



City Council Report

Date: November 13, 2000
To: City Council
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Subject: US 60 Traffic Interchange Improvements
 Council Districts 3, 4 and 5

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on planned improvements to various traffic interchanges along US 60 (Superstition Freeway) in Mesa. See attached map.

It is recommended staff continue to work with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) on scheduling the improvements.

Background

Mesa, ADOT and Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) have been working cooperatively in securing funding for crossroad improvements at various traffic interchanges along US 60 in Mesa. The improvements vary at each interchange and when complete will include three through lanes and dual left turn lanes in each direction. The following table presents the current construction timetable for each interchange.

Country Club Dr.	Under construction. Completion scheduled for June 2001.
Dobson Rd. and Alma School Rd.	Under design. Construction tentatively scheduled for April 2001- July 2003.
Mesa Dr.	Under design. Construction tentatively scheduled for July 2002 - May 2003.
Stapley Dr	Construction scheduled for FY 2005.
Gilbert Rd.	Construction scheduled for FY 2005.
Val Vista Dr.	Construction scheduled for FY 2006.

Discussion

Serious traffic congestion exists at these traffic interchanges. This congestion is typically caused by the lack of dual left turn lanes accessing the on-ramps to US 60, and in some cases the lack of through traffic capacity. Traffic congestion is expected to worsen as traffic volumes increase and as ADOT progresses with the widening of US 60 through Mesa beginning in 2001 through 2004.

The Transportation Division is concerned that the proposed improvements at some traffic interchanges are scheduled to take place after the completion of the US 60 widening from L101 to Val Vista Dr.

Alternatives

The city could advance the funding for the improvement projects with reimbursement from ADOT and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding when the funds becomes available. This funding scenario could be used for the Stapley Dr., Gilbert Rd. and Val Vista Dr. improvements and would require the city advancing approximately \$10,000,000.

Fiscal Impact

The city has been successful in working with MAG in programming CMAQ funds (\$12,300,600) for several of the traffic interchange projects. CMAQ funding will be supplemented with ADOT funding and in some cases city funding. Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) will be prepared for those traffic interchange improvement projects requiring city funding. An IGA has been approved for the Country Club Dr. interchange project and included the following cost sharing:

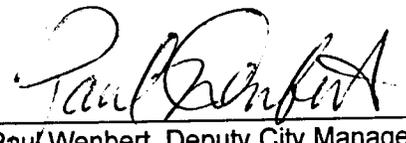
Total cost	\$3,113,000
ADOT funding	\$1,813,000
CMAQ funding	\$1,225,900
City funding	\$ 74,100



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