



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission March 8, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 7:30 a.m., at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Pam Goronkin	Kevin Olson – via phone
Ryan Guzy	Cyndi Streid
Bonnie Gerepka	Lloyd Thomas
Don Cassano (Chair)	Susan Conklu
Philip Luna	Charles Huellmantel
Jeremy Browning	Shereen Lerner
Brian Fellows	Charles Redman
Peter Schelstraete	

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director	Mike Nevarez, Transit Manager
Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner	Laura Kajfez, Neighborhoods Services Specialist
Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor	

Guests Present:

Jeff Adams, resident
JC Porter, ASU
Radu Nan, Kittelson & Associates
Donna Lewandowski, ASU

Commission Chair Don Cassano called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Chair Cassano introduced the minutes of the Feb. 9, 2016 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner Cyndi Streid

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – City Budget Long-Range Financial Forecast and CIP Update

Ken Jones presented information on the City Long-Range Financial Forecast process and the state of the transit and Highway User Revenue (HURF) funds. The City Council is currently reviewing all CIP requests with a budget adoption scheduled for June. The transit fund includes operations of the future streetcar project, but no capital costs for the project. The fund also takes into account the payoff of debt. Overall, the fund is trending in a positive direction. The HURF fund is 90 percent funded by state highway revenues. The HURF fund is also trending in a positive direction, and in FY 16/17 money will be spent on arterial street repairs.

The Commission discussed having a trend analysis of past budget forecast projections in comparison to the current projections. Ken stated that was something he could bring to a future financial forecast meeting in FY 16/17.

Agenda Item 4 - McClintock Drive Bike Lanes

Shelly Seyler presented data regarding McClintock Drive between Broadway and Guadalupe roads as it relates to the paving project and installation of bicycle lanes that occurred in summer 2015. Data presented included:

- Traffic Volumes on McClintock and Rural
- Traffic Signal Timing
- Crash Data
- Emission Impacts
- Bicycle Counts
- Public Comments

The Commission discussed and asked questions of staff regarding the following:

- comparison of data between 2012 and 2014;
- peak travel times;
- signal timing adjustments;
- increase in traffic volumes city wide;
- crash data and severity of crashes;
- impact of ASU students on traffic congestion and bicycling;
- possibility of McClintock Drive being used as a means to bypass Loop 101 to get to US 60;
- bike counts;
- time period for which the data was collected;
- existing gaps in the bike lanes on McClintock Drive;
- inclusion of multi-modal options in the General Plan 2040 and transportation Master Plan; and
- need for an educational campaign to help drivers navigate the turn lanes and candlesticks.

Chair Cassano asked for a motion regarding McClintock Drive. A motion was made to keep the striping in its current configuration until more data is available and an educational outreach campaign is completed.

Motion: Commissioner Susan Conklu

Second: Commissioner Cyndi Streid

Decision: Approved.

Agenda Item 5 – Bike Share

Eric Iwersen presented information related to the implementation and efforts regarding the regional bike share program, GR:D, and associated impacts to changing the Zoning and Development Code to allow for advertising on the Tempe portion of the Bike Share Program. Eric presented information on the following questions that were asked of staff at the City Council meeting held in January 2016:

- Advertising on Tempe system
- Opportunities for low income residents
- Option for an all-day pass
- Minimum age to use system
- Revenue from Phoenix GR:D system

The Commission discussed if the City Council was going to allow advertising on the Tempe system, low income and youth participation in the program, kiosks, out of hub fees and station locations.

Eric stated that a revised proposed bike share station location map is being developed and a public meeting will be held March 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Don Cassano Room.

Agenda Item 6 – Department and Regional Transportation Updates

Sue Taaffe mentioned the three Bike Month events for April and said she would email the Commission with dates for each event.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

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

- BIKEiT Seat Route (April)
- Urban Forest (April)
- Fifth Street Streetscape Project (May)
- McClintock @ Rio Salado Underpass (May)
- Bus Unification Update (May)
- Highline Canal Multi-use Path (May)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Signal Activate Operations Update (June)
- MAG Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ, ITS) and Pedestrian Design Assistance Grants (June)
- Western Canal Multi-use Path Extension (August)
- North/South Railroad Spur Multi-Use Path (August)
- Market research survey (November)
- Long-Range Forecast Presentation (November)

The April 5, 2016 meeting has been cancelled. The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen