



Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission June 11, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. via Webex and at the Tempe Transportation Center located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe AZ 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Paul Hubbell
David Sokolowski
Stevie Milne
Dawn Hocking
Amanda Nelson

Peter Schelstraete
Robert Miller
Claire Lauer
Jacob Cox

(MEMBERS) Absent:

JC Porter
Pam Goronkin
David King
Kelsey Files
James Dwyer
Anthony Strait

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Transportation & Sustainability Director
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Cathy Hollow, City Traffic Engineer
Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Morgan Kennedy, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Mary Kate Nacke, Public Information Officer
Liz Mieth, TS Services Specialist

Chase Walman, Principal Planner
Sam Stevenson, Transit Manager
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Mike Hayes, Lieutenant
Kip Carroll, Transportation Maintenance Manager
Dan Filippino, Senior Transportation Planner
Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner

Guests Present:

John Federico
Katie Boligitz
Ali Poulous
Michael LaBianca
Terry Gruver
Brian Pessaro
Marty Ziech

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Katie Boligitz spoke about agenda items 3 and 5. She stated that she is in support of the reduction of speed limits, but would prefer infrastructure changes as well. She also stated that she is in support of the streetcar extension route and any future extensions.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Amanda Nelson introduced the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Second: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 – Proposed Speed Limit Changes

Cathy Hollow presented the public comments related to the proposed speed limit changes. Topics included:

- Timeline
- Proposed changes
- Public outreach
- Public comments
- Next steps

Discussion included College Avenue and whether the speed limit needs to be reduced, how the comments were compiled, and that there was not an opportunity to vote on just one of the four corridors.

A motion was made to forward the public comments regarding the proposed speed limit changes to the Tempe City Council.

Motion: Commissioner Robert Miller

Second: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

Paul Hubbell
David Sokolowski
Stevie Milne
Dawn Hocking

Amanda Nelson
Robert Miller
Claire Lauer
Jacob Cox

Abstained: Peter Schelstraete

Agenda Item 4 – MAG Design Assistance Grant

Lindsay Post provided an update on the Western Canal from I-10 to 48th Street Project. Topics included:

- Program overview
- Current efforts
- Next steps

Discussion included timeline from submission to opening.

A motion was made to approve the submission of the Western Canal I-10 to 48th Street project for a MAG Assistance Design Grant.

Motion: Commissioner Robert Miller

Second: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 5 – Streetcar Extension

Brian Pessaro with Valley Metro provided an update on the streetcar extension project. Topics included:

- High-capacity transit system
- Streetcar and study overview
- Study purpose and need
- Evaluation criteria
- Track location options
- Stop area locations
- Next steps

Discussion included the route and future extensions to Southern Avenue and connections between Temep Marketplace and Mesa Riverview.

Agenda Item 6 – CIP Updates

Shelly Seyler provided an update on the 5-year CIP. Topics included:

- Transit CIP
- Transportation and ROW CIP
- Traffic Signals & Streetlight CIP

Discussion included ITS, bus stops and shelters, bus pullouts and no right hand turn on red at freeway exits.

Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

None

Agenda Item 8– Future Agenda Items

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

- July 9 – Cancelled
- August 13
 - Back to School Campaign - Neighborhoods and PIO
 - Terrace and Rural Intersection
 - Public Art Mill Underpass
- September 10
 - Vision Zero Update
 - TMA/TDM, Personal Delivery Devices
 - College and University Underpass Project
- October 8
 - Transit Prioritization Strategies
 - Discussion about possible joint meeting with Sustainability Commission
 - Prop 479
- November 12
 - Annual Report
 - 2024 Transportation Survey Results
 - Transportation Master Plan & Transportation Equity
- December 10
- January 14
 - Commission Business
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
 - Bike Hero
- TBD: Alameda Drive Streetscape Project (before and after) & Speed Data
- TBD: Transit Revenue Study

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2024. The meeting ended at 8:20 a.m. due to lack of a quorum.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe
Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler