# Appendix F

## **Public Information Meetings**



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## City of Flagstaff

Lone Tree Overpass Study Public Open House Summary Wednesday, September 2, 2009



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#### Introduction

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#### **Publicity**

Publicity efforts for the Public Open House included a newspaper advertisement, media release, and postcards. All publicity materials are included in Appendix B.

#### Newspaper

An Open House announcement ran in the Arizona Daily Sun on Friday, August 21, 2009.

#### Media Release

The media release was distributed on August 24, 2009.

#### Postcard Distribution

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### Step 2: Give us your feedback!

What is your primary interest in the project? (Please mark your highest priority with a 1, next highest with a 2, etc.)

					Prie	ority						
Interests:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Timing of construction	2	1	1	1						1		
Property impacts and acquisition	3		2	1			1					
Funding	2	2			2	1					1	
How the project will improve traffic	4				1		2		1			
Traffic during construction			2			2			1			
Pedestrian and bicycle movement during construction	1		1	1	1					1	1	
Pedestrian and bicycle movement after construction	1	1		1				1		1		1
Connection to Route 66 (near Park Auto Sales)	1	2			1			1				
View from the new overpass to existing properties	1	1				1			1		1	
View of the new overpass (aesthetics, landscaping)							1	1		2		
Access to and from adjacent neighborhoods	3			2		1	1			1		
Other	1		1	1								

#### Other:

- Connection to I-40.
- I-40 Connection/routing.
- When?

#### The top five community priorities are as follows:

- 1. How the project will improve traffic
- 2. Property impacts and acquisition
- 3. Access to and from adjacent neighborhoods
- 4. Funding
- 5. Timing of construction

## **Appendix A: Public Open House Comment** Summary



#### How long have you been aware of the proposed Lone Tree Overpass?

- Five years
- A few months
- Six months
- Since moving here in June 2009
- A few years since the Corridor Study
- For ten to twelve years
- From previous proposals
- Five years
- Many years
- Several years; my husband went to one meeting about a year ago
- Just now

#### Do you support the overpass project?

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes, if certain criteria are met.
- Yes, but only in conjunction with I-40 connection (bigger than an overpass)
- I have to evaluate costs first
- Yes and no; need more information
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes, long overdue
- Yes, so far

#### What additional information would be helpful to you?

- Okay so far
- What is the long-term plan for US 89 north of Flagstaff, and its connection to I-40?
- Honest and upfront reports regarding Lone Tree/I-40 connection and property acquisition
- Sequence of the construction phases
- When?
- Brannen access to property, acquiring city land
- I think you have done an excellent job.
- Map for the area
- Cost, time, taxes

#### How did you hear about this meeting?

- Mail and paper
- Email from Martin Ince
- It is my job, Southside Community Association employee
- Daily Sun
- In the AZ Daily Sun
- Notified by city mailing
- Public notice
- Postcard in mail
- Newspaper and email from city
- I was sent a card, thank you



