



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission March 13, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, March 13, 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)	Brian Fellows
Paul Hubbell	Shana Ellis
Jeremy Browning	Lloyd Thomas (via phone)
Nigel A.L. Brooks	Charles Redman
Susan Conklu	Bonnie Gerepka

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Charles Huellmantel	Kevin Olson
Don Cassano	Shereen Lerner
Cyndi Streid	

City Staff Present:

Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager	Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director	Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Design & Construction Manager	Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist	TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Jim Peterson, Lieutenant	Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer
Steve Carbajal, Sergeant	

Guests Present:

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

Commission Chair Guzy called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Chair Guzy introduced the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Second: Commissioner Nigel A.L. Brooks

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Crash Data and Enforcement of Texting

Julian Dresang, Lieutenant Peterson, and Sergeant Carbajal made a presentation about crash data, enforcement and texting. Topics of the presentation included:

- High crash locations
 - Sources of data
 - Network screening
 - Time of day crashes
 - Non-injury vs. injury crashes
 - Collisions
 - Fatalities
 - Data analysis
 - Heat maps
- Counter measures
- Distracted driving/ texting ordinance

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- Were additional LED lights added at Baseline and Hardy? Staff could not recall but would provide the Commission with this information at a later date.
- What percentage of crashes involved an impaired driver, bicyclist or pedestrian? Bicyclists and pedestrians are over represented compared to the number of miles driven by a motorist. About 50% of fatal crashes typically involve at least one impaired party.
- Lower speeds, better lighting and narrower roadways make for safer travelling conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- What impact does jaywalking have on crashes? It varies depending on location and conditions.
- How does the city define distraction and do stationary GPS devices apply? No, only a mobile electronic device applies to City Code Sec. 19-55.
- On slide 11, why did the number of inattention/distractions decrease? Officers began coding the distraction more specifically by selecting “speed too fast for conditions” or “failed to yield right of way.”
- How has the removal of red light cameras affected crashes? While there is before and after data it is not definitive that red light cameras reduce crashes.
- Did the staffing levels of the Police Department change after the red-light cameras were removed? No. Staffing levels remain the same and officers use data to identify locations for monitoring and resource allocation..
- Do freeway crashes affect Tempe streets? It depends on the situation. For instance, if US 60 is closed due to a crash it may affect traffic volumes on Southern or Baseline which could result in a crash.

Agenda Item 4 – Fiscal Year 2018/19 Capital Improvement Program Update

Shelly Seyler made a presentation about FY 2018/19 Transportation-related Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Topics of the presentation included:

- Public meeting/timeline
- CIP criteria
- Projects
 - Improvement
 - Maintenance
 - Multi-use path
 - Streetscape

- Transit Fund
- Highway User Revenue Fund

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- What is the fiber optic communication item? Currently the City uses leased lines to connect and communicate with some signals in the city. By installing fiber, the city is able to reduce the number of leased lines which results in cost savings as well as increases reliability in communications.
- What improvements will be made at University and Ash as part of the Streetcar Project? Any changes would likely be part of a separate project and not associated with the Streetcar. Staff will continue to study the intersection.
- Will maintenance issues like drainage be addressed along the canals? Yes, issues like this are considered as part of the CIP.
- Will additional funding for the Transportation Master Plan and Vision Zero be included in future CIP submittals? Projects included in the Transportation Master Plan would likely be transit funded or constructed with existing maintenance projects such as mill and overlays when the construction is related to installation of bike lanes not involving major construction. For major projects, grant funding would need to be considered and public involvement would be needed. At this time, there is no specific funding slated for Vision Zero beyond the safety improvements identified in the CIP.

Agenda Item 5 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Shelly Seyler stated the staff liaison of the Transportation Commission has transitioned from Eric Iwersen to Sue Taaffe. Shelly will continue to be the primary point of contact.

Agenda Item 6 - Future Agenda Items

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

- March 13
- April 10
 - Dockless Bike Share Right-Of-Way Use License
 - Setting Speed Limits
 - Streetcar
 - Upstream Dam Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge
 - Ordinances Related to Bicycles and Pedestrians
- May 8
 - MAG Design Assistance Grants
 - DTA Update
 - Fifth Street Streetscape
 - Bike Boulevards
- June 12
 - Streetcar
 - Signal Sequencing for Bicycles and Pedestrians
- July 10
- August 14
 - Transit Security Update
- September 11
 - Annual Report
 - Alameda Drive Streetscape
 - North/South Railroad Spur MUP

- October 9
 - Annual Report
- November 13
 - Orbit Saturn
 - Transit Resident Survey Results
- December 11
- TBD: Vision Zero
- TBD: Bus system performance report

Commissioners requested that information the following topics be shared at a future meeting:

- Bike Month Recap
- McClintock Drive Reconfiguration Data
- BRT and Prop 500 Updates

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler