

# **DOWNTOWN LINKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DLCAC) RTA VALUE ANALYSIS (VA) REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

*Accepted and Approved by the Downtown Links CAC  
RTA Value Analysis Review Subcommittee on May 18, 2015*

**From: TDOT Project Manager Sam Credio**

**RTA VA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Chair**, John Burr, Armory Park Neighborhood Association  
Kylie Walzak, Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Richard Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association  
Gail Ryser, Barrio Anita Neighborhood Association

**PROJECT TEAM PRESENT:**

Brent Kirkman, HDR Engineering, Inc.  
Sam Credio, City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)  
Joan Beckim, Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations  
Diane Luber, Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations

1. <u>Meeting Called to Order</u> Quorum confirmed. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. at Public Works, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room.
2. <u>Introduction of DLCAC RTA Value Analysis (VA) Review Subcommittee Members and Project Team</u> DLCAC RTA Value Analysis Review Subcommittee and Project Team members introduced themselves.
3. <u>Approval of DLCAC RTA Value Analysis (VA) Review Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2013</u> Kylie Walzak made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2013. Gail Ryser seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with a voice vote of 3-0.
4. <u>Announcements</u> The DLCAC will be meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015. Plans are underway for an open house in June to share the 100% plans. Richard Mayers thanked Kylie Walzak for the well-attended April 19 Cyclovia Tucson.
5. <u>Staff Reports and Presentations to DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee</u> The purpose of this meeting was to go over the RTA Value Analysis Proposal Summary Table, and to discuss each of the proposals that required further discussion among the

DLCAC RTA VA Review subcommittee members. Brent Kirkman from HDR Engineering, Inc. and Sam Credio with TDOT discussed each proposal item and any changes that had been made to the table after TDOT's recommendations.

**Proposal number P01-062** – On a motion by Richard Mayers, seconded by Kylie Walzak, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to realign the shoofly and use the shoofly as permanent mainline tracks or use one existing track as part of the shoofly. The 100% UPRR Design Submittal (90% TDOT Submittal Plans) was made to the UPRR on October 3rd, 2014. The plans identify the realignment of both tracks for the shoofly as the preferred alternative. This allows the new underpass structure to be built in a single phase.

**Proposal number P01-007** - The DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee concurred that the proposal to replace the steel plate deck with a concrete deck at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street UPRR underpass structure is no longer applicable. As requested by TDOT for cost saving purposes and subsequently approved by the UPRR, prestressed, precast, concrete AASHTO type beams with concrete deck are being used for the underpass structure.

**Proposal number P01-008** - The DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee concurred that the proposal to remove the concrete fascia from the 6th Street UPRR underpass structure is no longer applicable.

**Proposal number P01-052** - On a motion by Kylie Walzak, seconded by Richard Mayers, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to raise the footing at the 6th Street underpass to minimize the footing cover in the areas where the sidewalk and landscape areas are elevated above the roadway. Due to settlement and capacity issues identified in the Final Geotechnical Report and the Bridge Type Selection Report, the UPRR underpass structure will be constructed on drilled shaft foundations.

**Proposal number P01-002** - On a motion by Richard Mayers, seconded by Kylie Walzak, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to use spread footings in lieu of drilled shafts for the 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. overpass and the 6th St. underpass structures. Due to settlement and capacity issues identified in the Final Geotechnical Report and the Bridge Type Selection Report, the UPRR underpass structure will be constructed on drilled shaft foundations.

**Proposal number P01-035** - On a motion by Richard Mayers, seconded by Gail Ryser, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to reduce the span length of the bridge carrying Stevens Alley over the revised section of 6th Avenue. Per TDOT and CAC direction, the multi-use path is being routed on both sides of 6th Avenue and the span length has been optimized accordingly.

**Proposal number P01-001** - On a motion by Kylie Walzak, seconded by Gail Ryser, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to use cut walls rather than cast-in-place concrete walls for retaining walls through the 6th Street underpass area. Due to

the excavation requirements needed to construct the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Underpass and 9th Avenue Deck Plaza, the grade will already be excavated to allow for construction of conventional concrete cast-in-place walls.

**Proposal number P01-034** - On a motion by Richard Mayers, seconded by Gail Ryser, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to use an alternative procurement method such as design build or Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR). Due to significant right-of-way acquisition, obtaining permits, and utility relocation lead time requirements, TDOT does not believe that CMAR is the most effective way to deliver this project. Should that change, Sam Credio said it would be brought to the subcommittee's attention.

**Proposal number SR04-005** - On a motion by Richard Mayers, seconded by Gail Ryser, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to replace the westbound bus lane on Broadway Boulevard under the UPRR with a cycle track connecting to Aviation Bikeway. The cycle track on Broadway is now a separate, federally funded, TDOT project and will not be included as part of Downtown Links.

**Proposal number SR01-051** - On a motion by Kylie Walzak, seconded by Richard Mayers, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to accept this proposal to utilize cost effective, beneficial, and measurable recycling and repurposing measures on the project. John Burr noted that the full DLCAC had already recommended this.

**Proposal number SR01-037** - On a motion by Kylie Walzak, seconded by Richard Mayers, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to reprogram a portion of public art funding to implement environmental art in support of project sustainability. The DLCAC public art subcommittee has already recommended that this proposal be declined.

**Proposal number SR01-072** - On a motion by Kylie Walzak, seconded by Gail Ryser, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to accept this proposal to perform advanced real estate acquisitions to provide early decisions for future developers and investors. The full DLCAC has already approved/recommended this proposal. Richard Mayers asked that the record reflect that he did not support the recommendation.

**Proposal number SR01-040** - The DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee concurred that the proposal to better integrate Stevens Alley with the Urban Overlay District (UOD) is no longer applicable. The Urban Overlay District (UOD) was recently included in the Downtown Infill Incentive District (IID), approved by Mayor and Council in February 2015.

**Proposal number SR01-53** - On a motion by Richard Mayers, seconded by Gail Ryser, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to accept this proposal to identify tools to maximize the value of parcels remaining after right-of-way acquisition and current publicly owned parcels. The full DLCAC has already approved/recommended this proposal.

**Proposal number SR01-061** - On a motion by Kylie Walzak, seconded by Richard Mayers, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to install barrier vegetation between the UPRR and Stevens Alley (now Maclovio Barraza Parkway). In order to maintain the Maclovio Barraza Parkway cross-section no vegetation will be included between the roadway and UPRR.

**Proposal number SR03-002** - On a motion by Richard Mayers, seconded by Gail Ryser, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to accept this proposal to add safety lighting along the multi-use path (7th Ave. to 9th Ave.) in areas removed from high-traffic areas. Lighting along the multi-use path was included in the 90% submittal package.

**Proposal number SR01-050** - On a motion by Richard Mayers, seconded by Kylie Walzak, the DLCAC RTA VA Review Subcommittee members voted to recommend to the full CAC that it concur with TDOT's recommendation to decline this proposal to install a "Bike Barometer" in conjunction with bicycle improvements.

6. Next Steps

**Items for Future Meetings – No future meetings are planned.**

**Future Meeting Dates – Not applicable.**

7. Call to the Audience

**Joe Yee**

I just want to tell you folks, thank you. Even though it's not my profession, my evaluation of your work is that you have been efficient and to the point.

8. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.