

DOWNTOWN LINKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MONTHLY MEETING

ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

Monday, October 15, 2007

FROM: TDOT Project Manager Shellie Ginn

Vice-Chair Don Durband called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. at the Public Works Building, Basement Conference Room C.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Gene Caywood (Old Pueblo Trolley)
Vice-Chair Don Durband (Downtown Tucson Partnership)
John Burr (Armory Park Neighborhood Association)
Natasha Winnik (Dunbar-Spring Neighborhood Association)
Mary Ellen Wooten (Tucson-Pima Arts Council)
Jonathan Levy (Iron Horse Neighborhood Association)
David Bachman-Williams (Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee)
Charles Davis (Barrio Anita Neighborhood Association)
Korey Kruckmeyer (Pie Allen Neighborhood Association)
John Sedwick (Fourth Avenue Merchants Association)
Mindy Bernstein (West University Neighborhood Association)
Chris Carroll (El Presidio Neighborhood Association)

PROJECT TEAM PRESENT:

Andrew Singelakis, TDOT
Shellie Ginn, TDOT
Mike Barton, HDR Engineering, Inc.
Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations, Inc.
Bob Peterson, TDOT
Mike Johnson, HDR Engineering Inc.
Naresh Samtani, NCS Consultants

AGENDA ITEM/COMMITTEE ACTION	STAFF ACTION
1. Meeting Called to Order	<u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u>
2. Introduction of Committee Members and Staff	<u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u>
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes Minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.	<u>APPROVED MINUTES POSTED TO WEBSITE</u>
4. Announcements Shellie Ginn announced that Corky Poster was unable to be at this meeting to present the draft final Land Use Urban Design Plan, however, Corky will present at the next DLCAC meeting. The presentation can be reviewed on Downtownlinks.info under Project Materials, Land Use Presentations.	<u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u>

<p>5. Call to the Audience Dick Basye, Pima Association of Taxpayers, asked whether or not traffic flow studies were done for the final mile of Aviation Parkway and what the results were. Mr. Basye also questioned the need for the rebuilding of the Tucson Wash once the Randolph Detention basin is completed.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>6. Public Art Bob Peterson, TDOT Principal Planner, presented the CAC with an overview of two art projects that have begun and are located close to Downtown Links. One of the projects is by John Davis and Siobhan Roome located in the Ironhorse Neighborhood Park. It is a contemporary representation of some of the elements involved in building the railroad – the aspect of cutting through the landscape, the rail track, and stainless steel wheel. Ironhorse Neighborhood Association is very eager and happy to accept this piece. The second project is the Basket Bridge located on Euclid Avenue south of Broadway and was designed by internationally-known artist Rosemary Lonewolf who is a Pueblo potter from Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico. The design was inspired by a Tohono O’odham basket weaving design depicting lizards and coyote paws. A PowerPoint presentation is available on Downtownlinks.info under Citizens Advisory Committee, Intermodal Art.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>7. ADOT Properties Mike Barton from HDR updated the CAC regarding some of ADOT’s properties, in addition to others, in the Downtown area and related impacts from the roadway construction and drainage options. On the PowerPoint presentation, Mike pointed out and reviewed each of the impacted properties, including the Steinfeld and Citizens buildings. This presentation can be accessed on Downtownlinks.info under Citizen Advisory Committee, Presentations dated 10-15-07. HDR has completed an Assessment Report that looks at what it will take, from an engineering standpoint, to build next to the Steinfeld building and keep it standing in its present state.</p> <p>Mike introduced Naresh Samtani from NCS Consultants who has examined both buildings and presented his findings regarding the geotechnical aspects of soils surrounding both the Steinfeld and Citizen buildings. The discussion included the design, risk, and costs associated with three different options for the placement of a retaining wall on 6th Street directly next to the Steinfeld Warehouse at a distance of 8, 18 or 30 feet away. The main points discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Structural Limitations of Steinfeld Warehouse ▪ Wall Distances from Warehouse ▪ Geotechnical Investigations ▪ Evaluate Walls at 3-D Distance from Warehouse ▪ Zone of Deformations and Risks ▪ Wall Costs 	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>

<p>A question was asked whether any of the options just discussed would preclude the \$1.1 million shoring of the structure, suggested by Corky Poster’s report, prior to underpass construction. The consultant stated that the only option that would allow for this to occur prior to underpass construction was the third option, with the 30-foot setback. A PowerPoint presentation is available on Downtownlinks.info under Citizens Advisory Committee, Presentations dated 10-15-07.</p>	
<p>8. Drainage Issues Mike Johnson from HDR presented the CAC with information on the Tucson Arroyo Wash stemming from the heavy flooding in July 2007. Two things need to happen for Downtown Links. There are physical conflicts with the underpass and other portions of the roadway so the culvert would need to be rerouted. The other problem is the lack of capacity and that it cannot deal with the drainage the way the culvert is right now. He recommends that a portion of the culvert be rebuilt and another cell added because presently only half of the flow of a 100-year storm can currently be handled by the culvert at Tucson High. There are many issues, including cost, that cannot be identified until something is designed, so HDR will come up with concept designs to present to the CAC. A PowerPoint presentation is available on Downtownlinks.info under Citizens Advisory Committee, Presentations dated 10-15-07.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>9. Broadway Traffic Interchange Mike Barton reviewed the concepts that have been presented to the CAC on the Broadway TI and the request that the City show the conventional type of intersection arrangement hugging the southbound ramp more than northbound. There was also a request to look at a roundabout which they have determined would be about 400 feet around. This is quite large but it does look like there may be room at this intersection where something this large can be built. A discussion followed regarding a request that has previously been made to show an alternative with no on and off-ramps; the City will continue to look into that. A PowerPoint presentation is available on Downtownlinks.info under Citizens Advisory Committee, Presentations dated 10-15-07.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>10. Call to the Audience David Hoyt-Johnson asked what the latest prospects are for paying for the underpass by the Steinfeld Warehouse and for preserving the Warehouse if that is the intent.</p>	<p><u>NO ACTION REQUIRED</u></p>
<p>11. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.</p>	