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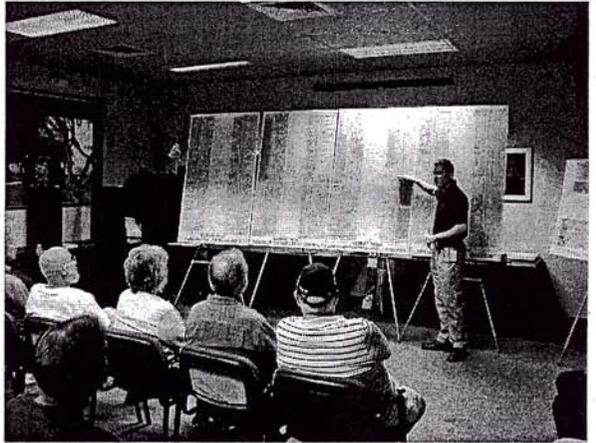
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**SUBJECT:** GILBERT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (QUEEN CREEK TO HUNT HIGHWAY) - PUBLIC MEETING

On October 13, 2009, City staff held the second public information meeting for the Gilbert Road (Queen Creek to Hunt Highway) Improvement Project. The meeting occurred at the Chandler Airport Terminal Building at 6:00 pm. Alex Gernert, chairman of the Transportation Commission, and over fifty other residents attended the meeting.



City staff described the scope of the roadway improvements, discussed the major changes since the last meeting, and covered the proposed construction schedule.

The residents in attendance were in favor of the road widening. Some of the questions posed by residents dealt with the locations of driveways and full access median breaks. Several property owners have parcels with direct driveway access off Gilbert Road, and requested that their access be maintained after the improvements are complete. City staff will work directly with these owners to find an acceptable solution.

Other homeowners were concerned about noise mitigation. In particular, several residents expressed a desire for a traffic signal at Hunt Highway to allow a smooth flow of traffic north and southbound on Gilbert Road, rather than the frequent commotion from vehicles stopping and then accelerating from the existing four-way stop. Although the intersection does not currently

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meet the signal warrants, staff will continue to evaluate it. In the meantime the design team will explore other traffic calming options.

In addition, City staff addressed several other questions about rubberized asphalt, noise walls, property acquisition, and the project budget. Residents with detailed questions or requests were provided contact information to facilitate further discussion with the design team.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the second half of 2010 with an approximate 3-year duration. Field activities will be coordinated with the improvements occurring on McQueen Road to provide detour options for commuters.

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