

SRPMIC Long Range Transportation Study Community Outreach
Councilwoman Claire Miller's District Meeting

WHERE: SRPMIC Council Chambers
DATE: September 22, 2009
TIME: 6:00-7:00pm
ATTENDEES: Claire Miller, SRPMIC
Jennifer Jack, SRPMIC ECS
Misty Dayzie, ADOT

SUMMARY:

The following comments were received from Councilwoman Claire Miller in regard to the SRPMIC Long Range Transportation Study.

Transit:

- ⇒ There is a need to increase connectivity between the Community's transit system and the surrounding transit systems such as Valley Metro primarily for commuting to work and the healthcare facilities.
- ⇒ Councilwoman Miller expressed an interest for the Light Rail to be extended into the Community at some point in the future, particularly along the Commercial Corridor and to the casinos.
- ⇒ Councilwoman Miller asked if the surrounding cities such as Tempe and Phoenix help in funding the light rail system or if the system was exclusively funded by ADOT. *Answer:* "The light rail transit is funded by a number of mechanisms. The local or regional funds are estimated to fund about half the cost of a corridor with the combination of federal funds" meeting the other half (METRO). "This depends on each corridor competing nationally for those federal funds at the time of development. This is a highly competitive process and the Federal Transit Administration awards the funds based upon those that meet their criteria with the highest ratings (METRO)." For example, "the 20 mile central Phoenix East Valley line, which opened in December, was funded by a combination of funds. 50 percent from taxes from the cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa and another 47 percent from federal funds and a mixture of FTA 5309 and CMAQ funds (METRO)." ADOT does not contribute funding but provides safety, security and oversight of the light rail system.
- ⇒ School bus and transit shelters are needed throughout the Community to shield riders from the sun or rain while waiting.

Traffic:

- ⇒ Councilwoman Miller expressed her concern about the speeding on McDowell Rd. She informed the study team that there were no stops on this road except at 92nd street, Longmore and Alma School roads.
- ⇒ Councilwoman Miller suggested that McDowell road may offer relief from cut through traffic into the Community if it was better able to accommodate the speed.

- ⇒ Councilwoman Miller stated that traffic signals are needed in the Community, particularly at rush hour. She asked whether the signals could be programmed to function only at rush hour (and then flashing red for a stop condition at all other times).
- ⇒ There was concern about the traffic congestion that occurs daily near Wal-Mart.

Others:

- ⇒ There was concern about drainage on Chaparral Rd near Scottsdale Community College, which have caused a lot of potholes in the roadway.

Councilwoman Miller's primary concern was in regard to providing safety for the children.