



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
February 8, 2022

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Browning
Bobbie Cassano
Susan Conklu
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin
Dawn Hocking
John Christoph
Paul Hubbell

David A. King
JC Porter
Peter Schelstraete
David Sokolowski
Alice Bimrose
Amanda Nelson
Alana Chavez Langdon

(MEMBERS) Absent: None

City Staff Present:

Eric Iwersen, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager
Marilyn DeRosa, Engineering & Transportation Director
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Office3
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner

Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Brianna Fisher, Climate Plan Manager
Able Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Lyle Begiebing, Transportation Planner
Cathy Hollow, Principal Civil Engineer
Sam Stevenson, Senior Transportation Planner
Trent Luckow, Sergeant
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant

Guests Present:

John Federico
Randy Dittberner
Audra Koester Thomas
Kelly Choulieu

Mike James
Daniel Fuentes
Marion Choulieu

Commission Chair JC Porter called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Marion Choulieu spoke about agenda item # 7 – Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes. She stated that the design needs to include protected bike lanes especially since the city has a Vision Zero initiative.

Kelly Choulieu spoke about agenda item # 7 – Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes. She stated that the project needs to include protected bike lanes not just green paint on the bike lanes. The Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero both support alternative modes including safe bicycle facilities.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the January 4, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Dawn Hocking

Second: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 – Climate Action Plan

JC Porter referred to the letter in the packet and asked for discussion which included:

- Adding a statement about quantitative data to determine how well the policies are working.
- Defining what VMT means.
- Clarifying that getting people to stop driving altogether is unrealistic.
- Softening the language that implies that the Council is not committed enough to the plan.

Due to confusion amongst staff, two versions of the letter were circulated and as such, Chair JC Porter tabled the vote on this agenda item for a future meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Proposition 400E

Audra Koester Thomas made a presentation about Proposition 400E. Topics included:

- Introduction to MAG
- Building a regional transportation plan (RTP)
 - 2050 and the future
 - Goals
 - Performance-based process
 - Proposed investment plan
- Next steps

Discussion included commuter rail, status of the voting process, BRT investments, federal funding opportunities, and types of projects included in the plan.

Agenda Item 5 - Streetscape and Transportation Enhancement Program

Cathy Hollow and Randy Dittberner made a presentation about the Streetscape and Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP). Topics included:

- Background
- Peer city data
- Follow-up from Oct. 21 Council meeting:
- Support from owners or renters

- Support percentages needed

Discussion included the 85th percentile threshold, scatter charts to include date and time data, and staff's ability to use its discretion if there is a safety issue.

A motion was made to support the staff recommendation for the STEP/Neighborhood Traffic Calming Guide process that everyone in the project area (renter and owner) can vote, all votes are weighed equally and the approval thresholds for traffic calming devices.

Motion: Commissioner John Christoph

Second: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 6- Transit Security Update

For the sake of time, Chair JC Porter moved this agenda item to a future meeting.

Agenda Item 7- Scottsdale Road Bike Lane Project

Chase Walman addressed the concerns of the members of the public who spoke about the lack of protected bike lanes in the project design and informed them that the latest design does include protected bike lanes. For the sake of time, Chair JC Porter moved this agenda item to a future meeting.

Agenda Item 8- Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

None

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

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

- March 8 or March 15
 - Mobility Hubs/Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association
 - Vision Zero/Speed Limits
 - Bus Operations Study
- April 12
 - Tempe Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide
 - North/South Rail Spur MUP
 - Bike Hero
- May 10
 - Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
 - Ash/University Intersection & 1st/Ash/Rio Roundabout Traffic Data Counts Update
 - Regional/State Rail Update
- June 14 – Cancel?
- July 12 - Cancel?

- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
 - Annual Report
- November 8
- December 13
- TBD: Bus Rapid Transit Study
- TBD: Bike Bait Program (once program resumes)
- TBD: Commuter Rail Study/MAG Commuter Rail Plan
- TBD: AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan
- TBD: Personal Delivery Devices
- TBD: All Aboard Arizona

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned 9:31 a.m.

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Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen