

SRPMIC Long Range Transportation Study Community Outreach -
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council Meeting

WHERE: SRPMIC Council Chambers
DATE: May 12, 2010
TIME: 5:00pm-7:00pm
ATTENDEES: Jennifer Jack, SRPMIC ECS
Misty Dayzie, ADOT
Michael LaBianca, HDR
Phil Matthews, SRPMIC ECS

SUMMARY:

The following comments were received at the SRPMIC Tribal Council Meeting in regard to the SRPMIC Long Range Transportation Study.

- In the Community member comments, Broderick Antone requested that the Lehi connector road be placed as priority 1.
- President commented that the Community population seems low. Michael LaBianca with HDR responded that the team got that comment from others and had checked with various staff departments to verify and get the most accurate data that the project team could.
- One councilmember (CM) asked if the plan included truck routes. Jennifer and Phil suggested that the project team include a reference in the Plan to an earlier study done for SRPMIC addressing this topic.
- CM Richardo Leonard asked if the project team planned on presenting at any District Meetings. Jennifer responded that the team went to 2 District Meetings at the early stages and would be happy to come to anyone's district that would like. CM Leonard requested that we come to his District Meeting on June 15.
- CM Claire Miller requested a copy of the 2001 Transportation Plan. Jennifer burned it to a CD May 13, 2010 and took it to her office.
- One councilmember indicated that the lanes are very narrow on Gilbert Road and that many bicyclists try to use that road. She is afraid that a bicyclist will get hit or that there will be an accident if a car swerves to miss a bike. She requested an alternate route for bicyclists to use until the road is complete. Michael responded that a multiuse trail is being recommended for Gilbert Road. Council expressed concern on the maintenance of such a trail. They have seen a lack of maintenance on Gilbert Road and want to make sure there is a plan for additional facilities to be properly maintained.
- One councilmember expressed his concern for school bus safety and asked if the plan takes into consideration slowing down traffic during school pick up and drop off times. Michael answered that the study by Red Mountain Engineering looked into this concern and that HDR incorporated some of the recommendations into the traffic demand model which lead to a decrease in speeds by a third.
- One councilmember asked if there was a standard spacing for speed limit signs and indicated that McDowell Road maintained by MCDOT needs to have a closer spacing

on speed limit signs. Michael responded that the project team would pass this comment on to the Maricopa County TAC representative. The same concern was expressed for State Route 87.

- President emphasized that the proposed Dobson Bridge over the Salt River (priority 9) was still under review and that no decisions have been made yet.
- Council requested that the project team return to the June 16th quarterly meeting. Jennifer has asked to be placed on the agenda for this meeting.
- CM Deanna Scabby asked about what advertising we have done for the upcoming workshops. She had not seen anything. Jennifer told her that the project team placed advertisements in the water bill mailers, on the internet and intranet under Community Announcements, on the marquees, and on the signs throughout the Community. Jennifer confirmed with Esther Moyah on morning of May 13th and Esther said that the ad did go to all those places as well as the newspaper, senior center, and senior home delivery.
- One councilmember asked if paying for ROW was included in the transportation plan. Jennifer answered that the Transportation plan only recommends improvements and does not recommend whether or not right of way will be purchased. If a project does not have right of way, staff would follow the normal process for acquiring. No right of way purchase would be made without Council approval.
- After the presentation, Mr. Smith of Salt River Materials asked that Jennifer contact him. Jennifer left a message for Mr. Smith the morning of May 13th.