



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission April 11, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:30 a.m., at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

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| Ryan Guzy | Lloyd Thomas |
| Shereen Lerner | Susan Conklu |
| Brian Fellows | Kevin Olson |
| Charles Redman | Cyndi Streid |
| Jeremy Browning | Shana Ellis |
| Nigel A.L. Brooks | Charles Huellmantel |
| Bonnie Gerepka | Paul Hubbell |

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Don Cassano (Chair)

City Staff Present:

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| Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director | Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst |
| Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor | Laura Kajfez, Neighborhoods Services Specialist |
| Chase Walman, Transportation Planner | Mike Nevarez, Transit Manager |
| Robert Yabes, Principal Planner | Mackenzie Keller, Public Information Officer |
| Sam Stevenson, Senior Planner | Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer |
| Scott Balck, Transportation Facilities Supervisor | |

Guests Present:

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| John Federico, resident | Jason Harington, Harington Planning and Design |
| Nicolas Smart, resident | Tristan Black, resident |
| JC Porter, Arizona State University | |

Commission Vice Chair Guzy called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Vice Chair Guzy introduced the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Charles Huellmantel

Second: Commissioner Kevin Olson

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

Vice Chair Guzy introduced newly appointed Commissioner Paul Hubbell. Commissioner Hubbell provided a brief background of his experience. The Commissioners introduced themselves to Commissioner Hubbell.

Agenda Item 4 – McClintock at Rio Salado MUP Underpass

Robert Yabes made a presentation about the design concepts for the underpass at McClintock Drive and the Rio Salado multi-use path. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Overview
- Funding
- Existing Conditions
- Design Alternatives
- Public Outreach

The Commission asked the following questions, and staff responded as follows:

- How does working with the Army Corps of Engineers affect the project and alternatives? Both alternatives require the approval of the Army Corps of Engineers, but staff does not expect any significant comments from them since both alternatives have minor impacts to the area.
- Can President Trump cut the funding? There is always a chance.
- Will the Army Corps of Engineers have concerns about the trees along the lake? All the trees are on private property and the project will not affect existing trees.
- Is there a design preference that does not damage the levee and habitat as much? Yes, 1B affects the levee less by cutting into the area by eight feet.
- Why is no additional seating proposed for the east side of the bridge similar to the plaza on the west side? The land on the east side is owned by Tempe Marketplace not the city. However, this could always be added later as part of an agreement with Tempe Marketplace.

A motion was made to support design alternative 1.

Motion: Commissioner Charles Huellmantel

Second: Commissioner Kevin Olson

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 5 – Country Club Way Bike/Ped Project

Robert Yabes, Brian Fellows and Jason Harrington provided an overview of the design concepts for the Country Club Way Bike/Ped project. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Overview
- Funding
- Existing Conditions
- Opportunities and Strengths
- Design Concepts
- Public Outreach

The Commission asked the following questions, and staff responded as follows:

- What is the funding that staff is applying for in August? Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding for 2021-2023.

- Has staff discussed the bridge concept with the police department? Staff has not discussed the idea of an underpass or bridge with the Tempe Police Department. Staff did consider building a bridge over the railroad tracks, but the preferred design option is constructing an underpass 18 feet underground rather than 28 feet above the tracks.
- How long in length would the underpass be under the railroad? 98 feet.
- Is that railroad abandoned in that area? Yes.

Agenda Item 6 – ASU Bike Registry Outreach Efforts

JC Porter with Arizona State University discussed ASU's bike registry program. Topics of discussion included:

- Bike Valets
- Card Access Bike Storage
- Online Registration
- Abandoned bicycles

The Commission asked the following questions, and JC Porter responded as follows:

- Do students need to register each year? The registration is valid for five years.
- How does ASU coordinate with the Tempe Police Department? ASU Police Department coordinates with the Tempe Police Department regularly and both are looking at integrating their two systems.
- How long does ASU give the bike owner before cutting the bike lock from an unauthorized location on campus? One to two hours and then the bike is removed if they do not remove it.

Agenda Item 7 – Maintenance of Multi-use Paths and Bus Stops

Mike Nevarez discussed the maintenance schedule and other aspects of Tempe's multi-use paths, bus stops, facilities and right-of-way maintenance.

The Commission asked the following questions, and staff responded as follows:

- What is the best way to report a problem? Calling 350-4311.
- How does Tempe handle shopping carts left at bus stops? Passengers should call 350-4311 or the contractor who cleans the shelters will relocate the shopping carts back to the business.
- Does the terrazzo flooring near the elevators require special maintenance? Not normally, but that type of material is made to be high gloss and indoors. It is scheduled to be replaced in 2018.

Agenda Item 8 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Shelly Seyler introduced new staff member Sam Stevenson, who will be working in transit operations.

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

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

- May 9
 - Streetcar
 - DTA Update
 - Tempe Involving the Public Plan
 - MAG Design Grant Applications
 - First, Ash, Rio Salado Parkway Realignment Concepts
- June 13
 - McClintock Drive
 - Road Construction Traffic Mitigation
- July 11
 - Autonomous Vehicles

- Western Canal Expansion MUP Final Design
 - Highline Canal MUP Final Design
- August 8
 - Leading vs. Lagging Left Turn Signals
 - Bus Security Program
 - Plan for Expansion of Bicycle/Pedestrian Paths
 - Streetcar
- September 12
 - Fifth Street Project Update
 - Annual Report
 - North/South Railroad Spur MUP
- October 10
 - Annual Report
 - Alameda Drive
- November 12
 - Bike Share Update
 - Streetcar
 - Speed Limits
- December 12
- TBD: Bicycle/Pedestrian Signal Activate Operations Update
- TBD: Small Area Transportation Study
- TBD: Prop 500

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler