

SRPMIC Long Range Transportation Study Community Outreach -  
Councilman Tom Largo Meeting

WHERE: SRPMIC Education Board Room  
DATE: September 28, 2009  
TIME: 6:00-8:00pm  
ATTENDEES: Tom Largo, SRPMIC  
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**SUMMARY:**

The following comments were received at Councilman Tom Largo's District Meeting in regard to the SRPMIC Long Range Transportation Study. The comments received were divided into 5 major categories.

1: Safety – What are the issues and where?

- ⇒ Suggestion was made to lower the speed limit to 35mph.
- ⇒ Drivers are ignoring the stop signs throughout the Community.
- ⇒ It has been observed that drivers from outside of the Community will stop in the middle of the road when they are lost causing a safety hazard.
- ⇒ Parents are concerned about the safety of their children. It has been noticed that non-Community drivers slow down to ask directions from children or just to look at the children.
- ⇒ A suggestion was offered to block off a roadway such as Mesa Drive in order to control pass through traffic. At the same time, it was noted that this road closure would be an obstacle for Community members if they want to get to facilities such as shopping, healthcare and employment that exist off the reservation.
- ⇒ People are racing through the dirt canal roads and getting stuck. Evergreen Canal Road was identified in particular from Center to Mesa Drive. It was suggested that canals be blocked off to avoid racing through these dirt roads and contributing to the dust identified below.
- ⇒ Dust is everywhere causing air pollution.
- ⇒ It was suggested that SRP put up gates to block off canal roads to prevent drivers on the canal roads.
- ⇒ A couple of safety issues were identified for State Route 87 (Beeline Highway). A Community member commented that the current speed limit of 65mph is too high and as a result, it is often difficult to decelerate and make right and left in turns while the rest of the traffic continues on. There have been many instances of frustrated drivers flashing their lights and/or tailgating. It was suggested that the speed limit be reduced from McDowell Road to Mesa Drive where the intersections increase. The other safety concern was in regard to vegetation growth on the median islands that obstruct visibility.
- ⇒ Install speed bumps on McDowell Road in Lehi.
- ⇒ Community members expressed the need for more enforcement to prevent speeding and running stop signs throughout the Community.
- ⇒ Street lighting was requested at 117<sup>th</sup> and Highland Road.

⇒ Community members expressed concern about the heavy traffic on Chaparral Road near Scottsdale Community College. Students are often speeding on this road. The speeding and congestion is unsafe for the children playing outside their homes nearby. Speed bumps were suggested to slow down the traffic in addition to speed limit enforcement.

2: Cut through traffic: Any concerns and where?

⇒ Cut through traffic is high on Mesa Drive.

⇒ A suggestion was made to toll all major access roads, particularly Alma School Road.

⇒ A lot of traffic was identified from Dobson Road to Chaparral Road to the Loop 101.

3: Roadway improvements: What do the roads need? Do new roads need to be developed?

⇒ The roads in Bunnyville near the Stapley area are washboard and there is no right of way.

⇒ Gilbert Road needs to be rebuilt with a bridge.

⇒ Question was raised about the three (3) access roads to the Lehi area and whether or not they will be reopened. Community members commented that they should remain as dirt roads.

⇒ Indian School Road from Mesa Drive to the end needs to be resurfaced.

4: Walking paths, trails, sidewalks or horse trails?

⇒ Community members present at the meeting felt that the current sidewalk situation on the reservation is adequate but any additional sidewalks should be developed around the schools.

5: Buses and transit: From where to where?

⇒ It was commented that the SRPMIC transit is unreliable in that Community members felt that they took a chance of availability when they dialed in for pick-up. The phones are either busy or no one answers. Members felt it was a hassle to utilize the system.

⇒ Suggestion was made to extend transit operating hours to 9pm, even 10-11pm to allow for late work shifts off the Community.

⇒ Transit policy does not allow for children/students to ride without an adult. This is inconvenient especially when students participate in after school activities and need a ride home.

⇒ Members would like the SRPMIC transit to connect to Valley Metro from within the Community. The police and fire substations were suggested as connection points on Indian School Road and Center Street.

⇒ There was a request for an increase in service by increasing the number of drivers.

⇒ SRPMIC transit only provides service within the Community. Community members requested expanded connection (in addition to current connections) at the boundaries if not within the Community.

⇒ Community members would prefer having a bus schedule and wait, rather than dialing for a pick-up.

#### 6: Other comments

⇒ There was an opposition from a Community member to widen Pima Road entirely on the Community side. She felt Scottsdale should have some of the widening on their side too. Clarification was provided that the widening of Pima Road is occurring within existing right of way. The developable area of land on SRPMIC is not being affected.

⇒ A new sign was posted for no right turns from Longmore Road onto McDowell without adequate notification to the Community. In addition to the sign being too small, the sudden change in traffic control is unnoticed and drivers are being ticketed.

⇒ Drivers are not stopping when merging onto Thomas Road after exiting off of Loop 101. Safety is a concern because the Community monument blocks visibility.

⇒ The Community members have repeatedly noticed that some signals do not change from the red (or take an extremely long time to do so) at the following locations:

- Gilbert Road and Beeline
- Pima Road and Chaparral Road
- Loop 101 and Chaparral Road
- McDowell Road and Pima Road
- Indian School Road at the Loop 101



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