

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
 DECEMBER 3, 2008

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| A | Chairman Loeffler 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 | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Pledge of Allegiance |
| C | ROLL CALL: Chairman Tom Loeffler, Vice Chairman Bruce Van Camp and Members Bob Dalby, Jack Jasper, Roy Kindrick and Chris Tilley were present. Member Jim Hippel was absent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Roll Call            |
| D | STAFF PRESENT: LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer and Michele Maupin, Secretary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Staff Attending      |
| E | OTHERS PRESENT:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Others Attending     |
| F | <b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b><br><br>There were no public comments. Chairman Loeffler made a statement regarding an article in the November 28 <sup>th</sup> edition of the Payson Roundup. The statement made was the STAC had taken the initiative on a few projects. The corrections on the article discussed were Mud Springs/Phoenix project was a Council directed project. The second item was prioritizing the improvement/re-building of the Towns streets; this is done on an annual basis. The last item in the article was the speed/mobility study; this was citizen directed. Chairman Loeffler expressed that these projects were not STAC initiated projects. | Public Comments      |
| G | MINUTES:<br><br>There were no corrections on the November 12, 2008 Surface Transportation Advisory minutes. Vice Chairman Van Camp motioned to accept the minutes, Member Dalby second the motion.<br><b>Approved 6-0</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Minutes              |
| H | <b>Status report and update on street projects by the Public Works Engineer or his designee.</b><br><br>Mr. Garrett stated there were no projects to discuss at this time, but he was willing to answer any question that the Committee might have. Member Dalby stated Phoenix Street has been closed every day due to the Forest Edge project. Chairman Loeffler commented on an article he read in the Payson Roundup stating the street department had lost                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Status Report        |

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gas tax money, approximately one hundred seventy seven thousand dollars. Mr. Garrett explained the Town had lost that amount from the States share revenue of the gas tax in July. The Town is still receiving HURF funds, but the amount had been reduced by approximately one

hundred seventy seven thousand dollars. Chairman Loeffler questioned the planned budget cuts and wanted to know what percent the streets department had lost. Mr. Garrett stated twenty percent. Chairman Loeffler questioned the status of the roundabout at Highway 87 and Airport Road and the financial status of ADOT. Mr. Garrett stated he had been in contact with ADOT and the Town will fund twenty five percent of the project, which will be paid next fiscal year. Chairman Loeffler questioned the funding/loan for the Bonita Street project. Mr. Garrett explained the loan was for 1.2 million over a five year period. The payback funding amount of approximately seven hundred thousand was coming from ADOT and that money was frozen so the Town did not go forward with the loan. Member Tilly questioned the stimulus package from the Federal government and if Arizona would see any funding. Mr. Garrett stated streets probably would not see any funding, but funds would free up for airports. Member Kindrick asked if the purchasing of the right of ways on Bonita was continuing. Mr. Garrett explained the purchasing had stopped due to the budget. Member Jasper questioned the status of the condo project on Bonita Street. Mr. Garrett stated the construction activity has been inconsistent. Chairman Loeffler questioned another article in the Payson Roundup in reference to the airport eighteen month study. Mr. Garrett explained this study is a small area transportation study and the State used to fund eighty percent and the Town controlled the study, but now they have changed their methods to where the State controls the study but they also pay one hundred percent of the cost.

**A Discussion/Possible Recommendation concerning traffic calming on E. Phoenix Street and S. Mud Springs Road and reviewing input from the public open house.**

There was a public comment by Shirley Dye a resident on Deerborn Drive. She commented on the open house held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. She stated the residents along Phoenix street would like to keep the traffic calming solutions simple. The Committee discussed the fourteen items on the traffic calming list. The Committee agreed to keep items 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 13; and eliminate items 3 and 6. Items 5, 7, 12, & 14 to remain the same. Chairman Loeffler asked for a total on the items that will be kept. Mr. Garrett stated the approximate total was \$89,000.00. Chairman Loeffler suggests a

Phoenix Street and  
Mud Springs Road

motion to move the items that were eliminated to level 2 or level 3.

Member Jasper motion to move eliminated items to level two.

Member Tilley second the motion. **Approved 5-1.** Chairman Loeffler suggested another motion to forward to the Council to put aside funds to help with the traffic calming measures. Member Tilley recommended a motion to the Payson Town Council that when Mud Springs Road Phase 2 (Granite Dells Road to Highway 260) is constructed that an additional \$100,000 be included in the budget to

be used for the Level 1 Traffic calming items if they are found to be necessary after the new roadway is open to the public. Member Jasper seconds the motion. **Approved 5 with 1 abstention.**

**A Discussion/Possible Recommendation concerning items affected by the revenue shortfall including street projects, personnel cuts, and potential alternative approaches to accomplish some of the items currently on hold due to the revenue shortfall.**

Chairman Loeffler asked, due to budget restrictions, for ideas/suggestions or alternative approaches for the roads and transportation system. Member Tilley asked Mr. Garrett what the losses in his department due to budget restrictions. Mr. Garrett explained no personnel has been lost; but that the street department had lost all of its capital projects, pavement maintenance, and the roadway and sidewalk repair budget had been cut 35%.

Items Affected  
By Budget Cuts

**B Discussion/Possible Recommendation concerning speeding on Longhorn Road and Police efforts to reduce that speeding.**

The Committee discussed the Time/Speed report for Longhorn Road. Chairman Loeffler noted the highest volume of traffic was the 3 p.m. hour and the fastest speed was at the 12 noon hour. Conclusion was the high school kids driving on Longhorn Road. The Committee continued to discuss the report.

Longhorn Road  
Speeding

**C Discuss/Possible Recommendation concerning potential structure and function changes.**

Chairman Loeffler wanted to discuss an article that was in the Payson Roundup regarding a work session by the Council which studied boards, commissions and committees. Chairman Loeffler defined the three entities and discussed the possible changes for STAC. He feels the Council will probably discuss this at the January meeting.

Structure and  
Function Changes

**D Discussion/Possible Recommendation concerning items to be**

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**placed on the agenda for the next meeting.**

Chairman Loeffler suggested having the next meeting in February. The Committee discussed and agreed to have the meeting on February 4th. The items to be placed on the next agenda will be Longhorn Road and the Airport land exchange.

**E Adjournment**

Chairman Loeffler asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Kindrick motioned for adjournment. Vice Chairman Van Camp second. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Approved:

  
Chairman Loeffler

Date: 2/4/09

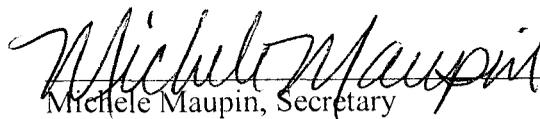
ATTEST:

  
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 3rd day of December 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present

DATED this 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2008.9

  
Michele Maupin, Secretary

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