



**Minutes**  
**City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission**  
**August 13, 2019**

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 7:30 a.m. in the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Susan Conklu	John Federico
JC Porter	Peter Schelstraete
Paul Hubbell (via phone)	Pam Goronkin
David A. King	Brian Fellows
Ryan Guzy	Cyndi Streid (via phone)
John Kissinger	

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Bonnie Gerepka	Shana Ellis
Jeremy Browning	Lloyd Thomas

**City Staff Present:**

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director	Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner	TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner	Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager	Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Chase Walman, Planner II	Vanessa Spartan, Planner II
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst	Robbie Aaron, Planner II
Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner	Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer	Braden Kay, Sustainability Director

**Guests Present:**

Cliff Anderson	David Sokolowski
Jason Simmers	Robert Pakonin

Commission Chair Brian Fellows called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

Cliff Anderson spoke about agenda item # 4 – Setting Speed Limits including the importance of enforcement and safety.

**Agenda Item 2 – Minutes**

Brian Fellows introduced the minutes of June 11, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval with one change under agenda item number four.

**Motion:** Commissioner Pam Goronkin

**Second:** Commissioner David King

**Decision:** Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu

JC Porter

Paul Hubbell (via phone)

David A. King

Ryan Guzy

John Kissinger

John Federico

Peter Schelstraete

Pam Goronkin

Brian Fellows

Cyndi Streid (via phone)

### **Agenda Item 3 – Transportation Overlay District**

Ambika Adhikari provided an overview of the Transportation Overlay District (TOD) and Urban Core Master Plan.

Topics included:

- Study area
- Updates to the draft plan since June
  - Establishes seven zones
  - Refines list of permitted uses
  - Refines development and façade standards
  - Includes civic space standards
  - Includes trip reduction and parking
  - Includes bonus program
- Public Outreach
- Trip Reduction Program
- TOD Adoption Process

Discussion included Transportation Management Associations, trip reduction & parking and TOD changes.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Setting Speed Limits**

Julian Dresang presented information on proposed speed limit changes in Tempe. Topics included:

- History of speed limits
- Process/Vision Zero
- Speed related crash data
- Effects of speed on safety
- Proposed speed limit reductions
  - Maximum arterial speed limits (low bike/ped activity) = 40 mph
  - Maximum arterial speed limits (medium bike/ped activity) = 35 mph
  - Maximum arterial speed limits (high bike/ped activity) = 30 mph
  - Maximum arterial speed limits (very high bike/ped activity) = 25 mph
  - Maximum collector speed limits = 25-30 mph
  - Maximum local/neighborhood speed limits = 20-25 mph
- Next steps

Discussion included speed limits in school zones, Apache Boulevard speed limit, enforcement, compliance, costs, data, congestion, trip times and public participation.

A motion was made to recommend to the City Council changing Apache Boulevard from 35 mph to 30 mph between Mill Avenue and Price Road/Loop 101.

**Motion:** Commissioner JC Porter

**Second:** Commissioner Pam Goronkin

**Decision:** Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu

JC Porter

Paul Hubbell (via phone)

David A. King

Ryan Guzy

John Kissinger

John Federico

Pam Goronkin

Brian Fellows

Cyndi Streid (via phone)

Peter Schelstraete opposed the motion.

### **Agenda Item 5 – El Paso Multi-use Path**

Chase Walman and Robert Pakonin provided an overview of the 30% designs of the El Paso Multi-use Path project.

Topics included:

- Project history
- 30% design opportunities and constraints
- Landscape palette
- Next Steps

Discussion included easements, crossings and BIKEiT wayfinding signage.

### **Agenda Item 6 – 3-Foot Signage**

Julian Dresang discussed with the Commissioners Tempe's non-use of share the road signage. Discussion included adding signage regarding motorists giving cyclists three feet when passing. Signage will be added in select areas of Tempe as a pilot program.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates**

Susan Conklu stated that the City of Scottsdale submitted its application for the Bicycle Friend Community designation to the League of American Bicyclists.

### **Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items**

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

- September 10
  - North/South Railroad Multi-use Path Project
  - Transit Shelter Design
  - Grand Canal Multi-use Path Project
  - Transit Program/Security Update
- October 8
  - Annual Report
  - McClintock Drive Project Update
  - ASU ADA Program
  - El Paso Multi-use Paths
  - MAG Value Mapping Survey Results
- November 12
  - Annual Report
  - Bike Share
  - Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Extension Feasibility Study

- Bicycle Plan for Achieving Platinum Level Bike Friendly Community
- December 10
- January 14
  - Commission Business
  - Transit Shelter Design
  - Orbit Vehicles
- February 11
- March 10
- April 14
  - Paid Media Plan
- May 12
  - Bike Hero
  - Capital Improvements Project Update
  - MAG Design Assistance Grants

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler