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Meeting Minutes – Nov 4, 2009

Attendance: John Pilger, Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Sgt Scott Morgan (PCSD), Basil Baker, Chuck Hill, Joe Knable, Al Miller, Jim Otten, Bill Adamson

- 1) John Pilger (JP) called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- 2) The minutes of the Oct 7, 2009 meeting were approved with corrections.
- 3) Sherriff Department: Sgt Scott had no report of incidents involving bicyclists. Jim Jordan said that the SAV had a presence at the dedication of the Camino del Sol and Continental roundabout but an escort for the dedication ride would have been appreciated. This was evidently a coordination problem. Sgt Scott mentioned a citizen complaint about the markings at the roundabout. Jim explained that the final stripping is delayed until the asphalt had cured and that other fine tuning remained.
- 4) Status of Projects and Advocacies:
 - a) Town of Sahuarita – Bill said that Sahuarita Road, Phase One, should be completed in Nov 2010. Basil mentioned the obstacles at the path under I-19 near Calle Arroyo Sur. Bill said he would bring it to the attention of Rick Robinson.
 - b) GVCCC T & A Meeting – Jim Jordan said the mile markers for I-19 are ready but the cost of installation would be one million dollars.
 - c) Continental Projects– Jim said the current construction at I-19 and Continental should wrap up in May 2010. The Continental School project could go to construction in Feb 2010 at the earliest. Some utilities will have to be relocated to permit the bicycle lanes.
 - d) De Anza Trail – Bill made a plea for a local advocate to work this topic.
 - e) RTA, RTP, PAG Bike Plan, and TIP – As a member of the Bike Ped Oversight Committee Bill will be voting soon on prioritizing RTA projects for the next three years. Money available is 50% of the cost of projects on the list. High priority to Bill is the Abrego gap, La Villita bike lanes, and lanes for Hughes Access and Alvernon. Bill showed a map of the 'Urban Loop' plan around the Tucson Metro area which is getting high level Pima County support. He also mentioned that work goes on trying to get 'safety shoulders' along Mission Rd between Drexel and the San Xavier Mission.
 - f) Roundabout Ribbon Cutting – The dedication ceremony was well attended and included Supervisor Ray Carroll and Priscilla Cornelio, Director, PCDOT. Bill expressed appreciation to all parties involved in the roundabout project.

- g) TPCBAC and Enforcement – Tony reported that the data base of Tucson accident reports involving bicycles had reached a stage where some conclusions can be made. Overall the reports seem adequately written although some weaknesses are evident in the lack of follow-up in some hit and runs. A letter of finding and recommendations is being prepared for T-PCBAC approval.
- h) Brad Fund Pavers – Tony reported that the four pavers have been ordered and that letters are needed to notify the next of kin. Chuck and Bill agreed to assist. Tony admitted that notification of this project had not reached everyone who might want to donate and he agreed to get the information out to a wider community.
- i) Bike Count – Tony said four or the five intersections requested by Pima County had been covered. Overall numbers were very low due to adverse weather and the time periods of the survey.
- j) Health Fair at Quail Creek – Joe said activity was good at the SCVBAC table. Maps and Share the Road pamphlets were distributed. Having handouts, such as the ABC Quick Check, would have been useful. Al mentioned that bicycles can now enter Quail Creek at the right side of the main gate without requiring the guard to raise a gate.
- k) West Desert Preserve – Bill reported that Freeport-McMoRan is still pursuing a large purchase of land that would include the WDP. Pima County is in discussion with the mine in an attempt to develop a MOU that will preserve certain lands 'in conservation'. Until this agreement is reached the county is opposed to the sale.

5) Publicity/Education/Website:

- a) GV Bike Map – Chuck covered several minor discrepancies in the map. He is not sure if the map will be distributed as part of the Green Valley Community Directory.
- b) Ride of Silence – Chuck said single file riding needs to be emphasized. The ride will be on the third Wednesday in May.
- c) GV Senior Games – Most members thought that a 10 and 20 mile options would encourage wider participation. Tony agreed to link up Al with Karen Rans for further discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM. The next meeting will be Dec 2, 2009, 3 PM, in the GVCCC conference room.

Tony Crosby, Scribe

