



## PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

### Transportation Commission

**MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

**MEETING LOCATIONS**

Join Via Cisco Webex

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United States Toll+1-408-418-9388

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**AND**

Tempe Transportation Center (Face masks required)

Don Cassano Community Room

200 E. Fifth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Tempe, Arizona, 85281

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION or INFORMATION
<b>1. Public Appearances</b> The Transportation Commission welcomes public comment for items listed on this agenda. There is a three-minute time limit per citizen.	JC Porter, Commission Chair	Information
<b>2. Approval of Meeting Minutes</b> The Commission will be asked to review and approve meeting minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting.	JC Porter, Commission Chair	Action
<b>3. Bike Hero Award</b> Staff will request the Commission select a recipient for the City's 2022 Bike Hero Award.	Sue Taaffe, Engineering & Transportation Department	Action
<b>4. General Plan 2050 Technical Advisory Group</b> The Commission will select two commissioners to represent the Commission on the technical advisory group.	JC Porter, Commission Chair	Action
<b>5. Lease and Development of the Hayden Flour Mill Venue/Sunbelt</b> will present the project concept and ask for input from the Commission.	Maria Laughner Economic Development Office	Information
<b>6. Department &amp; Regional Transportation Updates</b> Staff and commission members will provide information on relevant meetings and events.	Engineering & Transportation Department Staff and Transportation Commissioners	Information
<b>7. Future Agenda Items</b> Commission may request future agenda items.	JC Porter, Commission Chair	Information

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**Minutes**  
**City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission**  
**March 15, 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Alice Bimrose  
Jeremy Browning  
Bobbie Cassano  
John Christoph  
Susan Conklu  
Brian Fellows  
Dawn Hocking

Paul Hubbell  
David A. King  
Amanda Nelson  
JC Porter  
Peter Schelstraete  
David Sokolowski

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Alana Chavez Langdon

Pam Goronkin

**City Staff Present:**

Eric Iwersen, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director  
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director  
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner  
Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner  
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer  
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager  
Cathy Hollow, Principal Civil Engineer

Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist  
Able Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst  
Lyle Begiebing, Transportation Planner  
Trent Luckow, Police Department Sergeant  
Sam Stevenson, Senior Transportation Planner  
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner  
Ellie Volosin, Senior Civil Engineer

**Guests Present:**

John Federico  
Chris Bongorno

Jim Townsend  
Shannon Scutari

Commission Chair JC Porter called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Minutes**

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval. Susan Conklu requested that the minutes from February 16 be updated to reflect that she voted 'yes' on Agenda Item 2.

**Motion:** Commissioner Dawn Hocking

**Second:** Commissioner Paul Hubbell

**Decision:** Approved by Commissioners

Alice Bimrose  
Jeremy Browning  
Bobbie Cassano  
Susan Conklu  
Brian Fellows  
Dawn Hocking

Paul Hubbell  
David A. King  
Amanda Nelson  
JC Porter  
Peter Schelstraete  
David Sokolowski

**Agenda Item 3 – Mobility Hubs/Transportation Demand Management and Transportation Management Association**

Robert Yabes made a presentation about TDM/TMA and Mobility Hubs. Topics included:

- Current working plan
- Stakeholder engagement
- Public comments
- Mobility Hubs
  - Equity
  - Public property
  - Public - private partnerships
  - Potential locations
- TMA
  - Program and services
  - Tempe context
  - Maricopa County TRP Ordinance
  - Public comments
  - Stakeholder responses
  - Establishing a TMA
- Schedule

Robert Yabes asked the Commission if they supported moving forward with the direction of the Mobility Hubs/Transportation Demand Management and Transportation Management Association. Members made positive comments and were in general support.

**Agenda Item 4 – Transit Security Update**

Trent Luckow made a presentation about transit security fiscal year 2020/21. Topics included:

- Light Rail
  - Boardings
  - Types of offenses
  - Crimes at stations
- Bus
- Streetcar

Discussion topics included transit security and homelessness, lack of benches at some stops and data.

**Agenda Item 5 – Vision Zero**

Cathy Hollow and Ellie Volosin made a presentation about Vision Zero. Topics included:

- Traffic related tragedies
- Fatalities and serious injuries

- Vision Zero
- Action Plan
- Initiatives and goals
- Tracking
- Trends

Discussion included data, enforcement, 'No Right Turn on Red' signs, pedestrian leading, safety corridor sign intervals and traffic calming.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements**

None

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items**

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

- April 12
  - Bike Hero
  - Tempe Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide
  - Bus Operations Study
- May 10
  - Tempe Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide
  - Smith Road Bike Improvements
  - Regional/State Rail and BRT Update
- June 14
- July 12 - Canceled
- August 9
  - North/South Rail Spur MUP
  - Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
  - Ash/University Intersection & 1<sup>st</sup>/Ash/Rio Roundabout Traffic Data Counts Update
- September 13
  - ADA Transition Plan and recently completed ADA facilities
  - Transit Security Update FY 21/22
- October 11
  - Annual Report
  - Speed reduction, compliance rate, and tickets issued near the new "35 mph only when lights flashing" devices
- November 8
- December 13
- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- TBD: Bike Bait Program (once program resumes)
- TBD: Personal Delivery Devices

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022. The meeting was adjourned 9:07 a.m.

Prepared by: TaiAnna Yee and Sue Taaffe  
Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant (480-350-8663)  
**DATE:** April 12, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** 2022 Bike Hero Award



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## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memo is to request that the Commission select a recipient for the city's annual Bike Hero Award.

## **RECOMMENDATION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:**

Select a 2022 Bike Hero recipient.

## **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Tempe Bike Hero Award is to celebrate bicycling in Tempe, increase awareness of bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation, promote bicycling as an environmentally-friendly recreational activity and illustrate the dedication of Tempe residents and organizations to bicycling.

Award criteria include:

- Individuals who live or work in Tempe.
- Tempe-based organizations.
- Demonstration of how the nominee promotes bicycling in Tempe including listing his/her or the organization's achievements and contributions to bicycling along with specific instances of bicycle advocacy. Contributions that could qualify for the award include, but aren't limited to, the following:
  - demonstration of using a bicycle as a significant mode of transportation
  - consistent implementation of bike-friendly facilities at a business site
  - organization of bike events
  - bike-friendly elements in facility design
  - bike safety advocacy
  - youth involvement in bicycling
  - advocacy for bicycle-friendly roads

The recipient will be presented with the award at a future Tempe City Council meeting. Nominees include:

1. Hoss Rogers
2. Laura Mc Ghghy
3. Clinton Lepetich
4. Erin Boyd
5. Jeff Castlake
6. Garvit Nayyar
7. Tim McKinstry

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nominations

**City of Tempe  
Tempe Bike Hero Award Application**

To nominate a person or organization for the 2022 Tempe Bike Hero Award, please complete this form and provide the information requested below. If you wish to nominate more than one person/organization, please complete a form for each individual/organization that you wish to nominate.

**I am nominating the following person/organization for the Tempe Bike Hero Award:**

Name of Person/Organization Nominated: Hoss Rogers

Street Address: 1203 S. Judd St.

City: Tempe State: AZ Zip Code: 85281

Phone: (480)650-7821 E-mail: hoss@hossrogers.com

The nominee (check all that apply):

- Lives and/or works in Tempe
- Lived and/or worked in Tempe at time of contribution
- Is a Tempe based organization

Describe in no more than two pages why this person or organization should receive this award. Up to three additional supplemental pages are permitted. Supplements can include photos, newspaper articles, flyers or recommendations. Nominations will not be returned.

See attached

Nominated by: Nancy Puffer

Street Address: 1975 E. Drake Dr.

City: Tempe State: AZ Zip Code: 85283

Phone: (602) 818-8279 E-mail: nancy.puffer.az@gmail.com

March 18, 2022

My name is Nancy Puffer, and I first moved to Tempe 38 years ago. I'd like to nominate my friend and Tempe resident, Hoss Rogers, for the 2022 Tempe Bike Hero Award. The main reason why I'm nominating Hoss: he makes bicycling look cool.

I believe Hoss would be an excellent choice for the Bike Hero Award because of his longstanding commitment and enthusiasm for biking. He also provides outstanding visibility for biking in Tempe – through his photographs, videos, and creative participation, he makes biking look cool and inspires others to join in.

When thinking about Hoss as a bike hero, there are several things that stand out to me. First is his commitment to cycling. For 20+ years, Hoss has led a group road bike ride which he calls "The Friday Ride" every Friday morning, starting and ending in Tempe. Anyone is welcome to join, but the core group is primarily avid distance road bikers. They begin their ride by crossing the Mill Avenue bridge, follow a route north to Camelback/Paradise Valley, and return to Tempe over the Mill Avenue bridge. He has a website and Instagram page dedicated to The Friday Ride where he touts the Friday PV Hills ride as "Every Fricken Friday Morning." There are other rides he hosts on occasion, but the Friday Ride is the longest running scheduled ride. Hoss also takes amazing videos and photographs during these rides and posts them on Instagram, which really makes cycling – and cycling in Tempe, specifically – look very cool. He captures the cyclists passing through Tempe's downtown during beautiful sunrises, with the festive lights on the Mill Avenue Bridge, and occasionally dressed up in silly outfits and costumes. Last October, he dressed up as a Killer Bunny for the Friday Ride! The photos from that really captures Hoss' whimsical creativity and appeal to make cycling fun for everyone, whether you join the ride or simple enjoy the photos online.

The Friday Ride website: <http://www.thefridayride.com/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thefridayride/>

He also runs The Friday Ride group on Facebook.

The second thing that really captures Hoss' love of cycling is his collection of bicycles. For work, Hoss is a local silversmith who creates custom jewelry from his Tempe home-based studio. He keeps his collection of bikes in his studio, so anyone who comes to his studio to admire his jewelry also marvels at his bike collection. He loves to talk about his bikes and tell stories. He owns some historic bikes, including a vintage bicycle built-for-two, which he brought on a casual group ride with us last fall.

And finally, Hoss is an advocate for bike safety and bike-friendly roads by increasing public awareness through visual media and storytelling. Road biking comes with many hazards and Hoss is not afraid to document that as well. When a fellow cyclist has an accident due to road hazards, he captures the images and shares their story. By doing this, he increases public awareness of bike hazards in our community, which stretches of road should be avoided by bikers, and how the public can help make biking safer. As an example, he captured photos and told the story of a young rider who crashed when he caught his front wheel in the rail grooves in the pavement for the new streetcar on Mill Avenue. It wasn't an angry post, but rather a cautionary tale. It was a strong visual reminder of what can happen



when a rider is caught off guard by a road hazard and a reminder to city planners that bike safety needs to be incorporated into planning for multimodal spaces.

As a final note, Hoss also participates in local benefit rides and Tempe biking events.

Through his longstanding commitment and dedication to the show-and-tell of biking in Tempe, I believe Hoss deserves to be the 2022 Tempe Bike Hero.

Thank you!

Nancy Puffer  
1975 E. Drake Dr.  
Tempe, AZ 85283  
(602) 818-8279



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**I am nominating the following person/organization for the Tempe Bike Hero Award:**

Name of Person/Organization Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee (check all that apply):

- Lives and/or works in Tempe
- Lived and/or worked in Tempe at time of contribution
- Is a Tempe based organization

Describe in no more than two pages why this person or organization should receive this award. Up to three additional supplemental pages are permitted. Supplements can include photos, newspaper articles, flyers or recommendations. Nominations will not be returned.

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting this nomination for Laura McGhghy as the Tempe Bike Hero. Laura is a hero and inspiring in many ways and this is no exception. Laura inspires me through her positive attitude, her willingness to give back to the community and her strong work ethic and never quit mentality.

Laura works and lives in Tempe. Laura participates in many events (Iron Man, Triathlons, races for a cause (diabetes as an example)) which involve bicycle use. Laura is constantly training and riding her bicycle throughout Tempe.

Laura is also an avid runner. When running, if she notices branches in the bike lane, she will remove the branches to a safe area. If she is on a bike or in her car, she always uses her signals. When driving Laura provides at least 3 feet clearance to bike riders. When she is riding her bike, she wears bright colored clothes and makes noise to ensure she is noticed. Laura is very considerate and forward thinking in providing a safety-first environment for athletes of all types.

I believe Laura's kind hearted spirit and willingness to institute the small things a person can do can add so much value to our community. After all it is the small actions that lead to big improvements.

City of Tempe Tempe Bike Hero Award Application To nominate a person or organization for the 2012 Tempe Bike Hero Award, please complete this form and provide the information requested below. If you wish to nominate more than one person/organization, please complete a form for each individual/organization that you wish to nominate.

I am nominating the following person/organization for the Tempe Bike Hero Award:

Name of Person/Organization Nominated: Dr. Clinton Lepetich

Street Address: 7360 S. McClintock Dr.

