



Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission August 9, 2022

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 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:

Jeremy Browning
Susan Conklu
Brian Fellows
Alana Chavez Langdon
Bobbie Cassano
John Christoph

Pam Goronkin
David A. King
Amanda Nelson
JC Porter
Peter Schelstraete
David Sokolowski

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Dawn Hocking
Alice Bimrose
Paul Hubbell

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner
Tony Belleau, Transportation Planner
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Eric Iwersen, Interim Sustainability & Resilience Director
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager

Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Able Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Sam Stevenson, Interim Transit Manager
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Jill Bushbacher, Econ. Dev. Program Manager
Cathy Hollow, City Traffic Engineer
German Piedrahita, Senior Civil Engineer

Guests Present:

Hillary Foose
Helen Romesburg
Alexis Kinsey

Ray Carranza
Amy McNamara

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 May 10, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Second: Commissioner David Sokolowski

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 – Smith Road Improvements Apache to University

Jill Bushbacher and Ray Carranza made a presentation about the Smith Road Project. Topics included:

- Project area
- Purpose
- Background
- Meeting 1 recap
- Existing conditions
- 15% design conditions
- Next steps

Discussion included shade, low impact development, green water runoff, Smith/Rio Salado intersection, traffic calming for Escalante neighborhood, and lighting.

Agenda Item 4 – Bus Operations RFP

Sam Stevenson made a presentation about the bus operations request for proposals. Topics included:

- Transit program overview
- Chronology of bus service in Tempe
- Transit Investment Study key findings
- Next steps

Discussion included vendor incentives, control of local services, peer cities, transfers from city operated service to fixed route, farebox revenue, number of metrics and the benefit vs. risk of contracting service directly with the vendor.

Agenda Item 5 – Downtown Neighborhood Transportation Safety Plan

German Piedrahita made a presentation about the Downtown Neighborhood Transportation Safety Plan. Topics included:

- Project overview
- Explanation of data collection/methodology
- Findings: speed, volume
- Impacts by device
- Summary of public input
- Explanation of alternatives
- Voting rules & procedures
- Next steps

Discussion included ability for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel easily through devices, star diverters, and public comment process.

Agenda Item 6 – Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

Shelly Seyler introduced Keith Burke as the new Deputy City Manager.

Brian Fellows stated that the City of Phoenix received FHWA funds to travel to Tucson to look at bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

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

- September 13
 - Ash/University Intersection & 1st/Ash/Rio Roundabout Traffic Data Counts Update
 - Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
- October 11
 - Grand Canal MUP
 - Annual Report
 - Transit Security Update FY 21/22
- November 8
 - Annual Report
 - Transportation Survey Results
 - ADA Transition Plan and recently completed ADA facilities
 - Speed reduction, compliance, and tickets issued near “35 mph only when lights flashing” devices
- December 13
- January 10
 - Commission Business
 - Streetcar Update
 - North/South Rail Spur MUP
- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- TBD: Bike Bait (once program resumes)
- TBD: Personal Delivery Devices
- TBD: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022. The meeting was adjourned 8:56 a.m.

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Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler