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TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2011, REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Meyer, Dennis Stringer, John Tarro, Al Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Ian Mattingly, Doug Kraemer, Teresa Ogle, Sgt. Corey Kasun, Don Steel, Tom Collins, Barbara Rice, Karyn Westby, Jim Erskine, George Sheats

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. Al Williams made a motion to approve the September 1, 2011 minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.
3. Public Input
None.
4. Smoketree Lane Speed Limit
 - a. Discussion – In April, a resident came before the committee suggesting that the speed limit be increased on Smoketree Lane, from Prescott Lakes Parkway to Stoney Creek. Staff conducting studies and presented data at the May meeting. Based on this data, the recommendation from the committee was to increase the speed limit to 35 miles per hour. The information was forwarded to the Council for their review. The speed limit increase was implemented in July. Resident Tom Collins contacted Ian Mattingly soon after that with concerns about the raised limit. Mr. Collins submitted a petition with 110 signatures requesting that the limit be lowered back to 30 miles per hour. Mr. Collins questioned why the Prescott Lakes HOA was not alerted to the planned increase in speed limit. Mr. Collins felt the speed limit was raised because one person complained to the committee. Staff reiterated that the speed limit wasn't raised because one resident requested it. The speed limit was raised because of the 85th percentile speeds, site distance and the fact that the street is divided and there are no driveways.

Bob Meyer stated that drivers will travel the speed they feel is safe. The posted speed limit will not change that perception. Resident Karen Westby felt that it is unsafe to cross Smoketree Lane north to south to access the walking trails at Durban. Other residents voiced concerns about golf cart crossing and danger to landscapers working in the medians. Al Williams stated that there were no changes in the upper limit speeds before or after the increase. It will not make a difference what speed is posted, people will drive the speed they are comfortable with. He went on to say that changing the speed limit back to 30 miles per hour will not change anything. Enforcement is the only thing that will effect the upper 15% speeds. 80-90% of crashes occur on major streets and arterials, and that is where the officers would be. Dennis Stringer stated that 3,000 cars per day is very low for a collector street.

Ian Mattingly indicated that there is a work order in to install a "Warning – Golf Cart Crossing" sign. Al Williams suggested that the HOA improve the sight distance by trimming the vegetation in the median. Ian Mattingly felt that there was no justification for reducing the speed back to 30 miles per hour, and the posting is correct. Al Williams felt that the lower speed limit causes an enforcement issue for the Police Department.

- b. Committee Action/Recommendation – Al Williams made a motion that the 35 mile per hour speed limit be retained. Motion passed 3-1, with John Tarro casting the dissenting vote.

5. Traffic Engineer Discussion Items

- a. Ian reported that the signal loops are being cut and ramps poured on Willow Creek Road at Commerce Drive.
- b. Turn counts were recorded and found to be very low at the left turn out of the Fry's shopping center. No collisions were recorded over the past several years. The lane appears to only be used in the off hours. Ian stated that the lane may remain with signage restricted times of use for left turn. Ian also mentioned that he would consider making the exit from Affinity RV a right turn only, or time restricted.
- c. The speed limit may be increased to 50 m.p.h. on Willow Creek Road from Pioneer Parkway to Highway 89. Ian will follow up with the County on their section of the roadway.
- d. Al Williams reported that loops are malfunctioning eastbound on Iron Springs Road at Williamson Valley Road. Staff will investigate.

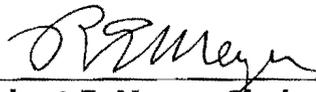
6. Traffic Sergeant Enforcement Issues

- a. Sgt. Kasun reported that traffic is backing up into the street at the Abia Judd School drop-off area. It was recommended that Ian Mattingly and Sgt. Kasun meet with the new principal to discuss ways to prevent this, i.e., holding kids at crosswalk and wave cars through. The gate at White Cloud Lane needs to be checked to make sure it is open.
- b. The City attempted to give responsibility back to DPS for enforcement of the highways, but it appears that this will not happen. The City responds to about 200 crashes per year.

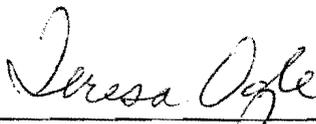
7. Chairman's Report

With the sunseting of the committee, there was discussion about how the committee members would be called upon in the future for input on various issues. Informal meetings could occur occasionally when required. Members requested as much advanced notice as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.



Robert E. Meyer, Chairman



Teresa Ogle, Minute Preparer

This was the last meeting of the Transportation Coordinating Committee, and therefore the minutes will not be approved by the committee as a whole.