



Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission December 12, 2023

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 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:

Stevie Milne
JC Porter
Paul Hubbell
James Dwyer
Susan Conklu
Amanda Nelson
Robert Miller

Pam Goronkin
Brian Fellows
Peter Schelstraete
David King
Bobbie Cassano
Dawn Hocking

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alana Chavez Langdon
David Sokolowski

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Interim Engineering & Transportation Director
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Cathy Hollow, City Traffic Engineer
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Eric Iwersen, Sustainability and Resilience Director
Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Isaac Chavira, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Lyle Begiebing, Transportation Planner
Rebecca Rothman, Community Services Manager
Dan Filippino, Senior Transportation Planner

Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Sam Stevenson, Transit Manager
Chase Walman, Principal Planner
Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner
Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager
Mike Hayes, Lieutenant
Julian Dresang, City Engineer
Michelle Beckley, Senior Civil Engineer
Ellie Volosin, Senior Civil Engineer

Guests Present:

John Federico
Katie Boligtz
David Lucier

Commission Chair Amanda Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Katie Boligtz commented on the Kyrene, Roosevelt, Farmer Bike/Ped Project. She is in support of it and will use it on a daily basis.

David Lucier stated that he supports public transit and transportation. He also stated that he is running for City Council and that citizen participation is important.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Amanda Nelson introduced the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Bobbie Cassano

Second: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

Stevie Milne

JC Porter

Paul Hubbell

Susan Conklu

Amanda Nelson

Pam Goronkin

Brian Fellows

Peter Schelstraete

David King

Bobbie Cassano

Abstain: Robert Miller and Dawn Hocking

Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

Amanda Nelson thanked outgoing commissioners Bobbie Cassano, Brian Fellows, Susan Conklu and Alana Chavez-Langdon for their service. Commissioners Cassano, Fellows and Conklu all spoke about their experience on the Commission.

Agenda Item 4 – Mill Avenue Underpass Art

Rebecca Rothman provided an update on the Mill Avenue Underpass Art. Topics included:

- Considerations
- Artist selection process
- Concept
- Public Meeting
- Timeline

Discussion included materials, vandalism, and impacts to bicyclists.

Agenda Item 5 - Kyrene Roosevelt Farmer Bike/Ped Project

Lyle Begiebing made a presentation on the status of the Kyrene, Roosevelt, Farmer Bike/Ped Project. Topics included:

- Proposed improvements
- Public outreach
- Dwight Park connection alternatives
- Neighborhood Survey
- Next steps

Discussion included vehicle turns at Baseline Road, Dwight Park, size of pathway, and decomposed granite along other pathway projects.

Agenda Item 6 – Roundabouts

Ellie Volosin and Michelle Beckley updated that Commission on the McKellips and College roundabout design and the crash data at the Grove Parkway and Priest Drive roundabout. Topics included:

- Overview of both roundabouts
- Design of the McKellips and College roundabout
- Next steps for the McKellips and College roundabout
- Crash data at the Grove Parkway and Priest Drive roundabout
- Future improvements at the Grove Parkway and Priest Drive roundabout

Discussion included sharrows and pavement treatments.

Agenda Item 7 - No Right Turn On Red

Cathy Hollow stated that staff researched uses and policies of neighboring cities regarding no right on red with a “red ball” signage. Neighboring cities have various uses and, at this time, staff does not recommend changing existing signage, but to consider future usage.

Agenda Item 8 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Brian Fellows stated that Phoenix’s Downtown Bike Study is almost complete and protected bike lanes will be added from 3rd Street to Roosevelt.

Agenda Item 9– Future Agenda Items

Brian Fellows requested that a presentation about speed data since the completion of the Alameda Drive Streetscape Project be made.

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

- January 9
 1. Commission Business
 2. Transit Program Update / Transit Satisfaction Performance Measure / Flash / Adding Dedicated Transit Lanes
 3. CIP Update
 4. All Pedestrian Phase Signal Mill Avenue and Fifth Street
 5. Vision Zero
- February 13
 1. Country Club Way Bike/Ped Bridge over UPRR
 2. Prop 400 E
 3. Scooter Corrals in Downtown
- March 12
 1. TMA/TDM, Personal Delivery Devices
 2. Traffic Bureau Update
 3. Available Public and ADA Parking Spaces in Downtown
 4. Protected Bike Lanes and How They Are Prioritized
- April 9
 1. Bike Hero
- May 14
- June 11
 1. Transportation Master Plan & Transportation Equity
 2. College and University Underpass Project
- July 9
- August 13
- TBD: Western Canal (48th Street to I-10)

- TBD: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024. The meeting was adjourned 8:27 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler