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DRAFT Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2008

Attendance: John Pilger, Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Sgt Nick Copelin (PCSD), Bill Adamson, Kevin McDonald, Chuck Hill, Merritt Howard, Bill Katzel, Jesus Valdez and Rafael Cancino (Town of Sahuarita)

- 1) John Pilger (JP) called the meeting to order at 4 PM.
- 2) The minutes of the April 2, 2008 meeting were approved
- 3) Sheriff Department: Sgt Nick Copelin
 - a) Sgt Nick reported that the Department would provide two motorcycle units to escort the Green Valley area Ride of Silence and that the SAV would also provide support. JP said that he would contact Sgt Lopez of the Sahuarita PD to see if they would support the ride with a bicycle unit
 - 2) Bill Adamson mentioned uncovered gravel trucks loosing sand on the shoulder of La Cañada near Camino Casa Verde.
 - 3) Sgt Nick said he is being reassigned and that this would be his last meeting.
- 4) Status of Projects and Advocacies
 - a) Town of Sahuarita – Kevin McDonald:
 - i) Kevin said that the ROS information has been posted on the town website and that the bicycle event planned for May 17 has been canceled. He also mentioned the open house on Sahurita and Pima County trail plans.
 - ii) Merritt Howard mentioned articles in the Sahuarita Sun: one on the Mission Peaks development; the other on Sahuarita's plan to annex up to 25 square miles of land. Chuck Hill asked Merritt to publize the ROS to the bicycle community in Quail Creek.
 - b) Town of Sahuarita Projects – Jesus Valdez presented an extensive overview including:
 - i) Sahuarita Road Phase I - I-19 to LaVillita. Road widening to 4 lanes with provisions to grow to 6 lanes. Construction Fall 08.
 - ii) Sahuarita Road Phase II - LaVillita to Country Club Road. Widening plus relocation of junction with Nogales Hwy and overpass for RR tracks. Construction Fall 09.
 - iii) Quail Creek Crossing Blvd extension to Nogales Hwy. Project planned for just 2 lanes with dip crossing at the Santa Cruz. Bill mentioned an earlier request that a path access to N. Albrego be considered. Construction FY 11
 - iv) Other projects including traffic signals at I-19 and Sahuarita, Alpha Ave and Duval

- Mine Rd, and Pima Mine and Ranch Sahuarita.
- v) Phase III of La Cañada is currently on hold.
 - c) GVCCC T&A Comm Updates and Frontage Roads/Project Update – Jim Jordan:
 - i) Construction on the roundabout at Canoa Ranch interchange has started
 - ii) Restriping for bike lanes on Continental between La Cañada and Portillio will be briefed at the May T&A. There may be environmental issues with washes.
 - iii) Continental school project still looking for funding.
 - d) Road Safety and Maintenance Issues – John Pilger:
 - i) Bill pointed out that the cattle guard on frontage road near Agua Linda has a separation.
 - e) RTA, RTP, & TIP Projects – Bill Adamson:
 - i) Bill said that realistic RTA funding is needed for the required paved shoulders on Hughes Access and Alvernon.
 - ii) Changes to the Bike/Ped Working Group to include Bill (SCVBAC), Roy Scoonover (TPCBAC), Sue Clark (Pima Trails Assc.), and others is proceeding.
 - f) TPCBAC & Facilities Subcommittee update – Bill Adamson said that the BAC Facilities and Downtown working groups have reorganized their geographical boundaries.
 - g) West Desert Preserve – Bill Adamson said the WDP is included among those State Lands earmarked for preservation on a proposed voter ballot initiative for State Trust Land reform.
 - h) Other – JP mentioned a Livestrong charity event May 13, the Park and Rec Open House to be held today at 7 PM, and the concern Hank Deutsch expressed last month about the bicycle route of the Senior Olympics.
- 5) Publicity/Education/Webpage
- a) Chuck Hill briefed plans and responsibilities for the ROS to be held May 21. Pre-ride publicity is expected in both the GV News and the Arizona Daily Star.
 - b) JP said that the Road I class was popular among “snowbirds” and it was agreed that the next target date will be in Jan, 2009.
- 6) Other – Bill Katzel presented a summary of the testimony he gave before the Tucson Mayor and Council on May 6 on the Platinum Challenge. He described how Tucson achieved a Silver rating in 2004, Tucson and Eastern Pima County a Gold rating in 2006, and now will retain the Gold rating until 2012. Bill feels that work done by the Platinum Task Force was outstanding and that all of the concerns from the 2006 award were addressed. He advocates a study to determine what must be done to achieve regional Platinum and an early resubmission of a Platinum Application.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM. No meeting was scheduled due to extended summer absence.

Tony Crosby, Scribe