

Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission January 8, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7:30 a.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Conklu

Jeremy Browning

JC Porter

Paul Hubbell

David A. King (via phone)

John Kissinger

Pam Goronkin

Brian Fellows (Chair)

Lloyd Thomas (via phone)

Shana Ellis

Cyndi Streid

Ryan Guzy

John Federico

Peter Schelstrete

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Bonnie Gerepka

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director Vanessa Spartan, Planner II Chase Walman, Planner II TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor Robert Yabes, Principal Planner Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner

Guests Present:

Jason Simmers

Commission Chair Ryan Guzy called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Commission Chair Ryan Guzy introduced the minutes of December 11, 2018 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Hubbell **Second:** Commissioner Cyndi Streid

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu Brian Fellows (Chair)
Jeremy Browning Lloyd Thomas (via phone)

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Agenda Item 3 - Commission Business

Chair Guzy asked for a motion for the Transportation Commission to select the position of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2019. A motion was made to select Brian Fellows as Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Susan Conklu **Second:** Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu Brian Fellows

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

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin **Second:** Commissioner Cyndi Streid **Decision:** Shana Ellis withdrew her name.

A motion was made to select Ryan Guzy as Vice-Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Susan Conklu **Second:** Commissioner John Kissinger

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu Brian Fellows

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Transportation Commission meetings will remain on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 4 - Roundabouts

Julian Dresang made a presentation about several roundabouts in design within Tempe. Topics of the presentation included:

- Description of a roundabout
- Operations
- Benefits including safety and capacity
- Public attitude
- College Avenue & McKellips Road (single) location
- First Street/Ash Street/Rio Salado (multilane) location
- Priest Drive & Grove Parkway (multilane) location
- Traffic studies
- Public input
- Estimated costs
- Options:
 - Postpone both projects and explore funding options as part of FY 2020 CIP budget process
 - Move forward with construction of Priest & Grove Pkwy roundabout ONLY
 - Transfer \$400,000 currently programmed for construction of the College & McKellips roundabout
 - Requires an additional approx. \$100,000 of CIP funding or other budget measure
 - Move forward with construction of both roundabouts
 - Requires an additional \$1 million of CIP funding or other budget measure

Discussion included how these locations were selected, how bicycles nativagate roundabouts, costs associated with rounabouts vs. signals, and how autonomous vehicles nativigate roundabouts.

A motion was made to forward option #2 to the City Council for consideration.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin **Second:** Commissioner Cyndi Streid

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu Brian Fellows

Jeremy Browning Lloyd Thomas (via phone)

JC PorterShana EllisPaul HubbellCyndi StreidDavid A. King (via phone)Ryan GuzyJohn KissingerJohn Federico

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Agenda Item 5 - T Intersections

Julian Dresang made a presentation about how t-intersections function in Tempe. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Operations
- Conflict points
- Options
 - Do Nothing (Most Function Very Well)
 - Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI or "Ped Jump")
 - Signs (example: TURNING TRAFFIC MUST YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS")
- Bicycle interface

Discussion included exploring improving t-intersections adjacent to ASU (specifically Vista del Cerro) and impacts to bicyclists. Staff explained that this issue is being addressed as part of the bicycle and pedestrian City Council Working Group. Staff will present the draft edits to the City ordinance related to this topic at an upcoming Transportation Commission meeting. Consensus was not requested.

Agenda Item 6 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Susan Conklu informed the Commission that the City of Scottsdale passed its stand-up electric mini scooter ordinance in December.

Agenda Item 7 - Future Agenda Items

Brian Fellows requested that the First Street/Ash Avenue/Rio Salado Parkway roundabout design be presented to the Transportation Commission at a future meeting.

- February 12
- March 12
 - Alameda Drive Streetscape
 - McClintock Drive Reconfiguration Data
 - Capital Improvements Project Update
 - El Paso MUP
 - Grand Canal MUP
- April 9
 - o Vision Zero
 - Speed Limits
 - o Paid Media Plan
 - o Prop 500/BRT
- May 14
 - MAG Design Assistance Grants
 - Bike Hero Award
 - 20 Minute City
- June
- July
- August
 - Transit Security Update
- September
 - Annual Report
 - North/South Railroad MUP
- October
 - Annual Report
- November
- December
- TBD: Ordinances Related to Bicycles and Pedestrians

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler