



MOHAVE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Agenda

Public Works Building - Turquoise Conference Room
3715 Sunshine Drive Kingman AZ 86409

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Thursday July 10, 2025 - 9:00 am

1. Call to Order:
2. Approval of the April 10, 2025 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - May and June meetings were cancelled.
3. Call to the Public:
4. For Discussion and Possible Action RE: Updates on Previous Committee Actions (backup available on request): None
5. For Discussion and Possible Action RE: Review of Recent Traffic Crashes Which Warrant a Traffic Safety Committee Review:
 - a) Fatal Accident Review – Pierce Ferry Road, Meadview Arizona MP 27.1
RECOMMENDATION:
Given that potential mechanical failures related to the vehicle's condition, combined with driver overcorrection, may have contributed to the severity of the crash—and that all existing traffic control devices are in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)—no corrective actions are recommended by Public Works at this time.
 - b) Fatal Accident Review – N. Laguna Road and Agua Fria Road, Golden Valley Arizona
RECOMMENDATION:
Due to the undetermined cause of the crash and the existing traffic control devices being in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), no corrective action is recommended by Public Works at this time.
6. For Discussion and Possible Action RE: Old Business Carried Over for Action from Previous Meeting: None
7. For Discussion and Possible Action RE: New Business (backup attached):

Next Traffic Safety Committee Meeting
August 14, 2025 at 9:00 AM - Turquoise Conference Room

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Meeting Minutes

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Thursday April 10, 2025 - 9:00 am

1. Call to Order at 9:00am.
2. Approval of the February 13, 2025 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Justin Casanova made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Gregg Swierczek seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried unanimously.
3. **Call to the Public:** There are two (2) members of the public present:
 - Mrs. McAlpine is here to speak on item 7a
4. **For Discussion and Possible Action RE: Updates on Previous Committee Actions (backup available on request) – None**
5. **For Discussion and Possible Action RE: Review of Recent Traffic Crashes Which Warrant a Traffic Safety Committee Review: None**
6. **For Discussion and Possible Action RE: Old Business Carried Over for Action from Previous Meeting: None**
7. **For Discussion and Possible Action RE: New Business (backup attached):**
 - a) **Evaluation of Traffic Operations on Lazy-Y-U Drive between Hualapai Mountain Road and Tomahawk Drive**
 - Mrs. McAlpine shared a map and her experiences when encountering speeding vehicles along Lazy YU.
 - She asked the committee to consider the addition of another speed limit sign in a location near a developed residential area as noted below.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Install R2-1 25 mph speed limit sign on WB Lazy-Y-U Drive (direction away from Hualapai Mountain Road) at approximately 600 feet east of Linn Ranch Drive.
2. Reinstall R1-1 STOP sign on WB Lazy-Y-U Drive at Tomahawk Drive to 6-foot minimum lateral offset and add red retroreflective post sheeting for better visibility within driver's cone of vision.

3. Install yellow retroreflective post sheeting on existing W1-7 two-direction large arrow sign at Lazy-Y-U Drive at Tomahawk Drive intersection for better visibility of intersection presence to drivers.
4. Install R2-1 25 mph speed limit sign on WB Chuckwagon Drive, west of E. Tomahawk Drive.

MOTION: Steve Latoski made a motion to approve the recommendation with the addition of a fourth recommendation as noted.

Justin Casanova seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 9:28 am.

Steve Latoski, P.E., PTO, Public Works Director

Date

Nichole Jenks, Administration Supervisor, Clerk

Date

**Next Traffic Safety Committee Meeting
May 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Turquoise Conference Room**

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DATE: June 27, 2025
LOCATION: M.P. #27.1 – Meadview, AZ
Accident Day: 02/27/2025
REQUEST: Fatal Accident Review
Report # 25-007323
REPORT BY: Sergio Gudino, Unregistered Civil Engineer
REVIEWED BY: Steven P. Latoski, P.E., P.T.O.E., Public Works Director
CLASSIFICATION:
CONDITIONS:



- Pierce Ferry Road : Arterial

Crash Characteristics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Single motorist fatality involving a passenger vehicle. ➤ Crash reported at 2:40 P.M. ➤ Dry roadway conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Direction of travel: The vehicle was traveling westbound.
Pierce Ferry Road:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paved maintained road ➤ Posted speed limit of 45 mph (night-time) and 55 MPH (daytime). ➤ 100 feet of right of way ➤ Travel way width: approximately 24' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Straight alignment with a minor horizontal deviation at crash location.

CRASH HISTORY:

This location has a documented history of one prior crash involving a motorcycle, in which the rider experienced a medical episode and veered off this segment of the roadway.



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SITE CONDITIONS:

Pierce Ferry Road is a two-lane, two-directional, east/west roadway with a no-passing centerline and edge line striping located in a rural area with no overhead lighting.

CRASH ANALYSIS:

- Roadway Conditions:
 - No road defects or visual obstacles were noted.
- Speed Limits:
 - The posted speed limit at the location is 55 mph during daylight hours and 45 mph during nighttime hours.
- Crash Sequence:
 - The driver overcorrected after leaving the road, re-entered the roadway while rotating approximately 180 degrees, then exited the eastbound edge and struck a dirt berm, causing the vehicle to roll multiple times.
- Ejection and Final Rest:
 - The driver was ejected from the vehicle through the driver-side window during the rollover and came to rest approximately six feet from the vehicle's final position.
- Witness Account:
 - A witness observed the vehicle swerve, strike the embankment, and roll several times.
- Vehicle Condition:
 - According to testimony from friends of the driver, the driver had previously described the vehicle's brakes as worn and unresponsive, requiring significant effort to stop the vehicle.
 - It was also reported that there were issues with the seat belt latch, stating it would often not lock properly and could come undone unexpectedly.
- Contributing Factors:
 - Although no roadway issues were identified, potential mechanical failures involving the brakes and seat belt, combined with overcorrection by the driver, may have contributed to the severity of the crash.



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RECOMMENDATION:

Given that potential mechanical failures related to the vehicle's condition, combined with driver overcorrection, may have contributed to the severity of the crash—and that all existing traffic control devices are in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)—no corrective actions are recommended by Public Works at this time.

Observed crash area.



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DATE: June 27, 2025
LOCATION: Intersection of N. Laguna Road and Agua Fria Road – Golden Valley, AZ
Accident Day: 02/07/2025
REQUEST: Fatal Accident Review
Report # 25-004575
REPORT BY: Sergio Gudino, Unregistered Civil Engineer
REVIEWED BY: Steven P. Latoski, P.E., P.T.O.E., Public Works Director
CLASSIFICATION:



- N. Laguna Road : Collector
- Agua Fria Road : Local Road

CONDITIONS:

Crash Characteristics:

- Intersection fatality involving a passenger vehicle and a motorcycle.
- Crash reported at 5:15 P.M.
- Dry roadway conditions.

- Direction of travel: The passenger vehicle was traveling northbound, and the motorcycle was traveling westbound.

N. Laguna Road:

- Paved maintained road
- Posted speed limit of 45 mph.
- 82 feet of right of way
- Travel way width: approximately 24'

- Straight and Level Roadway at Crash Location.
- Not stopped controlled at the intersection with Agua Fria Road.



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| <p>Agua Fria Road</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gravel maintained road ➤ The posted speed limit is 25 mph. ➤ 82 feet of right of way ➤ Travel way width: approximately 24' ➤ The crash occurred at the eastern leg of Agua Fria Road. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The eastern Leg contains a wash depression approximately 200 feet ahead of the Stop sign. ➤ Agua Fria Road at N. Laguna Road is stop-controlled with a butterfly skew. |
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CRASH HISTORY:

This intersection has no history of previous accidents.

SITE CONDITIONS:

N. Laguna Road is a two-lane, two-directional, north/south roadway with centerline striping and no edge line located in a rural area with no overhead lighting. The crash occurred at the intersection of Agua Fria Road, which is stop-controlled at the east and west approaches to Agua Fria Drive.

Signage at the vicinity includes:

- ✓ Stop signs at the east and west approaches to N. Laguna Road on Agua Fria Road.
- ✓ 45 mph speed limit signs at the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) directions on N. Laguna Road at the intersections of Burro Drive and Chinle Drive.
- ✓ 25 mph speed limit signs at the eastbound (EB) and westbound (WB) directions on Agua Fria Road at the intersection of N. Laguna Road.

CRASH ANALYSIS:

- Roadway Conditions:
 - Laguna Drive is a paved, two-lane county-maintained paved road with no traffic control at the intersection; Agua Fria is a county-maintained gravel road with stop signs and speed limit signs at intersections.



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- Intersection Layout:
 - The intersection of Laguna and Agua Fria is offset, requiring westbound traffic on Agua Fria to veer slightly right to continue straight across Laguna.
- Visibility Impairments:
 - A dip, raised embankment, and vegetation along the south side of Agua Fria limit sight distance for westbound drivers approaching Laguna.
- Environmental Factors:
 - No contributing environmental factors were analyzed or reported in the crash documents.
- Collision Summary:
 - Vehicle #1 (motorcycle) was traveling westbound on Agua Fria, failed to stop at the posted stop sign, and entered Laguna without braking, colliding with Vehicle #2 (passenger vehicle) traveling northbound.
- Impact Details:
 - The motorcycle struck the front passenger corner of Vehicle #2, continued along its side, and came to rest in the northbound dirt shoulder of Laguna along with the rider.
- Vehicle Damage:
 - The motorcycle sustained significant front-end damage, including a separated front wheel rim; the passenger vehicle had major passenger-side body and window damage but was able to come to a controlled stop post-impact.
- Driver Statements:
 - The driver of the passenger vehicle stated traveling northbound at approximately 45 mph when the motorcycle failed to stop at the intersection and collided with the vehicle. Following the collision, the vehicle was brought to a stop and 911 was called.
- Speed Estimates:
 - The motorcycle was estimated to be traveling between 30–35 mph in 3rd gear at the time of the crash; no signs of deceleration or evasive action were observed from either vehicle.
- Contributing Factors:
 - Primary contributing factors include failure to yield by the motorcycle. Secondary factors may include limited intersection visibility and challenging terrain conditions on Agua Fria.



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Laguna Drive:

Observed crash area.



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