

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2005

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- A The duly posted Surface Transportation Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Vice-Chairman Cliff Potts. Meeting Time & Place
- B **ROLL CALL:** Cliff Potts, Vice-Chairman, Members Dan Bailey, Bruce Van Camp, Shirley McGearry, and Cindy Kofile (arrived at 4:06 p.m.). **ABSENT:** Al Lyons, Chairman (excused). Roll Call
- C **STAFF PRESENT:** LaRon Garrett, Assistant Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Fred Carpenter, Town Manager, and Bill Schwind, Parks and Recreation Director. Staff Attending
- D **OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk and Councilman Dick Reese. Others Attending
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- E There were no public comments. No Public Comments
- F **MINUTES:**
September 7, 2005 Surface Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes. Member Van Camp moved, seconded by Member Bailey to approve the September 7, 2005 Surface Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes. Motion carried, 4-0 (Member Kofile was not present for the vote). Minutes
APPROVED, 4-0
- Status report and update on street projects by the Public Works Engineer or his designee.**
- G LaRon Garrett, Assistant Public Works Director/Town Engineer stated that the slurry seal had gone well. There would be enough money left to have Bradley Street fixed. Phase three of Airport Road was being worked on and Westerly Road was under construction. The Street Department was getting the streets ready for winter and would use the stronger asphalt mix for winter potholes. Member Van Camp stated that a citizen had told him that the new slurry seal was the best ever done. Status Report
- Discussion/possible action concerning the Education Program approved by the Town Council.**
- H The Committee discussed the PowerPoint presentation. Member Kofile presented the PowerPoint presentation. It was Committee PowerPoint Presentation

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consensus to have the presentation broadcast on Channel 4 and posted on the Town website. Vice-Chairman Potts complimented Chairman Lyons on his News Letter item to be published in the Town's December News Letter. Vice-Chairman Potts suggested that Member Kofile expand on the funding sources section of the presentation. Member Kofile suggested that a copy be sent to the Payson Roundup and the Payson Patriot newspapers and to the radio stations. Mr. Garrett and Mr. Carpenter would do that.

Discussion/possible action concerning traffic congestion and potential remedies in various areas of the Town including but not limited to Rumsey Drive, Highway 87 and Highway 260.

- A Mr. Garrett presented the Committee with cost estimates for the south alignment vs. the north alignment of Payson Parkway to Rumsey Drive. Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Garrett believed that rerouting Payson Parkway through Rumsey Park to meet up with Rumsey Drive could have a negative impact on the park and on the proposed YMCA. Mr. Garrett felt it would be better to swing Rumsey Drive around to meet with Payson Parkway and realign the intersection. Payson Parkway to Rumsey Drive
- B Bill Schwind, Parks and Recreation Director, opposed routing Payson Parkway through Rumsey Park. Mr. Schwind believed that would cause parking space issues and there were drainage problems. Drainage Problems
- C Member Kofile had presented this idea to Mr. Garrett to do the cost estimate and felt that the Committee should present it to the Council. Member Kofile believed that the parking issues could be resolved when the Committee presented this to the Council. Present to Council
- D Mr. Schwind stated that he was following the Master Plan. Mr. Schwind felt there was a safety issue with rerouting Payson Parkway through the park. Rumsey Park would need to be looked at for improvements for the next fifteen years. Master Plan
- E Following more discussion it was Committee consensus to have Mr. Garrett create a better map including the cost estimate for realigning the intersection of Payson Parkway and Rumsey Drive at McLane Road. Mr. Schwind would have the Parks and Recreation Board review the map and Mr. Garrett would send out notices to residents within 300 feet of the park to try to get public input. The Committee would then present all of the input and findings to the Council. Input
- F Mr. Garrett stated that ADOT had agreed to put a solid white line Right Hand Turn Lane at

down on the right hand turn lane at the intersection of Highway 87 and 260 to help keep traffic moving. Don Harmon asked why ADOT did not make it a two-lane turn to go right at that intersection. Mr. Garrett explained that ADOT was not willing to put in two lanes because that lane ends at the second light down.

HWY 260

- A Councilman Reese asked the Committee to refer to staff anything they wanted the Council to pay special attention to. Don Harmon asked if there would be a request form for action. Mr. Carpenter explained that it would not be necessary to have a form.

