



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

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, November 8, 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
Amanda Nelson
Dawn Hocking
Alice Bimrose
Paul Hubbell

Pam Goronkin
David A. King
John Christoph
JC Porter
Peter Schelstraete
David Sokolowski

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Bobbie Cassano
Alana Chavez Langdon
Brian Fellows

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Trent, Luckow, Sergeant
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager

Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Lyle Begiebing, Transportation Planner
Sam Stevenson, Senior Transportation Planner
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Tony Belleau, Transportation Planner
Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst

Guests Present: Kattie Boligitz

Commission Chair JC Porter called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval with one change under Agenda Item 7 – changing David King's name to David Sokolowski.

Motion: Commissioner Dawn Hocking

Second: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 – Annual Report

Shelly Seyler presented the 2022 Transportation Commission Annual Report including the 2023 Transportation Commission goals.

A motion was made for approval of the 2022 Annual Report while recognizing that staff will have to add the December attendance list to the report prior to sending it to the City Clerk.

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Agenda Item 4 – Streetcar Update

Tony Belleau provided an update about the Streetcar. Topics included:

- Route
- Ridership
- Next steps
- Extension study

Discussion included battery performance, vehicle delivery, improving headways in shared lanes, traffic signal optimization and the alternatives analysis.

Agenda Item 5 – Transit Security Update

Trent Luckow made a presentation about FY 21/22 transit security. Topics included:

- Light Rail ridership
- Light Rail security
- Bus security
- Allied Universal Security
- Tempe Streetcar
- Staffing shortages
- Types of violations

Discussion included McClintock and Apache area, additional funding for security, proactive policing along the Apache corridor, perceptions of the corridor, transit facilities along McClintock Drive and homeless outreach.

Agenda Item 6 – Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

John Christoph mentioned that he spoke to Councilmember Keating about his Council subcommittee addressing the idea of self-funding some Tempe bus routes if Proposition 400E is not on the ballot.

JC Porter stated that ASU purchased an electric coach bus to test throughout the year.

JC Porter thanked John Christoph for serving on the Commission and wished him luck in his future endeavors.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

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

- December 13
 1. Commission Business
 2. Transportation Survey Results
 3. McClintock Drive Paving Project Update
- January 10
 1. Commission Business
 2. Smith Road Improvements
- February 14
 1. Speed reduction, compliance, and tickets issued near “35 mph only when lights flashing” devices
 2. General Plan 2050 – Circulation Element
 3. Grand Canal Connection Project
- March 14
 1. Smith Road Improvements
 2. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
 3. Personal Delivery Devices
- April 11
 1. ADA Transition Plan and recently completed ADA facilities
- May 9
 1. North/South Bike/Ped Project
- June 13
- July 11
- August 14
- September 12
- October 10
- TBD: Bike Bait (once program resumes)

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022. The meeting was adjourned 8:40 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe
Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler