

### **3-5-2008 BCRC Transportation Committee Briefing**

The committee met and discussed numerous topics. The discussion centered around the current topic the **reports of long waits behind the pilot car on Beaver Creek Rd particularly affecting the morning school traffic**. We agreed to contact the construction manager, the bus driver, and the school principal and did so. The school personnel reported waits of up to 45 minutes, while the construction owner reported the waits to be rarely more than 10 minutes and that a county inspector was there to check. The project manager (also the company owner) has been requested to expedite the passage of the school buses and morning traffic to Beaver Creek School. He said that they would try to be sensitive to the needs of morning school traffic, but asked that the public work with him by leaving home earlier. The committee members will continue to check on the wait time behind the pilot car.

We also discussed some information received about an alternate interchange location. We are looking forward to the information from ADOT via the VVMTP on this topic.

Right now the **Beaver Creek Road reconstruction project** is about 2 weeks behind schedule due to weather. But unless Cand E Paving & Gravel gets hammered again, there is enough cushion in their schedule to meet the May 15 completion date. Right now they are laying down the aggregate base for the east end of the project. Paving east of the Y began as scheduled just prior to the first of March. Several questions have been asked repeatedly about the reconstruction. This is a routine Yavapai County maintenance project that is done for all main corridors every 10 years or so. Much of the road is also being widened, particularly where paved 4-foot shouldered are needed. Several turn lanes will be added. The drainage is being upgraded and several safety improvements are being incorporated. The road will continue to be two lanes.

The presentation on the new type of road improvement and maintenance district that Yavapai County authorized the use of as of last September will be given on **Thursday, April 3, at 5 PM, in the Cottonwood County Annex on 6th Street**. Bev Staddon, who works out of the Prescott office, will give the presentation on **RIMDs** and answer questions. She is the designated county contact for this information. Since the road improvement needs of each area are unique, it would be helpful if representatives from each location could attend. That way you can ensure that questions relevant to each situation are asked. We want to alert residents on Outlaw Way & Bice Rd, Sycamore Ln, Montezuma Estates, Millennium Way and Lower McGuireville who have expressed interest in improving local roads that are not maintained by Yavapai County.

The committee has received the current traffic counts from Yavapai County Publics Works. We also have received two large maps for our use. We are continuing data collection between other projects.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 12th at 6 PM in the Adult Center**. The topics for discussion will include the discussion of possible safety improvements for the Well Rd (such as guard rails in several locations and a sign prohibiting trucks weighing more than 1 ton). To date, every group has expressed the desire to keep the road unpaved. Visitors are asked to keep their remarks brief unless asked for more information from the committee members. We want to hear from everyone. You do not need to be present to provide input. You may also email us through the BCRC website or send a letter using the BCRC PO box.

We will also be collecting suggested survey questions on transportation for the Beaver Creek Plan committee. These inputs also may be sent via email or postal mail.