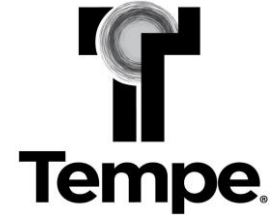# SMITH INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION HUB STAKEHOLDERS MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, June 28, 2018
Hilton Garden Inn
2102 E. Rio Salado Parkway
Tempe, Arizona.

ATTENDEES REPRESENTING THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS/COMPANIES:

Phil's Lawnmower Repair LLC	GMA Manufacturing	I.R.E.S.
The Kadrie Building LLC	Grabber Power Products	Printing Specialists
Daum Commercial	Sundt Construction	Classic Gold Auto
Arizona Pneumatic	101 Motors	Paw Creek LLC
Adams Machinery	Tepcon	NRI
Marcus & Millichap	Garrett Development	Arizona Import Specialists
Group Imaging	48 Development Company	Discovery Triangle Development Corp
Precision Fleet Services	Pegasus Investment Properties	

CITY OF TEMPE STAFF PRESENT:

Jill Buschbacher, Economic Development Program Manager
Maria Laughner, Economic Development Program Manager
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager, Public Works

Chad Weaver, Community Development Director
Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner

1. INTRODUCTIONS

City staff introduced themselves. They were: Jill Buschbacher, Economic Development Program Manager, Maria Laughner, Economic Development Program Manager, Chad Weaver, Community Development Director, Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner with Community Development and Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager for Public Works.

2. INNOVATION HUB PRESENTATION

City staff presented the Innovation Hub Initiative. This is an initiative in which the City of Tempe
will attract/grow employment, redevelopment, creatives, enhance connectivity, and bring educators and businesses together
to grow their talent pipeline in 8 Key employment corridors across the community. (see map in presentation at Smith Hub webpage)

3. TRANSIT DISCUSSION

Key themes expressed by attendees were:

- Concern about traffic congestion moving goods and services in and out of the area, so adding new users may compound this issue
- Need new sidewalks and lighting to make the area safer
- Suggestion that a new Orbit bus route be implemented to help with moving people in and through the area instead of funding a more costly streetcar extension.
- Safety concerns about loading and moving trucks onto access road at Price/101.
- Questions about what traffic studies were required in order for largest recent developments to be approved. Staff will provide studies for Market Station and Tempe Market Place as requested. The City does require traffic studies for larger developments.
- Some businesses in this area may not need to increase access for customers as they do not have walk-in or storefront operations
- Concern that expansion of streetcar on the north end of the area may result in condemnation of private property

- City has long term plans to extend bike paths throughout the community and hopes to add bike paths to this area as funding is identified
- Safety concerns about pedestrians that use Perry or Smith Road now to walk through area to get to and from Tempe Marketplace as roads are narrow and lack sidewalks
- City has funding to extend Bus Route 48, which will serve part of this area.
- Question about the City's requirement to include public art investment in new developments; This is City policy and is required for projects exceeding 50,000 square feet. See the Art in Public Development Ordinance at: https://library.municode.com/az/tempe/codes/zoning_and_development_code?nodeId=ZONING_DEVELOPMENT_CODE_AP_APXDARPRDE

5. **ASSOCIATION/FOLLOW-UP MEETING**

   Staff asked attendees if they were interested in meeting again to continue the discussion and more than half confirmed that they would meet again. Jill Buschbacher advised that she will contact the attendees to coordinate a follow-up meeting and help the group establish a group/association.

6. **FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:**

   - Transit studies to be provided separately via email to attendees by 7/13/18.

   - Meeting presentation will be posted to the Smith Hub website by 7/11/18.

   - Attendees can provide additional comments at the Smith Hub webpage and take a survey at the following link:

     o https://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/public-works/transportation/smith-industrial-innovation-hub

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