

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
October 4, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bob Edwards, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Andy Romance, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member John Wilson.

**ABSENT:** Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Fred Carpenter - Town Manager, Sam Streichman - Town Attorney, and LaRon Garrett - Public Works Engineer.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Marci Huffman, Chief Deputy Town Clerk.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

1. Presentation by Berwyn Wilbrink, Jacobs Engineering Group, concerning an Alternate Route around the Town of Payson.

Mr. Wilbrink introduced Tom Goodman, ADOT Senior Resident Engineer, Barry Quinn of Jacobs Engineering Group, and Rob Ingram with Tonto National Forest.

Town Manager Fred Carpenter introduced Berwyn Wilbrink of Jacobs Engineering Group with whom he had worked three and one-half years on a project in Wickenburg.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Wilbrink gave an overview of the ADOT process for alternate route projects, and then answered questions from council and the public.

2. Discussion/possible action concerning the above.

It was thought that the road improvements on Highway 87 from Phoenix and the improvements on Highway 260 to Heber had created a bottleneck through Payson. The traffic, especially truck traffic, has increased through the town, and many residents were concerned and asked what specific things could be done to influence ADOT to look into this.

ADOT requires a partnership with stakeholders.

Jim Winter asked about future traffic count projections if a bypass was not built. ADOT

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monitors the existing traffic and tries to make projects.

Bob Dye requested an ADOT flow chart. ADOT is in the process of updating this document.

Carol Michaelis asked how the community could stress the need for an alternate route. ADOT is aware of the community's desire.

Bruce Van Camp gave the background on a past attempt to get a bypass, but the Town said no. He believed the district engineer was the best person to go through. He also said that the STAC committee is interested in educating the public as to the need for a bypass. The Task Force and STAC committee should work together.

Joe Miller, a part-time resident, told of his bypass project experiences in Lake Zurich, Illinois.

Jeff Fogel asked what should be done first. Mr. Wilbrink said the first thing to be done is scoping and get all the interested parties together.

Tom Wadington commented on the town obtaining water rights or usage. However the proposed route would be on public land.

**ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marcia F. Huffman, Chief Deputy Town Clerk

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 4 of October, 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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Marcia F. Huffman, Chief Deputy Town Clerk