

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2008

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| A | Chairman Van Camp called to order the duly posted Surface Transportation Advisory Committee meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. | Meeting Time & Place |
| B | ROLL CALL: Chairman Van Camp, and Members Gordon Metcalf, Roy Kindrick, Ernest Schmidt, Jack Jasper and Tom Loeffler were present. Vice Chairman Diane Sexton was excused. | Roll Call |
| C | STAFF PRESENT: LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer and Michele Maupin, Secretary. | Staff Attending |
| D | OTHERS PRESENT: | Others Attending |
| E | PUBLIC COMMENTS | |
| | There were no public comments. | No Public Comments |
| F | MINUTES: | |
| | There were corrections on the December 5, 2007 Surface Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes. The correction was on page 146, item A. | Minutes |
| G | Election of 2008 Chairman and Vice Chairman | |
| | Member Schmidt motion to elect Member Loeffler for Chairman and Chairman Van Camp for Vice-Chairman. The Committee voted Member Loeffler as the new Chairman and Chairman Van Camp as the new Vice-Chairman. Motion approved 6-0 | Election |
| H | Status report and update on street projects by the Public Works Engineer or his designee. | |
| | Mr. Garrett informed the Committee Mud Springs Road is substantially done, there are some signage and striping issues, and Mud Springs is open to traffic. The St. Phillips Street project is underway, curb and sidewalk partially done. Bonita Street Phase Two an application for a HELP loan was approved at the last Council meeting. Member Metcalf inquired on the striping at the Bank of Arizona entrance off Main Street and Highway 87. Member Loeffler inquired about signage in front of Frontier Elementary and the signage at the new roundabout at Mud Springs and Granite Dells. | Status Report |

A Discussion/Possible Action concerning traffic counts, speed limits, and speeding in Payson.

Member Loeffler gave a report on his research of the streets that were assigned to him. Member Schmidt gave his report on the speed research done on his streets. The Committee discussed this issue to see if there were any recommendations for speed changes on any of the assigned streets. Mr. Garrett reminded the Committee any speed limit changes have to go before the Council. Chairman Van Camp reported the average speed on Phoenix Street was approximately 40 mph, and would like to see a tree removed from the southeast corner of Phoenix and Elk Ridge. He also stated the STAC is trying to get local traffic around town in a more efficient and safe manner.

Speeding in Payson

B Discuss/Possible Action concerning the status of the traffic control at the intersection of Highway 87 and Airport Road

Mr. Garrett stated he has no new information, still waiting to hear from ADOT.

Highway 87 and Airport Rd.

C Discussion/Possible Action concerning traffic calming on West Forest Drive between Highway 87 and McLane Road

Mr. Garrett explained new striping is in place. The traffic study will be repeated when traffic counter is returned from being repaired. There was some discussion on lane width on west Forest Road.

Traffic Calming on
West Forest Dr.

D Discussion/Possible Action concerning traffic calming East Phoenix Street between Ponderosa Street and Mud Springs Road.

Mr. Garrett discussed sketches showing a couple options at the intersection of Phoenix Street and Elk Ridge. One option shows narrowing the road down with striping and adding delineators for no parking or traffic. This would slow traffic and fix the limited sight distance. Member Metcalf recommended extending the striping and delineators to the west of the intersection due to limited sight and curvature of Phoenix Street. Another option would be a speed hump at the top of the hill. This will go to the Council on January 24, 2008.

Traffic Calming on
East Phoenix Street

E Discussion/Possible Action concerning Mud Springs Road Phase Two.

Chairman Van Camp motioned to advance Item K to the top of the agenda due to public attendance. The Committee discussed and agreed. Shirley Dye, 1107 Deer Born Drive, expressed her opinion regarding the Mud Springs Road extension; she is opposed to the extension of Mud Springs Road until more research is done. Susan Culvert lives on Phoenix Street in the Elk Ridge subdivision; is

Mud Springs Road
Phase Two

opposed to the roundabout at the intersection of Highway 260 and Mud Springs Road. Cathy Bass of Payson, feels the speed on Phoenix Street is an issue and more research needs to be done before funds are spent on the design. Member Schmidt explained the position of the STAC committee regarding the Mud Springs Road project. Member Loeffler inquired on the cost of the design. Mr. Garrett explained some history behind the Mud Springs project and stated forty two thousand dollars was put in the budget for the design of the intersection. The Council will discuss the request to approve spending the money for the intersection at the January 10 Council meeting. There was discussion between the Committee and the public. Sue Yale, 809 E. Phoenix Street, is opposed to the extension. Member Kindrick stated Payson has a problem with traffic flow from the south and the STAC is trying to find solutions. Member Jasper feels that Phoenix Street will not become a by-pass and he does not like the idea of a roundabout at the intersection of Mud Springs and Highway 260. Joni King, 705 E. Phoenix Street, she feels there has been a huge increase in traffic on Phoenix Street and the Mud Springs extension will only increase the traffic flow. Member Metcalf explained the STAC only recommends solutions. There was some discussion of the STAC street priority list and the Street Task Force priority list. Member Loeffler suggest the Committee do more research and look at neighborhood concerns, and he explained to the public the STAC looks at moving traffic in a safe and efficient manner. Member Metcalf reminded the public the Council would be looking at the design aspect of Mud Springs Road Phase two not the actual construction.

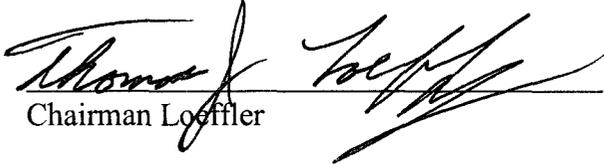
A Discussion/Possible Action concerning items to be placed on the next agenda.

Items to be placed on the February 6, 2008 agenda will be traffic counts, speed limits, and speeding in Payson. The Committee would like to further discuss the Mud Springs extension. The intersection of Phoenix and Ash stop sign will be added to the next agenda, too. Member Metcalf would like to discuss the possibility of a speed survey on Phoenix Street.

B Adjournment

Vice Chairman Van Camp motioned for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Approved:


Chairman Loeffler

Date: 2/6/08

ATTEST:


Michele Maupin, Secretary

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 9th day of January 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present

DATED this 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2008.


Michele Maupin, Secretary

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