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US-60/Grand Avenue COMPASS

Loop 303 to Interstate 10

Access Management Workshop
City of Phoenix
March 4, 2014; 11:20 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Phoenix City Hall
200 West Washington Street

AGENCY ATTENDEES

Thomas Godbee
Bruce Littleton
Scott Logan

Dana Owsiany
Cindy Stotler
Chris Turner-Noteware

MAG STAFF

Bob Hazlett

CONSULTANT TEAM

Phil Demosthenes
Jason Pagnard, Burgess & Niple

Audra Koester Thomas, PSA

HANDOUTS

Agenda, PowerPoint presentation, draft access management advance information sheet.

INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Hazlett, MAG project manager, welcomed everyone and after a brief review of the project, asked all participants to introduce themselves.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Phil Demosthenes, team expert on access management, provided a thorough review of access management policy and plan concepts.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Jason Pagnard, study team project manager, introduced a "straw man" access management plan for review and discussion.

Dana Owsiany, City of Phoenix, asked if any of ADOT's Grand Avenue Major Investment Study Phase II options were being considered. Mr. Hazlett responded that there was potential for including some options, particularly ITS solutions.

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Mr. Hazlett also requested any information for underground utilities and other potential obstacles at 35th Avenue be forwarded to the study team.

The following issues, opportunities and ideas were offered during the discussion:

- Regarding a flyover onto 19th Avenue at McDowell: railroad switching yard activity across McDowell is very active and impacts traffic.
- Maintenance of shared access/driveways by multiple property owners; a potential solution would be to split lots through a shared driveway.
- Many driveways/access points may already be abandoned/not used.
- Because US-60/Grand Avenue is an ADOT owned and maintained facility, it will be valuable for Phoenix (and other municipalities) to have ADOT standards reflect access management policy. Mr. Demosthenes offered that a potential alternative would be to use a memorandum of understanding with ADOT that municipalities could use their own (access management) standards if ADOT does not update their policy.
- Education needs to occur that better safety and better traffic flows improve business and retail activity and property value; using case studies or examples where this has occurred would be valuable to better informing policy makers and property owners. Mr. Demosthenes asked how important US-60/Grand Avenue improvements would be to increasing employment opportunities through the area; Phoenix participants indicated employment-generation through this area would be a longer-term goal, and the focus would be more on rail freight, not trucked freight.

Additional items are noted on the attached roll plots.

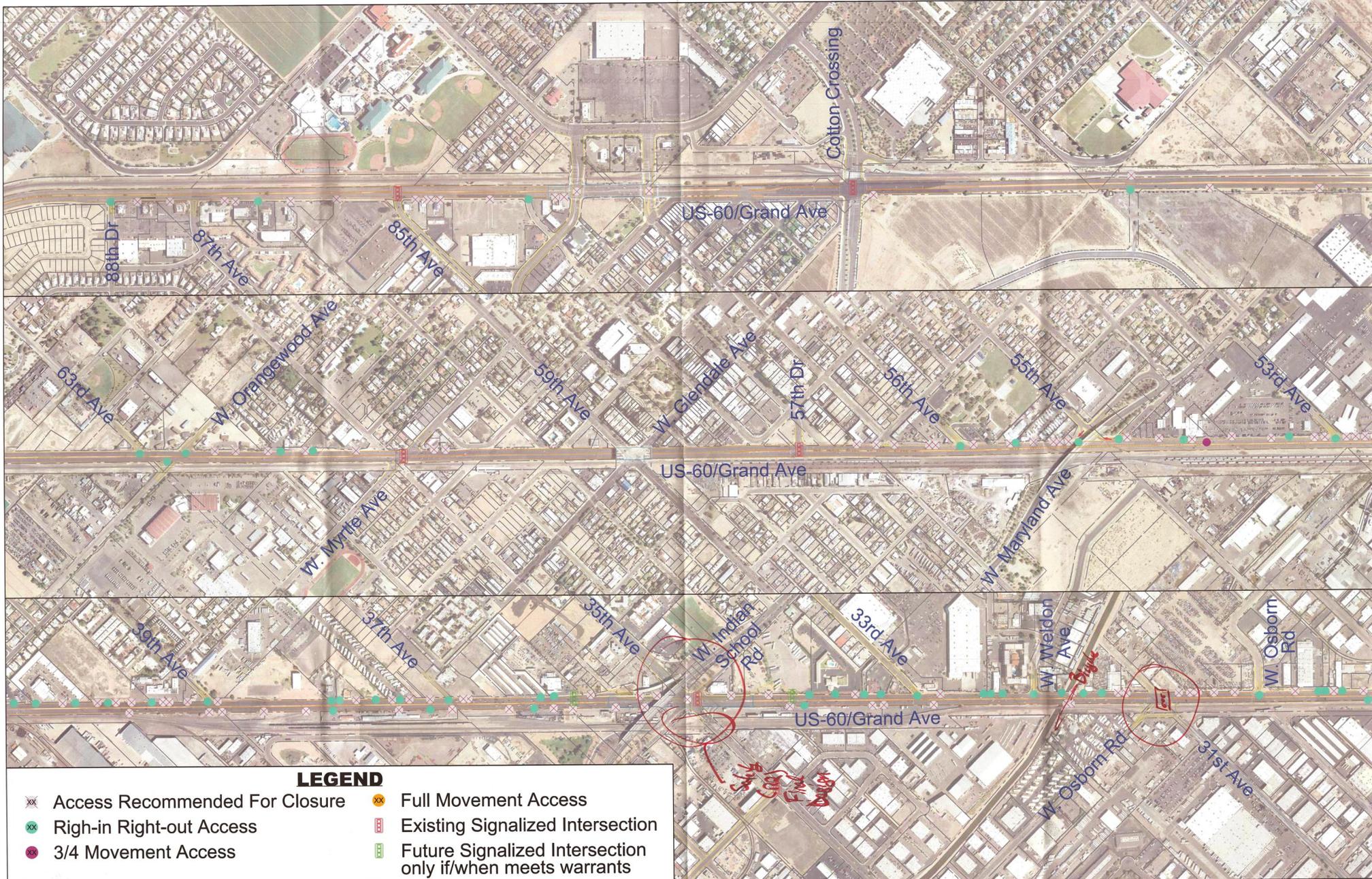
Mr. Hazlett concluded the discussion highlighting zoning overlays as a potential implementation tool communities could use in incrementally applying an access management plan. Decision trees and draft policy language would be a final product of this effort. It was noted that Phoenix has generally stopped using zoning overlays in response to potential Proposition 207 claims. Mr. Demosthenes offered an alternative of updating policy and standards; as property redevelops, Phoenix could implement new (access management) standards.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

Meetings with the Grand Avenue Merchants' Association and Phoenix council members (District 4: Laura Pastor, District 5: Daniel Valenzuela, District 7: Michael Nowakowski) was suggested.

Phoenix Meeting: Plot 1 of 2
March 4, 2014

SR 101L TO McDOWELL ROAD



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| ⊗ | Access Recommended For Closure | ⊗ | Full Movement Access |
| ⊗ | Right-in Right-out Access | ⊗ | Existing Signalized Intersection |
| ⊗ | 3/4 Movement Access | ⊗ | Future Signalized Intersection only if/when meets warrants |

