



Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission March 12, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 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:

JC Porter

Paul Hubbell

David Sokolowski

Jonathon Bates

Stevie Milne

Claire Lauer

Pam Goronkin

Peter Schelstraete

David King

Kelsey Files

Dawn Hocking

Robert Miller

Jacob Cox

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Amanda Nelson

James Dwyer

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Transportation & Sustainability Director

Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant

Cathy Hollow, City Traffic Engineer

Eric Iwersen, Transportation and Sustainability Director

Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst

Tom Duensing, Chief Deputy City Manager

Dan Filippino, Senior Transportation Planner

Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner

Chase Walman, Principal Planner

Brenda Clark, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner

Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner

Jacob Payne, Senior Planner

Guests Present:

John Federico

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

Commissioner Dawn Hocking introduced the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Second: Commissioner JC Porter

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Abstain: Robert Miller

Agenda Item 3 – Character Area 6 Planning Process

Ambika Adhikari and Jacob Payne provided an updated on the planning process for Character Area 6. Topics included:

- Project overview
- Overview of area
- Public input process
- Next steps

Discussion included survey tool, delivery devices, funding and deviations from pervious character areas.

Agenda Item 4 – Proposed Speed Limit Changes

Cathy Hollow provided an update on proposed speed limits along specific segments on Tempe roadways. Topics included:

- Reason for the change
- Types of speed limits
- Proposed changes
 - Mill Avenue reduce from 45 to 35 mph and 40 to 35 mph
 - College Avenue reduce from 35 to 30 mph
 - First Street reduce from 35 to 30 mph
 - Southern Avenue reduce from 45 to 40 mph
- Existing conditions
- Considerations
- Next steps

Discussion included future speed reductions, enforcement, signage, Southern Avenue crashes, and public feedback.

A motion was made to approve advancing to the next step and holding public meetings regarding the proposed speed limit changes.

Motion: Commissioner Claire Lauer

Second: Commissioner Kelsey Files

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 5 – Country Club Way Bike/Ped Bridge Over UPRR

Chase Walman presented information on the Country Club Way Bike/Ped Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad Project. Topics included:

- Project overview
- Public Outreach
- Existing conditions
- Proposed design changes
- Next steps

Discussion included funding, signage, increased visibility on the bridge, Tempe Marketplace connection and green screens.

Agenda Item 6 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Eric Iwersen announced that the Transportation Division has merged with the Sustainability & Resilience Department to create the Transportation and Sustainability Department. He also introduced Tom Duensing, Chief Deputy City Manager.

Agenda Item 7– Future Agenda Items

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

- April 9
 - Accessory Dwelling Units
 - Traffic Task Force Update and Vision Zero
 - Traffic Bureau Update
 - Flash Changes
- May 14
 - Bike Hero
 - CIP Update
 - Protected Bike Lanes and How They Are Prioritized
 - Available public and ADA parking spaces in downtown
- June 11
 - Transportation Master Plan & Transportation Equity
 - College and University Underpass Project
 - Proposed Speed Limit Changes
- July 9
- August 13
 - Discussion about possible joint meeting with Sustainability Commission
- September 10
 - Vision Zero Update
 - TMA/TDM, Personal Delivery Devices
- October 8
 - Transit Prioritization Strategies
- November 12
 - Annual Report (*Action*)
 - 2024 Transportation Survey Results
- December 10

- TBD: Western Canal (48th Street to I-10)
- TBD: Alameda Drive Streetscape Project (before and after) & Speed Data

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler