COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Stop Sign Removal – Cedar Lane and Mud Springs Road Intersection

MEETING DATE: 01/10/08

PAYSON GOAL: NEW: EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer

AMOUNT BUDGETED: $0

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: $0

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: $0

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): Area Map, STAC Minutes from December 5, 2007

POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to direct Staff to remove the existing Stop signs on Mud Springs Road at the intersection of Mud Springs Road and Cedar Lane allowing the Mud Springs Road Traffic to flow unimpeded.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:

The intersection of Mud Springs Road and Cedar Lane is located in the south east portion of Payson. The intersection is a "T" intersection. For the past several years this intersection has been controlled by a 3-Way Stop. A map of the area is attached.

The Surface Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) discussed the traffic control at this intersection at their December 5, 2007 meeting. After discussing this intersection, the STAC approved a motion to recommend to the Town Council removal of the two Stop signs on Mud Springs Road and leave the Stop sign on Cedar Lane. Mud Springs Road south of this intersection is improved with 28 feet of pavement with curb and gutter on both sides, and north of the intersection is 23 foot wide strip pavement. Cedar Lane is improved with 22 feet of pavement and curb and gutter on one side. The area is developed as low density residential.

The removal of these two Stop signs will allow the Mud Springs Road traffic to flow freely. Traffic counts in this area do not warrant a Stop sign on Mud Springs Road.

Staff concurs with the STAC recommendation to remove these two signs.

PROS: The removal of these two Stop signs will allow the Mud Springs Road traffic to flow freely.

CONS: The removal of these Stop signs may encourage more traffic to use Mud Springs Road since they no longer are required to stop.

PUBLIC INPUT (if any): Public input was possible at the STAC meeting. However, no public was in attendance at that meeting. Also, staff has previously received verbal input recommending that these Stop signs be removed.

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BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes): The STAC voted to recommend this to the Council at their December 5, 2007 meeting.

TOWN OF PAYSON
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ACTIONS

A. Call to Order

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 4:05 P.M.
Place: Council Chambers

B. Roll Call:

Committee Members:	
Bruce Van Camp, Chair	P
Diana Sexton,	A
Roy Kindrick	P
Gordon Metcalf	P
Ernest Schmidt	P
Tom Loeffler	P
Jack Jasper	A

Staff Present:
LaRon Garrett
Michele Maupin

C. Public Comments: None

D. There were no corrections on the November 7, 2007 Surface Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes. **Minutes accepted as written.**

E. **Status report and update on street projects by the Public Works Engineer or his designee.**
Mr. Garrett informed the Committee striping will take place on Mud Springs Road next week and once striped, the road will open to the public. The St. Phillips project has been awarded. The Council awarded to Empire Excavation, they should start in the next couple of weeks. Bonita Street Phase two, we have received proposals from engineering firms and in the process of determining most qualified firm. Mud Springs Road Phase 2, working with the engineer who designs round-a-bouts for ADOT to do our design round-a-bout at Mud Springs and Highway 260.

F. **Discussion/Possible Action concerning the existing 3-Way Stop at the Phoenix Street and Ash Street intersection.**
Mr. Garrett explained any stop sign removal requires Town Council direction. The Committee discussed possible solutions and Member Schmidt **motioned** to recommend to Council for removal of the stop sign at Phoenix Street and Ash to help improve the flow of traffic and then to install a traffic calming device. Member Metcalf **seconded** the motion. **Approved 5-0**

G. **Discussion/Possible Action concerning the existing 3-Way Stop at the Mud Springs and Cedar Street intersection.**
The Committee discussed this issue and agreed on removal of this stop sign, too. The Committee agreed to present the two issues to the Council at the same time. Member Schmidt **motioned** for removal of the stop signs at Mud Springs and Cedar intersection. Member Loeffler **seconded** the motion. **Approved 5-0**

H. **Discussion/Possible Action concerning the status of the traffic control at the intersection of Highway 87 and Airport Road.**
Mr. Garrett explained the intersection is being designed for a round-a-bout by ADOT and we should have cost estimates and designs by end of year. The Town of Payson and ADOT will split the construction costs 50-50.

I. **Discussion/Possible Action concerning the traffic counts, speed limits, and speeding in Payson.**
The Committee discussed the list of streets for potential speed limit increase and agreed to add Aero to the list. The Committee agreed to work in pairs and divide the list. They will note their observations for each street on the speed study form. The Committee agreed once the study is completed to send the entire list to the Council.

J. **Discussion/Possible Action concerning traffic calming on W. Forest Drive between Highway 87 and McLane Road and E. Phoenix Street between Ponderosa Street and Mud Springs Road.**
Member Loeffler inquired how many traffic calming petitions are out. Mr. Garrett explained that there are approximately four. W. Forest has asked for traffic calming device and we just finished a seven day study. Phoenix Street, around Elk Ridge area, Summit Street and Easy Street has submitted a traffic calming request.

K. **Discussion/Possible Action concerning the Goodnow Road connection between Bonita Street and highway 260.**
Mr. Garrett suggests including this in the new capitol improvement budget process. Member Schmidt **motioned** to put Goodnow Road connection between Bonita Street and Highway 260 in the budget request. Member Kindrick **seconded. Approved 5-0**

L. **Discussion/Possible Action concerning items to be placed on the next agenda.**
Items to be placed on the next agenda will include update on the proposed roundabout at Beeline Highway and Airport Road, and the traffic calming studies. The Committee will share their observations found on the streets that are listed for potential speed limit increases. The Committee agreed to reschedule the January STAC meeting to January 9, 2007.

M. **Adjournment**
Chairman Van Camp motioned for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

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REMAIN
CEDAR LANE
STOP SIGNS TO
BE REMOVED
MUD SPRINGS RD