

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
 MARCH 5, 2008

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| A | Chairman Loeffler called to order the duly posted Surface Transportation Advisory Committee meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers.  | Meeting Time & Place |
| B | <b>ROLL CALL:</b> Chairman Loeffler, and Members Jim Hippel, Roy Kindrick, Jack Jasper and Vice Chairman Bruce Van Camp were present.                    | Roll Call            |
| C | <b>STAFF PRESENT:</b> LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer arrived approximately 4:40 p.m., Curtis Ward, Assistant Town Engineer, and Michele Maupin, Secretary. | Staff Attending      |
| D | <b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>   | Others Attending     |
| E | <b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>   | Public Comments      |
- Chairman Loeffler had a few comments/concerns to clarify and to help public comments stay at a minimal. He discussed the article in the Round Up Newspaper in regards to February 7 Council meeting. Chairman Loeffler read a section from Council motion; "no bidding or construction is to proceed on Mud Springs Road phase 2 project until the Town Council has approved and funded appropriate traffic calming measures along East Phoenix Street and North Mud Springs Road corridor per the recommendations of the Towns STAC". Chairman Loeffler reminded the public STAC is just a committee that makes recommendations to the Town Council, not a commission. STAC has no authority to make decisions. He discussed an email from the March 1<sup>st</sup> traffic calming meeting; a suggestion that all traffic lights along Highway 87 and 260 should be timed for maximum traffic flow. According to ADOT all lights on Highway 87 and 260 are traffic actuated lights which means they will stay green until there is some cross traffic that causes them to change. Another comment regarding the road on Phoenix and Mud Springs is it thick enough to support heavy traffic flow. Chairman Loeffler talked with Mr. Garrett and he indicated that the base is currently not strong enough to handle heavy trucks or large increase in traffic. Chairman Loeffler informed the public he worked for the Department of Transportation as a safety specialist and will make it his mission that all safety issues will be addressed. Chairman Loeffler addressed an issue regarding the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> February was just lip service. He assured the public this is not the intent of STAC or the Town Council. Another concern is a bike path along the south side of Phoenix Street; PATS does have plans to put a bike path on that side of the road. He addressed roundabouts saying they are the safest treatment used at an intersection. Roundabouts can handle more traffic than a signalized intersection. Finally, Chairman Loeffler wants the public to know his

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intention is to work at a solution in an intelligent logical factual way. Chairman Loeffler addressed item A on page 154 of the February STAC minutes. He would like to wait until neighborhoods have an opportunity to review the proposed traffic calming device. He made a motion to put the traffic calming experiment on hold. Second by Jim Hippel. **Approved 5-0.**

Public Comment: Shirley Dye gave suggestions to relieve congestion on Highways 260 & 87. She also handed out sample letter to Town and County officials to help pass alternate route.

**A MINUTES:**

There were corrections on the February 6, 2008 Surface Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes. Item C on page 153, Approval was 4-1. With that correction Chairman Loeffler motioned to accept. **Motion approved 5-0**

Minutes

**B Status report and update on street projects by the Public Works Engineer or his designee.**

Mr. Garrett reported St. Phillips and Bonita are still under construction and the weather has been a factor in the progress of this project along with APS, who has also been held up due to weather. Bonita Phase 2 design contract, the consultant has been given the notice to proceed. The street department is preparing for this summers slurry seal program.

Status Report

**C Discussion/Possible Action concerning comments and suggestions received from citizens at the February 19<sup>th</sup> open meeting for the Mud Springs Road/Phoenix Street corridor.**

Mr. Garrett reported on the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The public was divided into five different sections to discuss their ideas/thoughts/suggestions for a particular area. Then they came back together and discussed their information. Chairman Loeffler would like to combine comments from the March meeting with the outcome of the February meeting. The committee discussed some of the ideas/suggestions and there were some that would not be feasible for ADOT or legally enforceable.

February 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**D Discuss/Possible Action concerning traffic calming models for the Mud Springs Road/Phoenix Street corridor between Highway 260 and Highway 87.**

Chairman Loeffler asked if there were any public comments/report regarding the publics March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Bob Dalby reported the meeting was to direct thoughts to traffic calming devices. He discussed some of the different ideas from the meeting. Mr. Dalby felt

Traffic Calming

the traffic has already increased along the Phoenix/Mud Springs corridor. Susan Culvert had a freedom of information act request. Mr. Garrett explained to Mrs. Culvert that the proper form is available at the clerk's office. Randy Omen suggests taking money from Mud Springs and put it on Manzanita. Ron Wah feels the traffic count on Mud Springs has increased since Mud Springs and Granite Dells intersection has been completed. He would like to see more accurate studies and current traffic counts done before any decisions are made.

**A Discuss/Possible Action concerning improvements/modifications to Highway 87 and Highway 260.**

Chairman Loeffler asked for any public comments on this item. There were no comments. Chairman Loeffler stated that he spoke with ADOT concerning these highways. ADOT stated they are looking at the intersection of Airport Road and Highway 87. He inquired about a traffic signal at Highway 87 and Phoenix Street and they had no plans.

Improvements Highway 87 and  
Highway 260

**B Discussion/Possible Action concerning future street repairs, reconstruction, and/or additions, including priorities.**

This item was moved to the top due to Member Jasper's early departure. Member Jasper expressed his thoughts regarding Manzanita Road. He believed the developer in the area was to rebuild Manzanita and questioned the easements/right of ways should be in place and feels the Town should do something. Mr. Ward was asked for comments and he stated he was not sure of right of way issues and felt the developer would welcome the Town to rebuild Manzanita. The committee discussed this issue further and Member Jasper would like the committee to continue looking at options for Manzanita. Member Hippel asked for a full estimated cost, and if there were funds available from this years budget for other projects. Mr. Ward explained monies allocated for specific projects stay with that project. Vice Chairman Van Camp motioned the committee send a letter to the Council and the Town Manager to have this road put on the capitol improvement program for fiscal year 2008-2009 budget. Second by Member Jasper. Chairman Loeffler feels we need to make decisions based on the facts. He would like to see research done on traffic counts, costs and accident reports and then make a decision. A roll call was conducted; Member Jasper, Kindrick, Hippel, and Van Camp approved. Chairman Loeffler disagreed. **Approved 4-1.**

Future Street Repairs

**C Discussion/Possible Action concerning future street improvement funding.**

Mr. Garrett explained funding comes from the Town's general fund. The State is short on budget funds this year, so there will be a reduction in the HURF funds next year. Federal funds are handled

Street Funding

through CAAG. They get approximately 1.4 million a year that the Town competes for. There are nine projects that have been submitted totaling approximately 5 million dollars of which 1.4 million can be funded and the most the Town can receive on any one project is five hundred thousand dollars. Chairman Loeffler asked Member Hippel to develop a spreadsheet of information on roads for the committee to discuss at the next meeting.

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

This item was moved to April's agenda.

Speeding in Payson

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

For the April 2, 2008 agenda Chairman Loeffler would like to discuss speed on Tyler Parkway. The committee placed traffic counts, speed limits, and speeding in Payson to be discussed on next months agenda along with the future street improvement funding spread sheet.

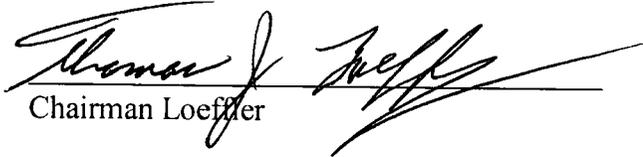
**C Adjournment**

Chairman Loeffler motioned for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

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Approved:

  
Chairman Loeffler

Date: 4/2/08

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 5th day of March 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present

DATED this 3 day of APRIL, 2008.

  
Michele Maupin, Secretary

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