Clmn. Reese

Discussion/possible action concerning the half-cent Gila County Sales Tax for road improvements.

- B Mr. Carpenter explained that the meeting with the County Supervisors was not promising. The Supervisors could levy another half-cent sales tax and share that with the incorporated towns, but were not willing to give up any of the current tax because there was already a five year plan in place for that money. Mr. Garrett felt that it would be a disservice to citizens to add another half-cent tax. This issue could be put on the ballot in 2014. Vice-Chairman Potts complimented Mayor Brewer for doing a good job pursuing this idea.

Half-Cent Sales Tax Meeting

Discussion/possible action concerning recommending a program and policy for installing informational and directional signs on Town right of way to the Town Council.

- C Mr. Garrett explained that the transfer of Highway 87 right-of-way to Payson was going to the State Transportation Board in January 2006. The Town would use the right-of-way to install directional signs. Mr. Carpenter explained that these would be distinctive signs that people will recognize as Payson's signs. The sign code will not apply to these signs. Mr. Carpenter stated this was a public program strictly controlled by the Town. The Payson Art League has been invited to create the signs.

Directional Signs

- D Don Harmon would serve as the liaison between the Town and the Art League. Mr. Harmon felt the Town should adopt specifics for the signs. Following more discussion, Member Van Camp **moved, seconded by Member Kofile to accept responsibility to develop the sign program through this Committee. Motion Carried 5-0.** Member McGeary **moved, seconded by Member Bailey to direct the Payson Art League to create a design incorporating the Town's logo and to submit sample signage sketches to the S.T.A.C.**

Motions to Develop Sign Program

Motion carried, 5-0.

- A Mr. Harmon would get back to Mr. Garrett with some samples for the February 1, 2006, S.T.A.C. meeting. The Committee would look at the samples then present the Council with their suggestions. Councilman Reese suggested that the Art League involve the school system in the design. Gaye Walberg, substitute teacher and Art League member, stated that she has an ASU art education and would get the kids involved.

Samples

Discussion/Possible action concerning a recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council about a truck route around Payson.

- B Mr. Carpenter suggested that the Committee invite the new District Engineer, Dallas Hammet, to one of their meetings. Mr. Garrett explained that the previous District Engineer had not pushed for a truck route for Payson, but the new engineer may. Vice-Chairman Potts believed it was clear that the Beeline Business owners and the Tonto Apache Tribe did not support the truck route. Vice-Chairman Potts felt that ADOT wants a consensus in the community to pursue this issue. Mr. Garrett would invite Dallas Hammet to a S.T.A.C. meeting next year.

Truck Route

- C Member Bailey asked if this could be put on a future ballot. Mr. Carpenter replied that it could only get on the ballot through an initiative. Councilman Reese asked the Committee to keep this issue alive. Councilman Reese believed that a truck route would not go through until there was a consensus of the community. Payson would have to contribute \$500,000 towards a truck route.

Community Consensus

Discussion/possible action concerning communicating with the Town Council about the status of the STAC programs.

- D It was Committee consensus to make a report to the Council on the Rumsey Drive project, traffic congestion in the southwesterly area of town, and the sign program at the Council's first regular meeting in March 2006.

Report to Council

Discussion/recommendation of future agenda items.

- E It was Committee consensus to have discussion/possible action concerning the status report and update, the education program, traffic congestion and potential remedies, and installing informational and directional signs on the next agenda.

Agenda Items

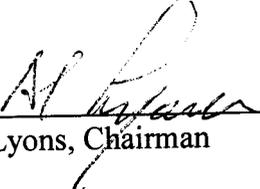
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- A The Committee agreed that a meeting was not necessary in December. Member Kofile **moved, seconded by Member McGeary to not meet in December and to have the next S.T.A.C. meeting on January 4, 2006. Motion carried, 5-0.** Next Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

- B The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:37 p.m. Adjournment

Approved:



Al Lyons, Chairman

Date: 5/3/06

ATTEST:

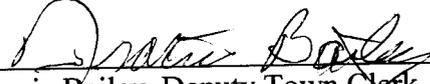


Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Surface Transportation Advisory Committee of the Town of Payson held on the 2nd day of November, 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present

DATED this 4th day of May, 2006.



Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk

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