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US-60/Grand Avenue COMPASS

Loop 303 to Interstate 10

Stakeholder Meeting
Sun City Fire District
April 29, 2014; 2 – 3 p.m.

Sun City Fire District Administration
18602 N. 99th Ave.

AGENCY ATTENDEES

Fire Chief Michael Thompson

MAG STAFF

Bob Hazlett

CONSULTANT TEAM

Audra Koester Thomas, PSA

HANDOUTS

US-60/Grand Avenue Study Brochure and fliers on Access Management and related aspects (economic development, conflict points, roadway classifications, and joint and cross access)

OVERVIEW

Bob Hazlett, MAG project manager, provided a brief overview of the study, focusing on the key framework elements of commuter rail and access management.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT CONCEPT

Mr. Hazlett reviewed a roll plot with draft access management elements presented. The following issues and observations were offered by Chief Thompson:

- Access onto US-60/Grand Avenue at 111th Avenue is critical as a new fire station will be built on the southwest corner. Access into El Mirage, heading west, as well as south to Peoria needs to be preserved.
- Access onto US-60/Grand Avenue at 99th Avenue is also important, as a fire station is located south of that intersection.
- Traffic backs up and onto Thunderbird Boulevard trying to access US-60/Grand Avenue via 111th Avenue.
- Access management at 103rd and 107th avenues would impact fire and rescue operations the least.
- Improvements on US-60/Grand Avenue between 83rd and 91st avenues (to address traffic signals, jogs) would be beneficial.

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- Another river crossing would be beneficial; an ideal solution would be to expand Peoria Avenue, but this alternative is opposed by Sun City residents.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Chief Thompson shared the following additional information regarding the Sun City Fire District:

- The District serves the communities of Sun City and Citrus Point, as well as the Town of Youngtown, comprising a population of approximately 60,000.
- The District is funded through property tax revenues.
- The District has reduced operations to meet recent budget constraints, and currently operates three stations and three trucks with a total staff of 60.