City: Tempe State: AZ Zip Code: 85283

Phone: (480) 518-5682 E-mail: (if available) [Clint.lepetich@gmail.com](mailto:Clint.lepetich@gmail.com)

The nominee (check all that apply):

Lives and/or works in Tempe - Both lives and works in Tempe (also grew up)

Lived and/or worked in Tempe at time of contribution - Yes!

Is a Tempe based organization - Yes! Children's Dental Village is one of the oldest pediatric dental offices in the valley. Dr. Lepetich interned here and was inspired to become a pediatric dentist. After completing his residency in Loma Linda, CA he contacted Dr. Longfellow and Dr. Padilla and they hired him. He eventually bought Dr. Longfellow's half the practice a few years later when he retired.

Describe in no more than two pages why this person or organization should receive this award. Up to three additional supplemental pages are permitted. Supplements can include photos, newspaper articles, flyers or recommendations. Nominations will not be returned.

Nominated by: Michelle Lepetich

Street Address: PO Box 11416 City: Tempe

State: AZ Zip Code: 85284 Phone: (480) 277-6135 E-mail: (if available) [michelle.lepetich@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.lepetich@gmail.com)

I am nominating my husband Dr. Clinton Lepetich for the Bike Hero Award. He is definitely a bike hero to our family! He grew up riding bikes as a hobby and then used that hobby as an outlet to relieve stress and anxiety. He has taken that lifelong love for biking to inspire his children and teach them that they can accomplish the goals they set.

Dr. Lepetich grew up on a 2 acre urban farm right in the heart of south Tempe. The son of an east valley OBGYN and stay at home mom, He is a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and a graduate of Waggoner Elementary, Kyrene Middle School, Corona Del Sol High School and Arizona State University. When he was younger he said his bike gave him freedom. He spent a lot of time riding through south Tempe neighborhoods and participating in bike races with his father and brother. It became something the three of them bonded over. It continued to be a hobby he enjoyed celebrating with his father until his passing in 2019.

After graduating from Arizona State University Dr. Lepetich started dental school at ATSU and instantly knew he wanted to pursue pediatrics. We were married after his first year and started our family. The long hours and pressure of school and family were a new weight for him to carry. He instantly went to his bike to relieve that stress and would frequently take it out to the trails of South Mountain or the East Valley roads. We made an agreement that he needed to put this hobby high on his list of priorities as an outlet for his personal well being and a way to constantly push himself. That or it was just constant competition with his best friend Trent, but most likely both. Over the next few years he competed in

local road and mountain races. He pushed himself to new lengths and repeatedly shocked me over and over again. I remember being his support team for the 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo race. It was nonstop riding for over 24 hours. It was brutal and exhausting and he did it with the best attitude and didn't quit.

As I reflect on the last 12 years of our marriage through the ups and downs and 5 kids later those bicycles are ever present in my memory. I remember living in a tiny house that I don't think was even 1,000 sqft with our first two children, three dogs and a potbellied pig. We barely had room for ourselves but there was a road and mountain bike in our laundry room. I had to use some serious acrobatic skills to reach the washer and dryer. Now that our family has grown and we are setting down roots in Tempe our collection of bikes has grown, exponentially. It is something we do as a family. A way to push ourselves and support one another. We can be seen biking all over Tempe as a family. Him riding his Yuba cargo bike carrying 3 toddlers, a dog and bunch of snacks and water and the rest of us following in a pack. I really have no idea how he does that. But I don't think he loves anything more. He recently motivated us to set a goal of reaching 100 miles in a day. We worked at it slowly 20 miles one weekend, then 40 miles, 60 miles and last month we completed 100 miles in a day. This with 5 kids in tow. It was something I never imagined we would be able to do but we did it. Can you imagine being an 8 and 10 year old kid and accomplishing that so young? I cant wait to see what they can accomplish in the future with such an amazing role model. He even blew us all away last year when he finished an ultra marathon. He ran 100 miles over two days. It was the craziest thing I've ever seen him do and I hope he never does again! His car broke down a couple of years ago and he decided not to replace it. If the family car isn't available he bikes or runs. Its been three years of this and I think its here to stay!

Last year someone asked me what the best day of my life was. I thought for a moment and instantly thought of the day he got me out on the bike. I would always say no you just take the kids. But he finally convinced me to go. He put me, three kids and our dog in his Yuba and off we went. I will always remember looking up from the cargo bike, seeing everyone's calm smiling faces and feeling the cool wind blowing through my hair. We rode to Tempe Beach Park together and back. Stopping on the ASU campus with our children as we frequently do. I watched them walk around and play and imagined them as grown and in college. I will always be my very favorite day and marked it in my calendar as "live your life weekend" as a reminder to get out and see the amazing community we are so lucky to call home. I hope that when my children grown up and walk the grounds of ASU or ride their bikes through the Easy Valley they remember these very special times and how much joy it has brought to their lives and the importance of family and community.







## Tempe Bike Hero Award Application for Erin Boyd

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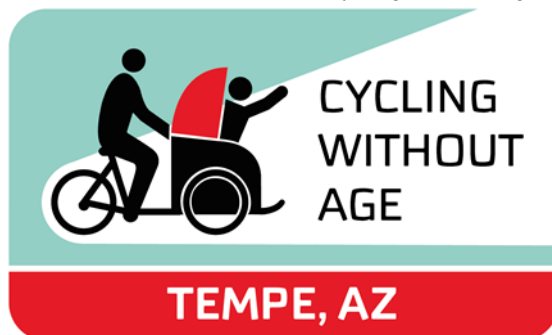
I would like to nominate Erin Boyd with Culdesac Tempe for this year's Bike Hero Award.

Ever since Erin arrived in Tempe she has been a champion for all things bikes! As head of business operations for Culdesac, a car free community under construction on Apache Blvd., Erin has embedded herself in Tempe and the bike community.



In addition to her work to make Culdesac a reality, here are some examples of activities that make her a great candidate for the 2022 Tempe Bike Hero:

- Co-founded a local chapter of Cycling Without Age



### **Cycling Without Age Tempe's**

mission is to "provide older adults with an opportunity to avoid social isolation and remain active in their community by taking them out on bike rides and allow them to feel the wind in their hair!"

Including securing funding from Microsoft, the AZ Lottery, Culdesac Tempe, and numerous private donors to purchase the \$11,000 first trishaw. [Article in Wrangler News.](#)



- Helped to organize a Tempe Inclusive Pedaling event to help raise money for Cycling Without Age
- Provided free rides at the Escalante Cinco de Mayo event this past fall as part of Cycling Without Age Tempe



- Is a driving force behind Cudesac's first project, Cudesac Tempe, scheduled to launch in September. Cudesac is a car-free rental apartment community described as a "five-minute city." It will house 1,000 people in competitively priced apartment buildings that are mostly one-bedroom units. The development includes restaurants, an independent grocery store, food trucks and even co-working spaces, all within a five-minute walk for residents.

The Cudesac team blends technology, real estate, and culture to reimagine daily life. From the Cudesac website: "As a team, we keep a pulse on our community and what they need. We ride our e-bikes to lunch,

host pop-ups on construction sites and make 16-acre cornstarch art pieces. We cultivate these relationships and bring our community closer together so they can experience the neighborhood they deserve.”

- Advocated for protected bike lanes Smith Road to connect the residents of Culdesac to Tempe Marketplace that the City Council has incorporated into the Capital Improvement Budget for this year.
- Is an competitive triathlete, recently competing in the Iron Man

To whom it may concern,

We the board members of the Tempe Bicycle Action Group are honored to nominate Jeff Caslake for the 2022 Tempe Bike Hero Award.

Jeff Caslake is an extraordinary human being and cyclist, to say the least. Jeff is the most active cyclist in the Tempe community, he volunteers his time and his knowledge of cycling with everyone he meets. He single handedly recruited more than half our current board!

His cheerful and optimistic ways draw strangers alike in to hear his stories and take in his wisdom. He attends every bicycle related meeting in the valley, from MAG meetings to distracted driving summit calls all while slathering the city with Tour de Fat posters and TBAG agendas. Jeff doesn't do this for glory, or fame- he doesn't lead rides or table at events for the money. He does everything from his heart because he genuinely cares about everyone. Having spent most of his life here he has seen the city and surrounding areas blossom with bike lanes and infrastructure and is a living google map- anywhere you want to go he can get you there via canal or bike lane.

During his daily rides he makes documentation of every crack, signage, and bike canal issue he sees and continuously reaches out to city planners and staff to keep them updated about the infrastructure and safety. Jeff is active in many group rides throughout each year, making sure there are rides for every age and skill level and that no one gets left behind. His wife often refers to him as the Tempe Bicycle Action Guy and we couldn't agree more. Jeff has been the driving force of this and many bike organizations for many years.

This year let's see a true Tempe cyclist win this honorable award. Please consider Jeff Castlake for this year's Bike Hero Award.

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Tempe Bike Hero Award Application**

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**I am nominating the following person/organization for the Tempe Bike Hero Award:**

Name of Person/Organization Nominated: Garvit Nayyar

Street Address: 4619 S. Oak Street

City: Tempe State: AZ Zip Code: 85282

Phone: 6232309469 E-mail: gn.garvit@gmail.com

The nominee (check all that apply):

- Lives and/or works in Tempe
- Lived and/or worked in Tempe at time of contribution
- Is a Tempe based organization

Describe in no more than two pages why this person or organization should receive this award. Up to three additional supplemental pages are permitted. Supplements can include photos, newspaper articles, flyers or recommendations. Nominations will not be returned.

Please find attached a separate document.

Nominated by: Dr. Jayashri Sarkar

Street Address: 4619 S. Oak Street

City: Tempe State: AZ Zip Code: 85282

Phone: 4802428506 E-mail: jayashrisarkar@gmail.com

## GARVIT NAYYAR TEMPE BIKE HERO NOMINATION 2022

*"She who succeeds in gaining the mastery of the bicycle, will gain the mastery of life." – Susan B. Anthony*

Heroes aren't always people who demonstrate valor in the face of adversity. There are heroes all around the world that demonstrate their heroism in the little things they do that make a big difference in this world. I believe Garvit Nayyar is one such individual that Tempe has who silently does his part in keeping Tempe beautiful.

Garvit is currently pursuing his master's in Mechanical Engineering. He is on a path to pursue his PhD in Polymer Engineering with emphasis on sustainability in recyclable plastics and additive management. He came to Arizona to pursue his bachelor's in mechanical engineering. Garvit was not accustomed to the Arizona heat and he avoided being in the heat by staying on campus and relying on uber for his commutes when needed. As a student, he realized that was not feasible for very long. In his sophomore year, he moved off campus to minimize his living expenses and for the first time invested in a bicycle for his commute.

He quickly realized why this mode of transportation served him well. It not only helped him save money but got him to be physically active and reduced his commute time from campus. Fast forward, into 2021, Garvit not only relies on his bike for commuting to campus – a 5-mile bike ride one way, but he also enjoys riding and rides around his neighborhood for fun. He has not only adjusted well to the Arizona heat, but he also now uses his bike as his extension to move around town effortlessly. Although biking started as a necessity for Garvit, he has embraced it and made it an essential part of his lifestyle. He has lost weight in the process, adopted a healthy diet by incorporating more proteins and vegetables. Biking keeps him physically and mentally active, allows him to enjoy the amazing weather year-round and in those hot summer months, helps him get out of the heat as quickly as possible. He bikes to the local grocery stores for his groceries or just about anything that he needs.

Garvit believes that a bicycle is a great mobility companion for a student. Commuting to school by bike while living off campus minimizes traffic, reduces air pollution, and supports locally owned bike businesses. He has encouraged many people to invest in a bike for their commute to school and work. During COVID, when most international undergraduate students left to the security of their homes, he stayed to find opportunities to progress in his studies. He has graduated with his Bachelors in Fall 2020, and he is now in the process of graduating with his masters and pursuing his PhD in the field of Polymer Engineering & sustainability. He aspires to make an impact on this world by keeping it clean and reducing the impact of plastics on the environment and on the air we breathe.

His PhD research lab is located in the ASU Polytechnic campus in Mesa, he combines cycling and transit (bus) to commute to work daily. He is always encouraging others to use a bike and stay active when commuting to work or going to the store. He has convinced several people including myself to start walking, biking, or taking transit to work. He continuously shows how easy and fast it is to get around town without a car. He wants more people in his communities to support more bike infrastructure, active transportation, and healthier lifestyles.

Outside of his work, Garvit grows an organic garden in his backyard where he grows organic produce like corn, eggplant, peas, bell peppers, parsley, collard greens, brussels sprouts, okra, cabbage, cauliflower, etc. over different seasons to improve air quality in Tempe. Going from using uber for commutes to riding a bike daily to work (roughly 10 miles a day) and championing biking as a lifestyle to those around him, Garvit has evolved into a bike hero over the years silently doing his part to ensure there is clean air for us to breathe and live a healthy lifestyle. I believe he presents a strong case to be considered as the Tempe Bike Hero for 2022.