#### Do you have suggestions that can help us improve our outreach to the community about the Lone Tree Overpass?

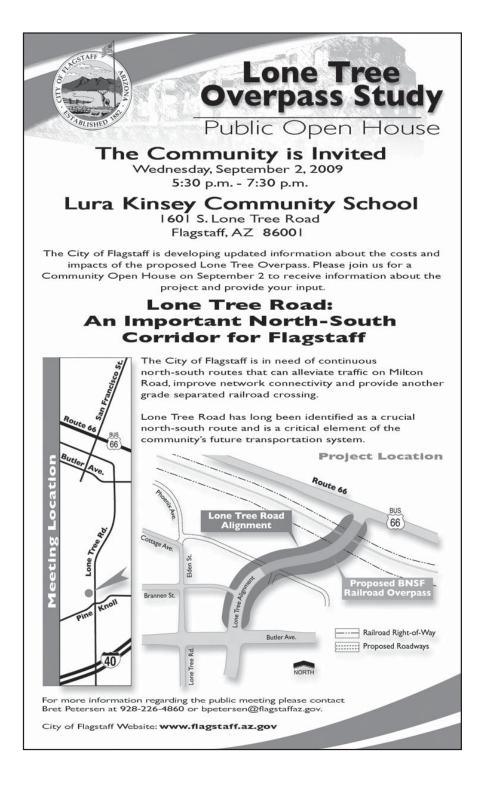
- You need to sell this project to the public; remember Highway 180 through Buffalo Park.
- Can the posters from the meeting be copied to the website?
- Actual/physical outreach; go door to door and outsource it.
- the vastly increased load. The hill crest by the school is a feasibly dangerous pinch-point; especially for cyclists. Woodlands Drive should be dead-ended here, so there is one less intersection in this stretch.
- Advertise meetings in advance, not just on the day of the meeting.
- More email where possible.
- Keep voters informed.

Do not build the overpass and/or interchange before Lone Tree has been expanded to handle

Daily Sun

Friday August 21, 2009





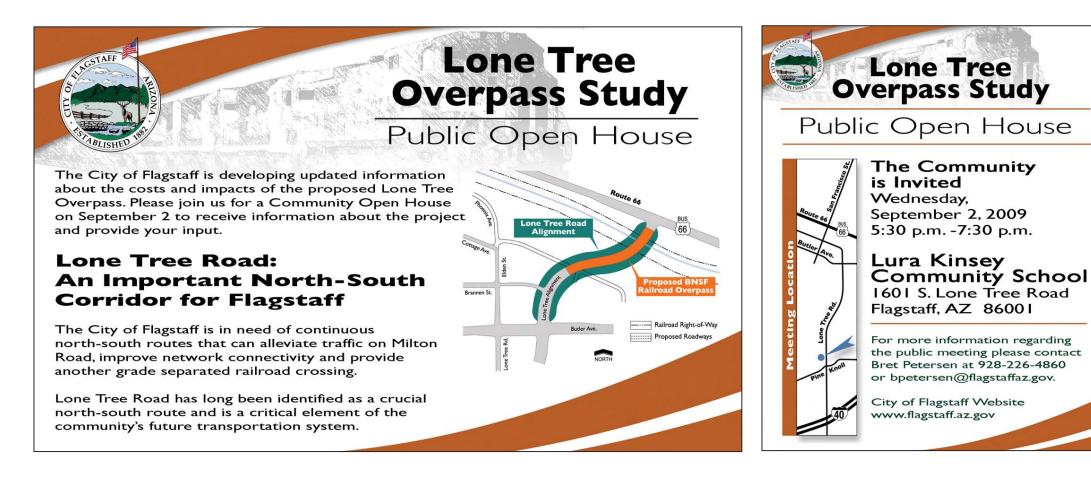
**Appendix B: Public Open House Materials** 

Postcard

Friday August 24, 2009

#### Postcard

Friday August 24, 2009



Lone Tree Overpass Study c/o KDA Creative 4545 E. Shea Blvd., Ste 210 Phoenix, AZ, 85028



**City of Flagstaff** For Immediate Release, August 24, 2009 Contact Kimberly Ott, Assistant to City Manager for Communications Phone: 928-779-7603



### **City to Host Open House for Proposed Lone Tree Overpass**

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As an important early part of the study, the City is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, September 2 to provide the community with information about the study and hear their feedback. The community is invited to visit with project team members, view displays, ask questions, and provide input between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Lura Kinsey Community School located at 1601 S. Lone Tree Road.

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## ABOUT TONIGHT'S OPEN HOUSE—September 2, 2009

The Lone Tree Overpass is a long-anticipated improvement that will benefit all of Flagstaff. It is important to the City that the community to be informed and involved as we move forward together on this project.

Construction is subject to voter approval and not likely to be completed prior to 2015.

Why YOU are here:

- Receive information about the Lone Tree Overpass project
- Express your thoughts on the project to the City
- Sign up to be part of the process as this important project moves forward (receive meeting notices, etc.)

Why WE are here:

- Provide information to the community about the Lone Tree Overpass Study
- Get to know the community in the project area
- Understand community's thoughts on the overpass

#### FORMAT:

- Informal—view displays and talk to team members one on one
- Comment Form—please provide your thoughts on the project and your contact information so we can keep in touch with you.

#### INFORMATION ON DISPLAY

- Aerial Photograph of project area
- Preliminary engineering drawings of the proposed overpass
- Study Timeline
- Study Goals

For more information on this study please contact Bret Petersen, City of Flagstaff Project Manager 928-226-4860 or bpetersen@flagstaffaz.gov

• "Issues Map" that indicates "things to think about" for our team as the study progresses.



#### PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS Public Open House

September 2, 2009

### Step I: Help us stay in touch with you!

Your name

Your address

Your e-mail address

## Step 2: Give us your feedback!

What is your primary interest in the project? (Please mark your highest priority with a 1, next highest with a 2, etc.)

Timing of construction	
Property impacts and acquisition	
Funding	
How the project will improve traffic	
Traffic during construction	
Pedestrian and bicycle movement during construction	
Pedestrian and bicycle movement after construction	
Connection to Route 66 (near Park Auto Sales)	
View from the new overpass to existing properties	
View of the new overpass (aesthetics, landscaping)	
Access to and from adjacent neighborhoods	
Other	





How long have you been aware of	the prope

osed Lone Tree Overpass? Do you support the overpass project? What additional information would be helpful to you? How did you hear about this meeting? Do you have suggestions that can help us improve our outreach to the community about

the Lone Tree Overpass?

## Step 3: Return this comment form to our study team.

Please return this form to a team member at the open house or to Bret Petersen, c/o KDA Creative 4545 E Shea Blvd, Suite 210, Phoenix, AZ 85028 bpetersen@flagstaffaz.gov 602-368-9645 (fax)

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#### Introduction

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#### **Public Meeting Overview**

As an important part of this study, the City hosted two Public Meetings on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 and Wednesday, February 24, 2010 to provide the community with information about the study and hear feedback. The community was invited to view a brief presentation and to visit with project team members, view displays, ask questions, and provide input between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Lura Kinsey Community School located at 1601 S. Lone Tree Road. Approximately 17 people attended the first meeting and 14 people attended the second meeting.

Public Meeting Attendance					
Date/Time	Location	Attendees*			
September 2, 2010 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Lura Kinsey Community School	17			
February 24, 2010 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Lura Kinsey Community School	14			

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The Public Meetings were held in an informal format which gave attendees the opportunity to view displays and talk to team members one on one. Attendees were given a comment form and were given the option to submit their comment form at the end of the meetings or to complete it and mail it to the project team by a specified date. A summary of comments received at the second Public Meeting can be found in Appendix A: Public Meeting Comment Summary. A summary of the question and answer session can be found in Appendix B: Question and Answer Session and all public meeting materials can be found in Appendix C: Public Meeting Materials.



#### Publicity

Publicity efforts for the Public Meeting included a newspaper advertisement, media release, flyer notification, and postcards. All publicity materials are included in Appendix C.

#### Newspaper

A Public Meeting announcement ran in the Arizona Daily Sun on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

#### Media Release

A media release was distributed on February 16, 2010.

#### **Postcard Distribution**

The project team distributed Public Meeting announcement postcards to approximately 90 affected community members and to the Open House #1 attendees on February 10, 2010. Parsons Brinkerhoff generated the distribution list using residential information from the Coconino County GIS System.

#### **Flyer Distribution**

The project team distributed Public Open House announcement flyers to the City of Flagstaff to be distributed to the Mayor, City Council, City Council Candidates, and Bond Advisory Task Force.



### **Appendix A: Public Meeting Comment Summary**



#### Give us your feedback!

Do you have any comments, concerns or questions about the project?

- We need this; it will improve traffic flow for the whole community. It will improve our nearby neighborhoods.
- Can Paramount Petroleum be cleaned up? It is usually ugly and smells at times.
- Impacts on Kinsey School, eventually.
- Connection to I-40 exit for Lone Tree?
- I realize these concerns are not related to the overpass.
- Your temporary intersection job has cut off drainage down Brannen Avenue west across the Colorado (Lone Tree) and Brannen Avenue intersection creating a mud hole and regular mess at the front entry to my property at 502 E. Brannen Avenue. The City road grade operator tried to correct this and grade the street the other day but you can not grade slush. Shame on you guys for creating another big mess. Call me and we will talk about it.
- Excellent presentation by Mr. Petersen and others.

#### How long have you been aware of the proposed Lone Tree Overpass?

- One month.
- Forever.
- Several years.
- Two years.
- I attended the September 2009 meeting.

#### Do you support the overpass project?

- Yes.
- Yes and no.
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Not sure, please keep me informed.

#### What additional information would be helpful to you?

- None.
- When is it going to happen?
- See reverse.

#### How did you hear about this meeting?

- Notice in Daily Sun.
- Mail notice.
- AZ Daily Sun.
- Newspaper.
- Mailer to the home.



Do you have suggestions that can help us improve our outreach to the community about the Lone Tree Overpass?

- No.
  You seem to be doing a good job.
  Website as you mentioned.

Appendix B: Question and Answer Session

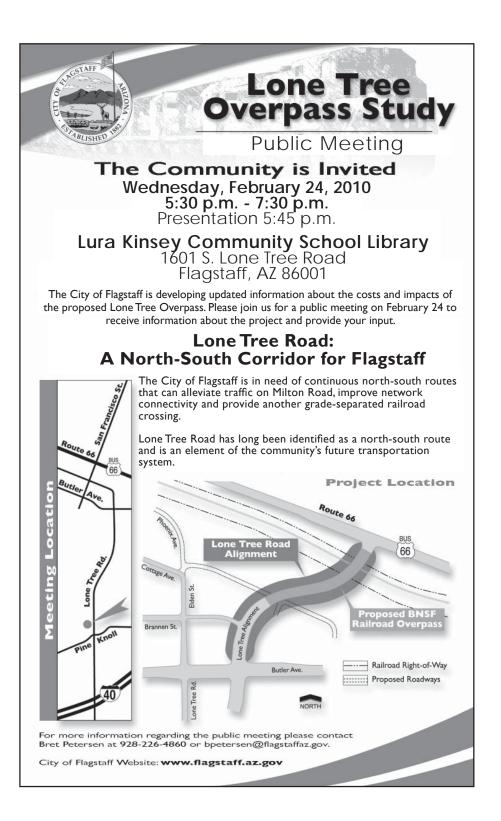




Question: Answer:	What kind of property is on either side of Cottage Avenue? It consists of property owned by BNSF and a privately-held piece owned by Cemex.
Question: Answer:	Will the neighborhood north of Butler Avenue be the same? Makes sense to go through a redevelopment plan for that area. As of now, it is not zoned and it is not a component of this study,
Question: Answer:	Does BNSF want to add a new line? Not anytime soon but they want to plan for it now and our plans will accommodate their additional line in addition to a service road. It may be fifty years before BNSF constructs another line. We are planning for the long-range.
Question: Answer:	Will there be a website as we get closer to property acquisition? Yes, we are planning on creating a website with updated information.
Question: Answer:	Will Rio de Flag do something south of Butler; west of San Francisco Street to Milton? Yes, that plan will relocate properties from the floodplain as part of the floodplain mitigation process.
Question: Answer:	Will this reduce traffic on Milton Road? Yes, but not entirely. Milton will still be a busy street.
Question:	Can the schedule be compressed because the bond value will be losing value over time?
Answer:	What we have done is anticipate the cost of the project in year four. The Fourth Street Project took six to seven years to get through this process.
Question: Answer:	It is hard to determine the value of money seven years out, correct? We do take inflation into consideration when estimating the cost of a project.
Question:	Will Kinsey School be affected? Are you communicating with the District? Will Kinsey close before other schools?
Answer:	We have discussed with the preferred alternative with District to mitigate impact by possibly relocating the school and/or driveways. However, this will not happen as part of the Lone Tree Overpass.
Question: Answer:	Has a walkway over the highway to the school been considered? That has been discussed, we have to do something.
Comment:	Barbara Hiclan from the school district, we have discussed different option extensively and are in communication with the team.
Question: Answer:	Would you impact Snowbowl traffic? We had this conversation with ADOT and impacts from their planning studies.
Question: Answer:	I am a renter from one of the impacted properties, if the bond funding goes through when will it start impacting the residents? Not before 2013, it is too early to identify an exact date.

## Appendix C: Public Meeting Materials

Daily Sun Newspaper Ad Wednesday, February 17, 2010





**City of Flagstaff** For Immediate Release, February 16, 2010 Contact Kimberly Ott, Assistant to City Manager for Communications Phone: 928-779-7603

## **City to Host Public Meeting for Proposed Lone Tree Overpass**

FLAGSTAFF – The City of Flagstaff is working on a study to develop updated information about estimated costs and anticipated impacts to existing properties associated with the proposed Lone Tree Overpass. The study will provide important information to help the City and community make future investment decisions about the future of our community's transportation system.

As an important part of the study, the City is hosting a Public Meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24 at Lura Kinsey Community School, located at 1601 S. Lone Tree Road. At the meeting, City staff will provide the community with information about the study and ask for feedback. A brief presentation will begin at 5:45 p.m., and project team members and display materials will be available for discussion.

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Postcard Mailed February 10, 2010



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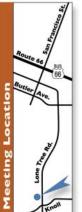
## Lone Tree Road: A North-South **Corridor for Flagstaff**

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## Public Meeting



#### The Community is Invited Wednesday February 24, 2010 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Presentation 5:45 p.m. Lura Kinsey Community School Library 1601 S. Lone Tree Road

Flagstaff, AZ 86001 For more information regarding

the public meeting please contact Bret Petersen at 928-226-4860 or bpetersen@flagstaffaz.gov.

Lone Tree Overpass Study c/o KDA Creative 4545 E. Shea Blvd., Ste 210 noenix, AZ, 85028



## Public Meeting

February 24, 2010 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Presentation 5:45 p.m.

Railroad Right-of-Wa

Proposed Roadway

NORTH

Lura Kinsey Community School Library 1601 S. Lone Tree Road Flagstaff, AZ 86001

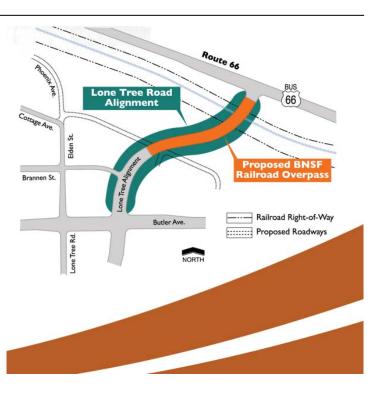
The public is encouraged to attend the public meeting to learn more about the project and provide input.

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## Project Location



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City of Flagstaff Website www.flagstaff.az.gov

#### Lone Tree Road: A North-South **Corridor for Flagstaff**



#### PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS Public Meeting

February 24, 2010

Step 1: Help us stay in touch with you!

Your address

Your name

Your e-mail address

## Step 2: Give us your feedback (Front and back of form)!

Do you have any comments, concerns or questions about the project?



How long have you been aware of the proposed Lone Tree Overpass?

Do you support the overpass project?

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