



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission January 9, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 7:30 a.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Ryan Guzy (Chair)
Paul Hubbell
Jeremy Browning
Nigel A.L. Brooks
Cyndi Streid
Susan Conklu (via phone)
Charles Huellmantel

Don Cassano
Kevin Olson
Shana Ellis
Lloyd Thomas (via phone)
Brian Fellows
Charles Redman

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Shereen Lerner
Bonnie Gerepka

City Staff Present:

Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director
Tony Belleau, Transportation Planner
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner

Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer

Guests Present:

John Federico, resident
Amy McNamara, resident
JC Porter, ASU

Commission Chair 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 November 14, 2017 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Kevin Olson

Second: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

Chair Cassano asked for a motion for the Transportation Commission to select the position of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017. A motion was made to select Ryan Guzy as Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Susan Conklu

Second: Commissioner Nigel A.L. Brooks

Decision: Approved.

A motion was made to select Shana Ellis as Vice-Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Kevin Olsen

Second: Commissioner Nigel A.L. Brooks

Decision: Approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Bike Hero Award

The Commission discussed the 2018 Bike Hero Award nominations. Staff mentioned that in an effort to garner more attention, nominations for 2019 would occur in April during Bike Month. Chair Guzy asked for a motion for the 2018 Bike Hero. A motion was made to nominate JC Porter.

Motion: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Second: Commissioner Nigel A.L. Brooks

Decision: Approved.

Agenda Item 5 – Vision Zero

Julian Dresang made a presentation about Vision Zero. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Data
- Next Steps

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- Does staff have a breakdown of the crash data by vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian? Staff responded yes and that we can provide that to the Commission via email.
- A suggestion was made to clarify that ADOT data on the freeway system is not included in the presentation.
- There was discussion as to what direction staff was looking to get from the Commission and Council. It was stated that it is difficult to approve this concept without a plan to understand the financial implications. Other Commissioners stated that taking this first step and then reviewing the actual plan at a later date is acceptable.
- A concern was mentioned about ordinances related to bicyclists in crosswalks. Staff stated that bicyclists can use the crosswalk but they must dismount and cross like a pedestrian.
- Has this concept already been approved by the Council? Staff responded that Council has adopted a performance measure for zero fatalities and serious injury crashes and this is the step that connects the Vision Zero concept and framework to that performance measure.
- A request was made to have this topic be a future agenda item.
- Will there be a task force? Staff said that yes there will be a stakeholder group comprised of residents, emergency responders, engineers, health care professional, schools and ASU to name a few.

- A statement was made that this program seems more about awareness than infrastructure. Staff stated that there could be possible changes to streets and funding would be requested through the Capital Improvement Program.

A motion was made to support the Vision Zero concept.

Motion: Commissioner Charles Huellmantel

Second: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Decision: Approved.

Agenda Item 6 – Fifth Street Streetscape Project

Eric Iwersen made a presentation about the Fifth Street Streetscape Project. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project limits and context
- Project history
- Community outreach
- Design goals
- 2017 concept
- Design treatments
- Next steps

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- Glad to see that angled parking would be included. Was any consideration given to congestion parking? Staff said that there is variable pricing for structures based on the time of day but not for short-term on street parking.
- Are the palm trees more of a gateway treatment than to provide shade? Staff responded yes and that additional trees will be planted in between the palm trees.
- Why is Option B being considered since it contradicts Vision Zero? It was also mentioned that Option A is more bicyclist and pedestrian friendly. Staff said that all designs are bring presented to give a range of options.
- Do any of these deign options address the concerns made by the Mission Palms? Staff responded yes.
- Are there things that can be done in the parking lot of Mission Palms to alleviate cut through traffic without selecting Option B. Staff said yes.
- How do the bikes cross the intersection of Fifth and College? Staff said that they will look at that issue.
- Will the median be a vertical or mounted? Staff stated that it will likely be a combination.

A motion was made to support design Option A which is consistent with the Vision Zero goal.

Motion: Commissioner Charles Huellmantel

Second: Commissioner Kevin Olson

Decision: Approved.

Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Sue Taaffe introduced TaiAnna Yee who is the public information officer for transportation.

Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items

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

- February 13

- North/South Railroad Spur MUP
- FY 18/19 Paid Media Plan
- Prop 500
- Speed Limits
- Streetcar
- March 13
 - Capital Improvement Project Update
 - Alameda Drive Streetscape
 - Upstream Dam Bridge
- April 10
 - Crash Data, Enforcement and Texting
- May 8
 - MAG Design Assistance Grants
- June 12
 - Streetcar
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
 - Annual Report
- October 9
- November 13
 - Orbit Saturn
- December 11

Commissioner Ellis requested that the crash data agenda item include intersections that are shared with adjacent cities. Chair Guzy requested that information about ordinances as related to bicycles and pedestrians be included in a future agenda topic along with the signal sequencing for bicycles and pedestrians at intersections.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler and Eric Iwersen