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Name of Person/Organization Nominated: Tim McKinstry

Street Address: 4512 S. Kachina Dr.

City: Tempe State: AZ Zip Code: 85282

Phone: 480-209-9269 E-mail: timmckinstry@hotmail.com

The nominee (check all that apply):

- Lives and/or works in Tempe
- Lived and/or worked in Tempe at time of contribution
- Is a Tempe based organization

Describe in no more than two pages why this person or organization should receive this award. Up to three additional supplemental pages are permitted. Supplements can include photos, newspaper articles, flyers or recommendations. Nominations will not be returned.

I believe I should be the Tempe Bicycle Hero, because of my contribution to making the streets safer. I ride my bicycle in Tempe on a very regular basis 5100+ miles in the last 14.5 months. 99% of ALL of my rides start and end in Tempe. I use the 311 app to report unsafe road conditions directly affecting Auto, Pedestrian and Bicycle. I have submitted 100+ 311app requests for repair. Additionally I remove hazard from the road and bike lanes All the time. ☺

Nominated by: Self

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## Request to Nominate Representatives to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

The City of Tempe is beginning work on Tempe Tomorrow: General Plan 2050 (GP 2050), which will be a high-level policy document for the City to guide development for the time horizon 2023-2050.

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will be a group of representatives from Tempe's relevant boards and commissions, local partner organizations, and City staff to provide technical guidance, support, and assistance in the preparation of Tempe.

TAG will include representatives from the following Boards and Commissions.

1. Arts and Culture Commission
2. Aviation Commission
3. Board of Adjustment
4. Commission on Disability Concerns
5. Desert Conservation Commission
6. Development Review Commission
7. Historic Preservation Commission
8. Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board
9. Human Relations Commission
10. Joint Review Committee
11. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee
12. Neighborhood Advisory Commission
13. Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board
14. Sustainability and Resilience Commission
15. Transportation Commission
16. Veterans Commission

In addition, the TAG will include representatives from non-profit partner organizations (e.g., Downtown Tempe Authority, Tempe Chamber of Commerce, ASU etc.), which have interest in General Plan 2050.

A document describing the roles and responsibilities of TAG members is attached.



Please nominate two members from your board or commission, and organization to serve on the TAG and send the name of the members to Ambika Adhikari at [ambika\\_adhikari@tempe.gov](mailto:ambika_adhikari@tempe.gov).

We will include at least one member from each board and commission and partner organizations. When needed, we may invite the second member to TAG meetings to ensure representation, diversity, and inclusiveness.

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*If you have questions about the TAG, please contact Shauna Warner at [shauna\\_warner@tempe.gov](mailto:shauna_warner@tempe.gov), or Ambika Adhikari at [ambika\\_adhikari@tempe.gov](mailto:ambika_adhikari@tempe.gov)*



## General Plan 2050, Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

The City of Tempe has begun to work on the development of Tempe Tomorrow: General Plan 2050 (GP 2050). GP 2050 will be an overarching policy document for the City of Tempe incorporating community's vision and aspirations for managing growth in the long term. The time horizon for GP 2050 will be 2024-2050.

### **Purpose, Roles, and Responsibilities of the Technical Advisory Group**

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is a group of representatives from relevant boards and commissions of City of Tempe, non-profit partner organizations, and city staff from various departments that will provide technical guidance, support, and assistance to the City in the preparation of the Tempe Tomorrow – GP 2050. The TAG offers an opportunity for the members to be a vital part of planning Tempe's future.

The responsibilities for TAG members will include the following.

1. Represent the respective board, commission, or partner organization and provide input into the process of developing Tempe Tomorrow - GP 2050.
2. Attend regular meetings to discuss technical elements of the general plan and to offer input. Anticipated time period is August 2022 – December 2023.
3. Bring any important updates to the respective board, commission, and partner organization at their regular meetings, and seek any feedback or recommendations from them.
4. Be a liaison of the Tempe Tomorrow staff team with their respective board, commission, and partner organization for discussion, feedback, and input.
5. When desired, attend any monthly meetings of the Council-appointed Community Working Group (CWG) for the GP 2050. The CWG represents Tempe's larger resident and business community to guide the development the GP 2050.
6. Champion the GP 2050 in their boards, commissions, organization, and community when it gets scheduled to go to the Council hearing in 2023, and for citizen vote in 2024.

### **Boards and commissions to be represented in the TAG.**

1. Arts and Culture Commission
2. Aviation Commission

3. Board of Adjustment
4. Commission on Disability Concerns
5. Desert Conservation Commission
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**Partner organizations to be represented in the TAG will include:**

- Arizona State University
- Downtown Tempe Authority (DTA)
- Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) – transportation, and environment
- Tempe Chamber of Commerce
- Tempe Tourism Office

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# MEMORANDUM



TO: Transportation Commission  
FROM: Maria Laughner, Deputy Economic Development Director, (ex. 8527)  
DATE: 4/12/2022  
SUBJECT: Hayden Flour Mill Redevelopment

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In September the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the lease and development of approximately 5 acres of City-owned land comprising the Hayden Flour Mill located at the southeast corner of Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. On February 10 of this year, Tempe City Council awarded the RFP to the Venue Projects and Sunbelt Holdings development team, whose proposal demonstrated successful completion of high-density mixed-use developments and experience in developing multi-phase, multi-use historic preservation projects.

The land is at the base of the Hayden Butte Preserve and currently has one building, one structure, and multiple objects on the property, specifically a vacant mill building and grain silos. The mill building was constructed in 1918 and the silos were constructed in 1951. The site and structures are landmarks to the City and an integral part of the Community's history. The site is listed in the Tempe Historic Property Register and determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service and the structures hold a high symbolic value among Tempe residents. The site is also a vital link between the historic Tempe Downtown and burgeoning Tempe Town Lake.

Additionally, Tempe Butte, to include the Hayden Flour Mill property, is a Traditional Cultural Property and a known archaeological site. The proposal focuses on aspects that do the following:

- Mixed-use project that rehabilitates and reuses the mill building and silos in a manner that conforms to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.
- Preserve the Butte as a habitat for desert vegetation, wildlife and natural resources, including such features as natural washes, native vegetation, rock outcroppings, and archaeological and paleontological features in a manner sensitive to the Butte's current listing in the National Register of Historic Places while providing appropriate public access, including established trailheads.
- Develop below the existing disturbed portion of the Butte, roughly the 1,180 feet above mean sea level (AMSL) line with potential areas of undisturbed portions of the Butte along the rail cut and former quarry area.
- Incorporate significant archaeological features integrating both arts and cultural elements that tell the story of the property's rich history, represent the full diversity of Tempe's founding citizens, and respect the Butte's significance to the Oodham, Piipaash, and their Ancestors.
- Provide a creative and entrepreneurial use for the historic mill to house office space tenants that continue Downtown's diversification into a hub of creative knowledge works
- Provide plazas and courtyards to host events and hospitality opportunities for food and beverage.
- Provide rooftop activation concepts, taking advantage of direct views of Downtown Tempe, Mill Avenue bridge, and Tempe Town Lake.
- Sustainability elements to promote shade and energy efficiency.
- Open space and connectivity to promote walkability and integration with the other commercial areas in the plaza as well as a pedestrian connection to the Butte trail system.
- Design and development that promotes diversity, local identity, and opportunities for events and art.

Both Venue Projects and Sunbelt Holdings are locally based and communicated considerable knowledge and appreciation for the historic value of this site. They are looking to share with the commission their respective expertise and redevelopment

concepts in the development of this project. Their proposal incorporates a great deal of community involvement to preserve the view corridors, the history and cultural significance of the site for generations to come and are requesting input from the commission regarding community vision for the site.

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Tempe Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Cathy Hollow, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director  
**DATE:** April 12, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Future Agenda Items  
**ITEM #:** 7

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**PURPOSE:**

The Chair will request future agenda items from the Commission members.

**RECOMMENDATION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:**

This item is for information only.

- May 10
  - Tempe Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide
  - Regional/State Rail and BRT Update
  - Bus Operations Study
- June 14 - Canceled
- July 12 - Canceled
- August 9
  - Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
  - Ash/University Intersection & 1<sup>st</sup>/Ash/Rio Roundabout Traffic Data Counts Update
  - Grand Canal MUP
- September 13
  - ADA Transition Plan and recently completed ADA facilities
  - Smith Road Bike Improvements
  - North/South Rail Spur MUP
- October 11
  - Annual Report
  - Speed reduction, compliance, and tickets issued near “35 mph only when lights flashing” devices
  - Transit Security Update FY 21/22
- November 8
- December 13
- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- TBD: Bike Bait Program (once program resumes)
- TBD: Personal Delivery Devices