

**SR 86 Pedestrian Access Study, Sells AZ
Meeting Notes**

**September 27, 2011
Tohono O'odham Legislative Council Chambers**

Attendance

Linda Ritter-ADOT
Jeff Stine-ADOT
Chairwoman Barbara Havier-Sells District TON
Rayleen Norris - TON Community Representative
Fred Stevens-TON Planning Department
Karen Blaine-TON Community Action
Ricardo Pargas- HDR Engineering
Melissa Anguiz – Gordley Design Group
Melissa Rasowsky- Strategic Issues Management Group
Megan Siqueros- Strategic Issues Management Group

The meeting was convened by the Arizona Department of Transportation's Tucson District Office and Tohono O'odham Sells District Office, at 6:20 p.m.

Opening remarks and acknowledgments were provided by Linda Ritter and Chairwoman Barbara Havier. Ms. Ritter thanked all present and introduced project team members in attendance. Chairwoman Havier recognized attending officials and discussed the importance of the study to the Sells community and encouraged the tribal members present to provide feedback.

Study Overview

Ricardo Pargas presented a PowerPoint overview of the study. Ricardo introduced the purpose and scope of the study. The study findings will be compiled into a final report, which will be used to request funding for recommended improvements.

Ricardo presented a map of the study area and reviewed the project timeline. The project runs for three miles along State Route 86 within the ADOT right-of-way corridor. It starts just west Indian-Oasis Baboquivari School District Administration Building and stops just east of the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority building. All community feedback is requested by October 28th. The final report is expected to be finished in January of 2012.

Ricardo stressed the importance of community feedback regarding the study and explained the feedback collection process: surveys, one-on-one meetings with stakeholders and breakout sessions in tonight's meeting. Ricardo asked audience members to volunteer for stakeholder interviews. All community feedback will be included in the final report.

Question and Answer Session

Ricardo concluded the study overview and opened the floor for questions from the audience. Questions were asked on the following topics:

- How much influence will this report have in effecting change and improvements to the area?
- Will this study include recommendations on improving the safety of pedestrians walking along SR 86?
- The walking paths along the south side of SR 86 need a lot of improvement. Will the study look at improvements to the current walking path?

Breakout Session

The question and answer session was concluded and breakout sessions commenced. Project team members met with community members at large study-area maps to mark improvement suggestions on the maps with sticky notes. The audience enthusiastically participated in the breakout session, providing many comments and suggestions where they believe improvements are needed.

Adjournment

The breakout sessions were concluded by each group individually. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
