

Brent Crowther discussed holding stakeholder meetings. It was the consensus that individual stakeholder meetings would be best. The Town of Sahuarita will assist the project team in developing the contact list and will host the meetings at the town offices. It is envisioned that all of the stakeholder meetings will be held over a 1-2 day period. Stakeholders that have been identified include the following:

- Farmers Investment Co.
- State Land Department
- American Nevada Co.
- Park Corporation
- Diamond Ventures
- Robson Communities
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Sahuarita School District
- Rancho Sahuarita
- Green Valley Fire Department
- Police Department
- Phelps Dodge Sierrita Corporation
- Asarco Inc-Mission Complex
- Sahuarita Building Safety
- Cyprus Minerals Company
- Town of Sahuarita, Planning Director
- Town of Sahuarita, Town Manager

Charlene FitzGerald commented that ADOT CCP must attend the meetings and the team must adhere to CCP guidelines.

Data Collection Needs

Brent Crowther discussed the data collection efforts to date. A handout entitled "data collection summary" was provided. Comments were:

- Lee More Wash Study - this study will be important to define flow corridors. Focus on getting the flow corridor data if the entire report is not available.
- Travel demand model and socioeconomic data -
 - Kimley-Horn is in the process of updating their TransCAD model to be consistent with the version of the model that PAG is using. Kimley-Horn will review socioeconomic data for each Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ). These data are based on the PAG Long Range Transportation Plan. Farhad Moghimi asked if we had time to incorporate the study results into the PAG 2040 Long Range Plan. Ann Chanecka said that the 2040 RTP process will end in October or November. There will be time to provide input to the 2040 long range plan from study.
 - PAG 2008 and 2040 population and employment data was described. KHA will be refining the socioeconomic data and TAZ boundaries, based on stakeholder and Town input. The State Land Department will also provide input and has

conceptual land use plans for state land parcels. Tim Bolton will send information to Brent Crowther or Mary Rodin.

- **Implementation Plan**

Curtis Lueck discussed the implementation plan process. He said that data needs for the implementation plan analysis are:

- 5 years of budget history for the Town
- Copies of development agreements that may prohibit certain types of funding
- Any other related studies, such as impact fee development
- Minutes of study sessions where the City Council had input on funding sources.

Curtis Lueck said that once projects are developed, he will develop planning and construction phasing concepts, identify a champion for the project, and develop potential funding sources. He spoke about the challenges of developing revenue streams based on growth estimates in this economic climate. He commented that LOS performance standards should be realistically set. If the LOS standards are too high, then it will be hard to implement all the projects that would be an outcome of the standard. Performance standards can be set by functional class.

Robert Young commented that the County was in discussion regarding increasing development impact fees. Curtis Lueck also commented that that if the jurisdiction cannot rely on growth-derived income, than it will be forced to address maintenance of the existing system. It was commented that legislation may be needed to enact impact fees.

Charlene FitzGerald asked if funding lists will be developed by project type. Curtis Lueck discussed the prioritization process that will be needed, and how we will work as a team to develop the prioritization.

Farhad Moghimi asked if the project funding sources will be multimodal. Curtis Lueck said yes, and he will define the restrictions for various funding sources.

Curtis Lueck asked if the Phoenix-Tucson Bypass will be part of the study. Farhad Moghimi said that he sees it at least as a footnote to the study.

There was a comment that CBI funds may be available since Sahuarita is on the Canamex Corridor.

Round Table Discussion

Each TAC member in attendance was provided the opportunity to identify any remaining issues that they would like to discuss and to state their perspectives and issues that are important to them in the study. Identified issues were:

- Add information on the Multimodal Freight Analysis Study- This is likely available on the ADOT website, or through Dianne Kresich.
- Put crash data in the HES format. Reza Karimvand commented that local jurisdictions can get more funding through this program.
- Contact the copper mines in the area.
- There was a discussion about growth rates during this time in the economy. Brent Crowther commented that the PAG data suggests a 5% per year growth rate. Charlene

FitzGerald suggested comparing this to the DES growth rate and using an average of the growth rates.

- Ann Chanecka commented that PAG staff had recently had a discussion with John Neunuebel and that the population and employment projections in the Sahuarita area are in the process of being updated. Brent Crowther said that the input we receive from stakeholders will also be used as input to the population and employment projections and feedback on this will be provided by PAG.
- Brent Crowther will compile a contact list for the stakeholder meetings. He will send it to Dave Pfordt and ADOT CCP and PM for review and for additional contact information.

Adjournment

The next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting will be held in mid to late March, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Sahuarita Public Works Building. Date conflicts mentioned were March 18th, 19th, and the second Thursday (March 12th).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.