
Meeting Notes Broadway Road Action Team May 12, 2009

Members Present: Ruben Valenzuela, Ted Raper, Paul Morris, Brian Farling, Steve Tseffos, Ernie & Jeanette Nickels, Tom and Kimberly Martin, James Richardson, William Harris, Eric Richardson

Members Absent: Dara Foias, Shari Samuelson-Wesley, Patty Tolson Gonzalez (alternate), Ernest Kurschat, Ted Lehman

City Staff Present: Sue Taaffe, Robert Yabes, Shelly Seyler, Jyme Sue McLaren, Glenn Kephart

Guests Present: Tom Hester, Jennifer Love, Coral Balcazar

Agenda Item 1 – Introductions

The Action Team, City staff and consultants introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 2 -- Project Status and Schedule

City staff reviewed the project status, noting the public meeting scheduled for May 18th. Staff also reviewed the updated project goals and outstanding issues, including:

- Reduce traffic noise
- Protect community character
- Safety
- Provide bicycle lanes
- Provide sidewalks
- Retain Broadway Lane
- Improve streetscape character
- Discourage cut-through traffic
- Address congestion

Agenda Item 3 -- Design Workshops

Staff reviewed lane configuration alternatives, an amenity wall, and alternative uses for Broadway Lane. Main points of discussion and resolutions included:

- 2/2 lane configuration will require further study.
 - o 2/2 lane configuration will have landscaping.
 - o 2/3 lane configuration will not have landscaping, only curb for separation.
 - o Mr. Harris: Expressed concern over bottleneck, suggested removing Broadway Road's freeway access to alleviate congestion.
 - o Consensus reached by BRAT to pursue 2/2 lane configuration study.
 - Broadway Road intersections at Mill, College, and Rural will be reviewed by staff for adherence to operational requirements.
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- o Committee would like to ensure that the CMAQ grant funding criteria are met.
 - Amenity wall
 - o 8-foot wall will be placed on the north side of Broadway Road.
 - o Consensus reached: BRAT members support a wall that separates Broadway Road from the residential properties on the north side of the road.
 - o Q: Ernie: Could a lane be created on the south side of Broadway Road?
 - o A: Yes, but this option would require acquisition of private properties; an urban boulevard was also recommended.
 - Discussion for option to rezone area south of Broadways Road.
 - o Homes south of Broadway Road would have to relocate main entrances to the south.
 - o Q: Mr. Harris: Would the physical structure of the area allow for homes to have a back entrance?
 - o A: The City would have to work with homeowners to beautify the garage areas and new entrances.
 - o Committee members accept the idea of having limited commercial space.
 - Street cross sections
 - o Two options were presented:
 1. Mixed use bike/pedestrian lanes and vehicular travel.
 2. Broadway Lane would be one lane with no on-street parking.
 - o Majority of committee recommends a reconfigured option two (design details to be worked out).
 - Pedestrian/bike crossings
 - o Committee approves of a signalized crossing at Sierra Vista; option should only be considered with 2/2 configuration.
 - o Crosswalks will be incorporated in the study.
 - Open space at Sierra Vista crossing
 - o Bus stop will be installed.
 - o Members do not want to identify the area as a public space.

Agenda Item 4 – Next Steps

- BRAT Committee recommended that the preferred alternative is a 2/2 lane configuration.

Agenda Item 5 – Next Meeting

The next public meeting will be held on May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Don Cassano Community Room located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe.
