

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

ITEM P4b
DATE 6-18-09
STUDY SESSION

APPROVED

HELD ON MARCH 17, 2009

TAB Members Present

Ken Cole, Chairperson
Ian Bennett
Ron Barnes
Nick Camillone
Travis Cunningham
Matt Tolman
Grady Van Noy

TAB Members Absent

Heather Moos, Vice Chairperson (excused)
Jerel Campbell (excused)
David Wier (excused)
Larry Woolf (excused)

Others Present

Dan Cleavenger
Alan Sanderson
Mike James
Derrick Bailey
Renate Ehm
Victoria Kerr
Randi Davis
Ravi Seera
Dale Brunk
Melissa Randazzo
Benny Rodriguez
Sanja Grujakovic
Sgt. Bruce Jones
Mayor Scott Smith
Beth Huning
Kelly Jensen
Fred Rustam
Christopher Scott
Glenn Gorke
Gordon Haws
Susan Frabotta

Chairperson Ken Cole called the March 17, 2009 Transportation Advisory Board meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Item 1. Approval of the minutes of the Transportation Advisory Board meeting held on January 20, 2009.

Travis Cunningham moved to approve the minutes as written. Ron Barnes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Items from citizens present.

Chairperson Ken Cole acknowledged the presence of Mayor Scott Smith. There were no items from citizens present.

Item 3. Discuss and take action on staff recommendation regarding parking on Encanto Street east of Lindsay Road.

Benny Rodriguez presented a follow up report on the on-street parking conditions on Encanto Street, just east of Lindsay Road. Resident David Sroka objected to on-street parking associated with church related activities. At the December 2008 Board meeting, the Board recommended giving the church 60 days to try putting flyers on the cars parked on the south

side of the street and have staff conduct a speed study, and then bring the issue back to the Board. The report indicated that the number of vehicles observed parking on-street and the traffic speeds measured are both low. Staff recommended that the church continue its efforts to encourage church attendees to park on-site, and that no additional measures be taken by the City.

After additional discussion, Ron Barnes suggested that the parties get together to discuss how to live collaboratively with one another at a community meeting. Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator Susan Frabotta said she could assist with setting up a community meeting.

Ron Barnes moved to accept staff recommendation that the church continue its efforts to encourage church attendees to park on-site, that no additional measures be taken by the City, and that the Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator be encouraged to assist with setting up a community meeting. Ian Bennett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Discuss and take action on staff recommendation to approve the selection of the site at Juanita Avenue and Vineyard Street for the West Mesa Park and Ride, and recommend proceeding with property acquisition and design.

Mike James and Fred Rustam presented a report providing information on the recommended location and conceptual design for the West Mesa Park-and-Ride, and to convey information related to the public meeting held on January 22, 2009.

Mr. James advised that staff had been informed the previous afternoon that due to a revenue shortfall, RPTA was recommending that the project be removed from the program. However, staff would still like a recommendation from the Board because the City is asking for stimulus funding.

Mr. Rustam reported that eight prospective sites had been narrowed down to two, Sites 5 and 6. After further analysis, staff recommended Site 6 on the Southeast corner of Juanita Avenue and Vineyard Street, just west of Country Club. Mr. James then read a letter into the record from LaMesa RV requesting that the City consider an additional location at 1740 S. Mesa Drive. Mark Wilcke, Real Estate Broker for LaMesa RV, presented additional information and answered questions from the Board. Darrell Truitt of eps group, Inc., representing the owners of Site 5, presented an alternate independent evaluation of the two final sites and answered questions from the Board. Jeff Wissler, in partnership with the owners of Site 6, answered questions from the Board and indicated that if funding issues jeopardize the project, a ground lease might be possible. Additional discussion ensued regarding the funding issue, and Dan Cleavenger indicated that the City could fill out an application for stimulus funding with no site selected, but a selected site would make the application better.

Travis Cunningham moved to accept the staff recommendation to approve the selection of the site at Juanita Avenue and Vineyard Street for the West Mesa Park and Ride, and recommend proceeding with property acquisition and design, and Matt Tolman seconded. There were additional questions about the funding; Ron Barnes was concerned that the project is being rushed and Ian Bennett felt there was not a clear consensus on the site location. Chairperson Ken Cole asked Mr. James if any information that had been presented would impact the staff recommendation, and Mr. James indicated that he would stay with the same recommendation, Site 6. The Board voted to approve the motion five to two, with Mr. Barnes and Mr. Bennett voting no.

Item 5. Hear staff report on the progress of the alignment study for the Power Road improvements from Pecos Road to the Loop 202 (San Tan) Freeway.

Fred Rustam and Christopher Scott provided information on the progress of the alignment study for the Power Road improvements from Pecos Road to the Loop 202 (San Tan) Freeway, and presented exhibits showing the preferred alignment. An open house meeting to present the preferred alignment to the public will be scheduled in the near future. The current schedule is to begin design in the summer of 2009, begin construction in the summer of 2011, and complete construction in early 2012.

Item 6. Take action on the following Transportation staff reports.

Consent Agenda

The following items will be considered as a group by the Transportation Advisory Board and will be voted on with one motion. There will be no separate vote on these items unless a Board Member or Citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

- a. Consider staff recommendation to establish a speed limit of 35 mph on Mesquite Street from Mountain Road to Meridian Road.
- b. Consider staff recommendation to establish a speed limit of 35 mph on Thomas Road from Val Vista Drive to a point approximately 3,700 feet west of Val Vista Drive.

Ron Barnes moved to approve all Consent Agenda items. Travis Cunningham seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:39 pm.