



Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission September 12, 2023

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex and at the Tempe Transportation Center located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe AZ 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Stevie Milne
Dawn Hocking
JC Porter
Paul Hubbell
James Dwyer
Susan Conklu

Pam Goronkin
Brian Fellows
David King
David Sokolowski
Bobbie Cassano

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alana Chavez Langdon
Amanda Nelson
Robert Miller
Peter Schelstraete

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Interim Engineering & Transportation Director
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Cathy Hollow, City Traffic Engineer
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Eric Iwersen, Sustainability and Resilience Director
Isaac Chavira, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Julie Hietter, Community Services Admin Manager
Kim Hale, Commander

Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Sam Stevenson, Transit Manager
Chase Walman, Principal Planner
Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Lyle Begiebing, Transportation Planner
Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner
Mayen Akpan, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager
Erin Kirkpatrick, Community Services Manager
Mike Hayes, Lieutenant

Guests Present:

John Federico
Ian McKinney
Katie Boligitz

Commission Vice Chair Dawn Hocking called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Dawn Hocking introduced the minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Hubble

Second: Commissioner Bobbie Cassano

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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James Dwyer
Susan Conklu

Pam Goronkin
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David Sokolowski

Abstained: JC Porter and Bobbie Cassano

Agenda Item 3 – Mill Avenue Streetscape Project

Eric Iwersen and Shelly Seyler presented information regarding the Mill Avenue Streetscape Project. Topics included:

- Project Schedule
- Overview
- Hardscape/Sidewalk Concepts
- Public Involvement Summary
- Street Tree Concepts

Discussion included recycled materials, electrical and irrigation infrastructure, trees, hardscapes, costs, transit stops and heat island effects. Commissioners liked both concept 1 and 2 for the hardscape. Some Commissioners preferred 50% ficus trees and 50% other species while others preferred less than 50% ficus trees.

Agenda Item 4 – Equity Study- Making Space

Erin Kirkpatrick and Julie Hietter presented information about the Parks Equity Study. Topics included:

- Overview
- Existing Conditions
- Draft StoryMaps
- Next Steps

Agenda Item 5 – Grade Separated Crossing at CCW & UPRR Project

Chase Walman made a presentation about the Country Club Way Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad. Topics included:

- Overview
- Proposed Designs
- Existing Conditions
- Next Steps

Discussion included the two bike lane concepts, coordination with UPRR, path sweepers and minimizing bicycle and pedestrian conflicts.

Agenda Item 6 – Kyrene/Roosevelt/Farmer Bike Ped Project

Lyle Begiebing made a presentation about the Kyrene/Roosevelt/Farmer Bike Ped Project. Topics included:

- Overview
- Proposed Improvements
- Public Feedback
- Next Steps

Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

None

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:

- October 10
 - Annual Report
 - Eight Street Bike Ped Project
 - CIP Updates
- November 14
 - 1. Annual Report
 - 2. Roundabouts – data on existing and future plans
 - 3. Western Canal (48th Street to I-10)
 - 4. Commission Business
- December 12
- January 9
 - 1. Commission Business
 - 2. Scooter Corrals in Downtown
 - 3. All Pedestrian Phase Signal Mill Avenue and Fifth Street
 - 4. Alameda Drive Streetscape Project (before and after)
- February 13
 - CIP Updates
 - Prop 400 E
 - Traffic Bureau Update
 - Available public and ADA parking spaces in downtown
- March 12
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
 - TMA/TDM, Personal Delivery Devices
 - College and University Underpass Project
- April 9
 - Bike Hero
- May 14
- June 11
 - CIP Updates
 - Transportation Master Plan & Transportation Equity
- July 9

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023. The meeting was adjourned 8:39 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Isaac Chavira