Meeting Notes
Broadway Road Action Team
May 12, 2009

**Members Present:** Ruben Valenzuela, Ted Raper, Paul Morris, Brian Farling, Steve Tseffos, Ernie & Jeanette Nickels, Tom and Kimberly Martin, James Richardson, William Harris, Eric Richardson

**Members Absent:** Dara Foias, Shari Samuelson-Wesley, Patty Tolson Gonzalez (alternate), Ernest Kurschat, Ted Lehman

**City Staff Present:** Sue Taaffe, Robert Yabes, Shelly Seyler, Jyme Sue McLaren, Glenn Kephart

**Guests Present:** Tom Hester, Jennifer Love, Coral Balcazar

**Agenda Item 1 – Introductions**
The Action Team, City staff and consultants introduced themselves.

**Agenda Item 2 — Project Status and Schedule**
City staff reviewed the project status, noting the public meeting scheduled for May 18th. Staff also reviewed the updated project goals and outstanding issues, including:

- Reduce traffic noise
- Protect community character
- Safety
- Provide bicycle lanes
- Provide sidewalks
- Retain Broadway Lane
- Improve streetscape character
- Discourage cut-through traffic
- Address congestion

**Agenda Item 3 — Design Workshops**
Staff reviewed lane configuration alternatives, an amenity wall, and alternative uses for Broadway Lane. Main points of discussion and resolutions included:

- 2/2 lane configuration will require further study.
  - 2/2 lane configuration will have landscaping.
  - 2/3 lane configuration will not have landscaping, only curb for separation.
  - Mr. Harris: Expressed concern over bottleneck, suggested removing Broadway Road’s freeway access to alleviate congestion.
  - Consensus reached by BRAT to pursue 2/2 lane configuration study.

- Broadway Road intersections at Mill, College, and Rural will be reviewed by staff for adherence to operational requirements.
Committee would like to ensure that the CMAQ grant funding criteria are met.

- **Amenity wall**
  - 8-foot wall will be placed on the north side of Broadway Road.
  - Consensus reached: BRAT members support a wall that separates Broadway Road from the residential properties on the north side of the road.
  - Q: Ernie: Could a lane be created on the south side of Broadway Road?
  - A: Yes, but this option would require acquisition of private properties; an urban boulevard was also recommended.

- **Discussion for option to rezone area south of Broadways Road.**
  - Homes south of Broadway Road would have to relocate main entrances to the south.
  - Q: Mr. Harris: Would the physical structure of the area allow for homes to have a back entrance?
  - A: The City would have to work with homeowners to beautify the garage areas and new entrances.

  - Committee members accept the idea of having limited commercial space.

- **Street cross sections**
  - Two options were presented:
    1. Mixed use bike/pedestrian lanes and vehicular travel.
    2. Broadway Lane would be one lane with no on-street parking.
  - Majority of committee recommends a reconfigured option two (design details to be worked out).

- **Pedestrian/bike crossings**
  - Committee approves of a signalized crossing at Sierra Vista; option should only be considered with 2/2 configuration.
  - Crosswalks will be incorporated in the study.

- **Open space at Sierra Vista crossing**
  - Bus stop will be installed.
  - Members do not want to identify the area as a public space.

**Agenda Item 4 – Next Steps**

- BRAT Committee recommended that the preferred alternative is a 2/2 lane configuration.

**Agenda Item 5 – Next Meeting**

The next public meeting will be held on May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Don Cassano Community Room located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe.