

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Transportation Commission

MEETING DATE

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 7:30 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION

Tempe Transportation Center Don Cassano Community Room 200. E. Fifth Street, 2nd floor Tempe, Arizona

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION or INFORMATION
1. Public Appearances The Transportation Commission welcomes public comment	Brian Fellows, Commission Chair	Information
for items listed on this agenda. There is a three-minute time limit per citizen.		
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes	Brian Fellows,	Action
The Commission will be asked to review and approve meeting minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting.	Commission Chair	
3. Commission Business	Brian Fellows,	Information
The Chair will recognize outgoing Commissioner Streid for	Commission Chair	
her service as her term ends Dec. 31, 2019. The Chair will		
also recognize Shana Ellis who is not requesting another		
appointment. 4. Annual Report	Shelly Seyler, Engineering &	Action
Staff will present the 2019 annual report including	Transportation Department	Accion
Transportation Commission goals for 2020.		
5. Orbit Vehicle	Eric Iwersen and Sam	Information and
Staff will discuss the RFP process for selecting new Orbit	Stevenson,	Possible Action
buses along with the public involvement process.	Engineering &	
	Transportation Department	
6. Streetcar History Panels	Tony Belleau,	Information and
Staff will present the draft Tempe history panels for the	Engineering &	Possible Action
Streetcar stops.	Transportation Department	
7. Bicycle Plan for Achieving Platinum Level Bike Friendly	Chase Walman,	Information and
Community	Engineering &	Possible Action
Staff will present strategies for Tempe to achieve Platinum	Transportation Department	
Level Bicycle Friendly Community Designation.		
8. Department & Regional Transportation Updates	Engineering &	Information
Staff will provide updates and current issues being	Transportation Department	
discussed at regional transportation and transit agencies.	Staff	

9. Future Agenda Items	Brian Fellows,	Information and
Commission may request future agenda items.	Commission Chair	Possible Action

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Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission October 15, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, October 15, 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 (via phone)

John Federico

JC Porter

Paul Hubbell

David A. King (via phone)

Ryan Guzy (via phone)

John Federico

Peter Schelstraete

Brian Fellows

Cyndi Streid

Jeremy Browning

John Kissinger

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Lloyd Thomas Shana Ellis

Pam Goronkin

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant

Robert Yabes, Principal Planner TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer

Chase Walman, Planner II

Laura Kaifez, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst

Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer

Gregg Kent, Principal Civil Engineer Vanessa Spartan, Planner II

Grace Kelly, PW Supervisor Admin Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer

Steven Methvin, Deputy City Manager

Guests Present:

Lauryn Brown Audra Koester Thomas

Robert Pankonin Mike James

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

Agenda Item 1 - Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes

Brian Fellows introduced the minutes of September 10, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete **Second:** Commissioner John Kissinger

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu (via phone)

John Federico
Peter Schelstraete
Paul Hubbell
Brian Fellows
David A. King (via phone)

Ryan Guzy (via phone)
Jeremy Browning
John Kissinger

Agenda Item 3 - Annual Report

Shelly Seyler presented the draft 2019 Transportation Commission Annual Report. Discussion included strengthening the language related to the Commission's goals for 2020. Staff will modify the goals to include the word "guide" and return for a formal vote of the annual report at the November meeting.

Agenda Item 4 - MAG Value Mapping Survey Results

Audra Koester Thomas with the Maricopa Association of Governments presented the results of the MAG Value Mapping Survey. Topics included:

- Background
- Research design
- Research results
- Key takeaways
- Syetem costs and revenues
- Next steps

Discussion included federal matching funds, air quality conformity, and monitoring heating effects.

Agenda Item 5 – Climate Action Plan

Grace Kelly provided the draft Climate Action Plan. Topics included:

- Project overview
- Emissions
- Action areas
 - Energy
 - Transportation
 - Extreme Heat
- Community engagement
- Timeline (to City Council Nov. 7)
- Climate Action Plan Update (2021)

Discussion included green building codes, incentives, future action plans, and ASU collaboration.

Agenda Item 6 - El Paso Multi-use Path Project

Chase Walman and Robert Pankonin presented the draft design of the el Paso Multi-use Path project. Topics included:

- Project overview
- Summary of feedback to date
- 60% designs
- Landscape palette
- Plan views

- Price to Country Club Way
- Country Club way to Kenwood
- Kenwood to Los Feliz
- Los Feliz to Gaicki Park
- Next steps

Agenda Item 7 - McClintock Drive Project Updates

Gregg Kent provided a construction overview of the McClintock Drive Paving project. Topics included:

- Council priorities
- Project status
 - Design Notice to Proceed December 2017
 - 90 % Plans Completed December 2018
 - Retaining wall footing design, utility relocation and property acquisitions anticipated complete by mid-October 2019
 - Final plans anticipated by end of October 2019
 - Project advertisement end of December 2019
 - Construction start Spring 2020
- Design and challenges of each segment

Discussion included details of the configuration of the bike lane transition near Apache and the preference of green paint for the bike lanes.

Agenda Item 8 - Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Susan Conklu announced that the City of Scottsdale is hiring a school coordinator position. JC Porter mentioned that ASU recently began drafting its Transportation Demand Management Plan which will be completed in Spring 2020.

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

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

- November 12
 - Annual Report
 - Bike Share
 - o Bicycle Plan for Achieving Platinum Level Bike Friendly Community
 - ASU's ADA Program
 - Streetcar History Panels
- December 10
- January 14
 - Commission Business
 - Transit Shelter Design
 - Orbit Vehicles
 - Speed Limits
 - Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Extension Feasibility Study
- February 11
 - Bike Bait Program
 - Transit Shelter Design
- March 10
- April 14
 - Paid Media Plan
- May 12

- o Bike Hero
- o Capital Improvements Project Update
- MAG Design Assistance Grants
- o Transit System and Security Update
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- TBD: Micromobility Update
- TBD: North/South Rail Spur MUP
- TBD: Prop 400E

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tempe Transportation Commission

FROM: Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director, 480-350-8854

DATE: November 12, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 Transportation Commission Annual Report

ITEM #: 4



PURPOSE:

To request that the Transportation Commission review the 2019 Transportation Commission Annual Report and proposed goals for 2020.

RECOMMENDATION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

To approve the 2019 Transportation Commission Annual Report pending the attendance of Commissioners at the November 12 meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To better serve the City Council and community on the work of Tempe's various advisory boards and commissions, the City Manager asks staff to produce an annual report detailing the work of the board or commission to submit to the City Clerk by December 7 of each year. The report features the membership, accomplishments, goals, attendance and the overall work of the City's board and commission volunteers. The various reports are combined into one resource for City Council to review. If requested by the Mayor, board and commission chairs may present their annual report to the City Council during a Work Study Session.

FISCAL IMPACT or IMPACT TO CURRENT RESOURCES:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

- Annual Report
- PowerPoint



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

<u>Description as Defined in Ordinance:</u>

The transportation commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To suggest to the mayor and city council qualified and interested persons eligible for appointment for commission vacancies:
- (2) To consult, through the chairman of the commission, with the public works department, as to the items to be included on the agenda of meetings of the commission prior to the preparation and distribution of the agenda by the public works department;
- (3) To prepare and submit an annual report to the city manager and city council including applicable council committees;
- (4) To advise and make recommendations to the city council and to assist city departments and the city manager to plan and implement a balanced transportation system within Tempe which incorporates all forms of transportation in a unified, interconnected manner and complements land use, making a positive environmental impact through reduction of energy consumption, air pollution and congestion, while promoting economic development and providing mobility for all persons, including elderly and disabled;
- (5) To advise and make recommendations to the city council and to assist city departments and the city manager on appropriate performance standards and benchmarks for use in evaluating the city's transportation system and program, based on nationally recognized guidelines and local priorities;
- (6) To advise and make recommendations to the city council and to assist city departments and the city manager on transportation plans, projects and ordinances, including but not limited to:
- a. To recommend and review short and long-range plans and studies for the city's transportation system, including streets, transit, bicycling, pedestrians and demand management;
- b. To periodically review and update the transportation elements of the city's general plan;
- c. To provide input and review regional, state and federal transportation plans, projects and issues especially as provided by federal law: and
- d. To promote and maintain bicycling as a safe and effective mode of travel for recreation, health and transportation.
- (7) To advise and recommend to the city council and to assist city departments and the city manager annually on the elements of prioritized, unified operating and capital improvement program budgets for transportation;
- (8) To provide a forum for public hearings and other public involvement mechanisms to assure community-based transportation plans, projects and issues, and to meet all federal and other guidelines for public involvement in transportation projects where applicable; and
- (9) To take any such further actions as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to further the goals of the commission.

TCC § {City Code, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 8}

<u>List of Board and Commission Members, Including Attendance and Service Dates from January 2019 to December 2019:</u>

December 2013.		
Board/Commission Members:	Service Dates:	Attendance Record:
Browning, Jeremy	12/31/2019	Attended 9 meetings out of 10
Streid, Cyndi	12/31/2019	Attended 8 meetings out of 10
Conklu, Susan	12/31/2020	Attended 10 meetings out of 10
Fellows, Brian	12/31/2020	Attended 9 meetings out of 10
Gerepka, Bonnie	12/31/2020	Attended 1 meeting out of 8
Guzy, Ryan	12/31/2020	Attended 8 meetings out of 10
Thomas, Lloyd A.	12/31/2020	Attended 8 meetings out of 10
Shana Ellis	12/31/2019	Attended 5 meetings out of 10
Paul Hubbell	12/31/2019	Attended 10 meetings out of 10
David A. King	12/31/2021	Attended 10 meetings out of 10
John Kissinger	12/31/2019	Attended 8 meetings out of 10
Pam Goronkin	12/31/2021	Attended 8 meetings out of 10
JC Porter	12/31/2021	Attended 10 meetings out of 10
John Federico	12/31/2021	Attended 10 meetings out of 10
Peter Schelstraete	12/31/2021	Attended 10 meetings out of 10

Name of Chair and Vice Chair:

- Chair Brian Fellows
- Vice Chair Ryan Guzy

Staff Liaison and Contact Information:

Staff Liaison:	<u>Department:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>Email:</u>
Shelly Seyler	Engineering & Transportation	480-350-8854	shelly_seyler@tempe.gov

Meeting Frequency and Location:

Meetings are typically held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at 200 E. Fifth Street, Don Cassano Community Room, Tempe, AZ 85281. Between January and November 2019, 11 meetings were held. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, Transportation Commission meetings were held on April 23 and May 28, 2019.

Number of Meetings Cancelled and Reason for Cancellation:

The March 19, July 9 and December 10 meetings were cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Vacancies and Duration of Vacancies:

Bonnie Gerepka resigned in August 2019 and as of November 12, 2019, no appointment to fill the seat has been made.

Subcommittee and Subcommittee Activity:

Did the Board/Commission have any subcommittees active during the reporting period? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Transportation Commission is to ensure that the city has a balanced transportation system which incorporates all forms of transportation in an interconnected manner while complementing land use, making a positive environmental impact through reduction of energy consumption, air pollution and congestion, promoting economic

development, providing mobility and accessibility for all persons, and creating a forum for residents to provide input on transportation plans, projects and issues.

Accomplishments (Past 12 Months):

<u>Council Priority #4</u>: Implementing sustainable growth and development strategies to improve Tempe's environment, quality of life and economic outcomes. Tempe strives to make long-term generational investments in technology, infrastructure and public transit that create a safe, clean, equitable and healthy city.

Transportation Commission accomplishments as they relate to the above-mentioned Council priority:

Roundabouts in Tempe: Commission recommended Option 2 for the City Council consideration: Move forward with construction of Priest & Grove Pkwy roundabout ONLY

- Transfer \$400,000 from College & McKellips roundabout
- Requires an additional approx. \$100,000 of CIP funding or other budget measure

FY 2019/20 Media Plan: Commission supported the FY 2019/20 media plan.

MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Grants: Commission approved submitting three projects: Priest Drive Bike and Pedestrian Improvements, Bikeshare/SATV System Evaluation and Urban Core Active Transportation Implementation Plan for the grant.

Bike Hero: Commission selected Trisalyn Nelson as the 2019 Bike Hero Award recipient.

Setting Speed Limits: Commission recommended to the City Council changing Apache Boulevard from 35 mph to 30 mph between Mill Avenue and Price Road/Loop 101.

Annual Report: Commission approved the 2019 Transportation Commission Annual Report.

North South Railroad Spur Multi-use Path Project: Commission supported the staff recommendation to pursue the alternative route alignment.

Goals Related to City Council Strategic Priorities, if Applicable (Next 12 Months):

- Recommend recipient for annual Bike Hero Award
- Recommend annual paid media plan
- Recommend project(s) to be submitted for regional and federal grants
- Guide and provide feedback for Tempe Streetcar project, bus and light rail operations, bicycle and pedestrian projects and bike share program
- Guide strategic development of transportation systems and use of transit funds
- Guide progress and provide feedback of Transportation Master Plan, the transportation chapter of the General Plan and emerging transportation technologies
- Guide and provide feedback on Vision Zero plan
- Ensure programs and projects are compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



Transportation Commission November 12, 2019



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Proposed Goals for 2020



- Select a 2020 Bike Hero
- Approve FY 2020/21 paid media plan
- Select project(s) to be submitted for MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Grants
- Guide and provide feedback for Tempe Streetcar project, bus and light rail operations, bicycle and pedestrian projects and bike share program
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tempe Transportation Commission

FROM: Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager, 480 350-8810

Sam Stevenson, Senior Planner, 480-858-7765

DATE: November 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Orbit Vehicle Replacement

ITEM #: 5



PURPOSE:

To provide the Commission with an update on Orbit vehicle replacement efforts.

RECOMMENDATION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

For information.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

- Quality of Life 3.26: Achieve a multimodal transportation system (20-minute city) where residents can walk, bicycle, or use public transit to meet all basic daily, non-work needs.
- Quality of Life 3.29: Achieve ratings of "Very Satisfied" or "Satisfied" with the "Overall Satisfaction with Transit System in Tempe" greater than or equal to 80% as measured by the City of Tempe Transit Survey.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Many of the existing light-duty "cutaway" style Orbit vehicles are approaching the end of their useful life, and replacement is scheduled incrementally over the next three years. Since these vehicles entered service in 2013, the City has encountered several operational challenges – including inadequate operating range necessitating mid-day refueling, poor mechanical reliability during the summer heat, and inadequate passenger capacity on certain routes. As a result, the City of Tempe and Valley Metro are soliciting responses from bus manufacturers to a Requests for Proposal (RFP) for replacement Orbit buses. Based on previous resident and rider feedback, the RFP specifies the following:

- Alternatively-fueled vehicles
- Minimum passenger capacity (seated and standing) of 30
- Can accommodate up to three bikes
- Wheelchair accessible
- No longer than 32 feet
- No taller than 11 feet, 6 inches
- No wider than 8 feet, 5 inches
- Vehicle subcomponents configured to reduce exterior noise pollution whenever possible
- Consideration should be given to brake friction material, engine cooling fan system, air system purge valve selection, and air brake release valves (if equipped).

Public meetings were held **Saturday**, **Nov. 2** from 9 to 11 a.m. on the Tempe Transportation Center plaza, 200 E. Fifth Street and **Wednesday**, **Nov. 13** from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Tempe History Museum parking lot, 809 E. Southern Avenue to get additional feedback from the community about the desired type of bus. Both the light-duty and heavy-duty Orbit buses currently in operation will be on hand for residents to use as a reference. (A table with specifications of each bus is shown on the next page.) This feedback will be provided to the selection panel reviewing the RFPs. Online comment is available Oct. 28 to Nov. 14 at tempe.gov/Orbit.

Staff are committed to selecting a suitable vehicle that will accomplish the City's goals for Orbit service and resolve the system's current operational challenges.

Specifications	Light-Duty Orbit Bus	Heavy-Duty Orbit Bus
Length	25' – 7"	31' – 10.5"
Width	8' – 0"	8' – 5"
Height	10' – 2.5"	11' – 4"
Seats	17	23
Standing Capacity	Maximum of 6	At least 12
Wheelchair	Two wheelchair	Two wheelchair
Accommodations	positions/vertical lift	positions/extending ramp
Entry	Single door, high floor,	Two doors, low floor with kneeling
	step entry	function
Bike Racks	Two bike positions	Three bike positions

FISCAL IMPACT or IMPACT TO CURRENT RESOURCES:

N/A – No local funding associated with this project. Replacement buses will be federally funded using FTA funds and regional PTF dollars.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Agenda



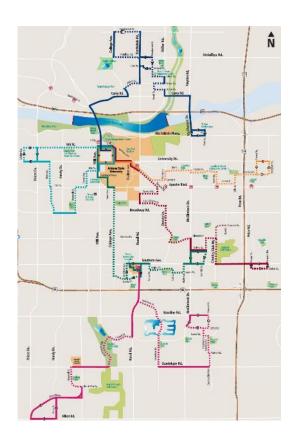
- Orbit System Overview
- Orbit Fleet
- Vehicle Testing
- Community Outreach
- Vehicle Replacement Timeline



Orbit System Overview



- Key 1996 Transit Tax Initiative Element
- Outstanding Residential Bus In Tempe
- Free Neighborhood Circulator Service
 - Connections to regional transit network and activity centers
 - 7 days/week, Frequent, Convenient
- 6 Routes
 - Mars, Venus, Earth, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn
 - 2007: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars
 - 2008: Jupiter
 - 2017: Saturn
- Smaller (30 foot) than local fixed-route buses on major arterials (40-60 feet)
 - Alternative fuels, ADA accessible, bike racks



Orbit Ridership



2,237,319 annual boardings (FY 2019)

Mercury: 555,774

Jupiter: 444,777

Mars: 430,273

Venus: 349.380

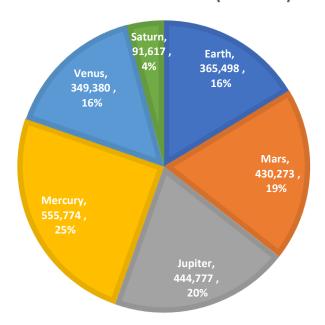
Earth: 365,498

Saturn: 91,617

Ridership

- Nationwide & local ridership decline
- Strong economy, Uber/Lyft, fuel prices, car ownership
- Strong boardings per mile, future growth
- All Orbit routes planned through community process

RIDERSHIP BY ROUTE (FY 2019)

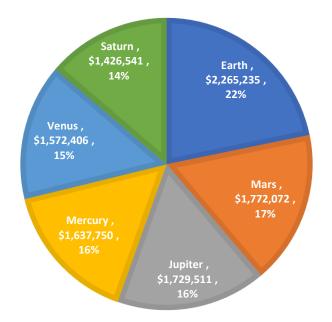


Cost and Budget



- Annual Operating Budget: \$10.4 million
 - \$9.9 million Locally Funded (Tempe Transit Tax)
 - \$500,000 Federal Operating Assistance
- Capital Expenses (Fleet Replacement)
 - 80 85% Federally Funded
 - 15 20% Locally/Regionally Funded (Prop 400)
 - Expires 2025
 - \$500,000 / Orbit bus
 - 12 year life cycle

OPERATING COST BY ROUTE (FY 2020)



Orbit Fleet



- 16x 2013 Ford/Starcraft Cutaways (CNG)
- 5x 2015 Ford/Starcraft Cutaways (unleaded)
- 7x 2017 El Dorado Heavy-Duty Transit Buses (CNG)
- 6x 2018 El Dorado Heavy-Duty Transit Buses (CNG)
- 12x 2019 El Dorado Heavy-Duty Transit Buses (CNG)





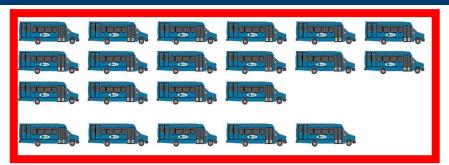




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Vehicle Testing



- Grande West Vicinity October 2018
 - Heavy-Duty Transit Bus/12 year life
- Arboc Spirit of Equess January 2019
 - Medium-Duty Transit Bus/10 year life











Community Outreach



- Understand Community Priorities for new vehicles:
 - Passenger Capacity
 - Sustainability/Alternative Fuels/Environmentally Friendly
 - Air Conditioning Performance/ Suitability for Desert Environment
 - Neighborhood Compatibility
 - Operating Efficiency/ Cost Savings
- Public Comment Period: October 28 November 14
- Online Survey
- Postcards to all residences within 1/4 mi of all 6 routes
- On-Board Intercept Surveys
- Results will be compiled to inform RFP evaluation committee



RFP Development



- Facilitated by Valley Metro Procurement
- Specification developed by City of Tempe
- Performance Specification
- Tailored specifically to Orbit service needs
 - Orbit Duty Cycle
 - Passenger Capacity
 - Operating Range
 - Neighborhood Friendly/Size/Noise
- Released 9/6/19
- Closes 11/13/19
- Community Outreach results will be used to inform the evaluation committee



Vehicle Replacement Timeline



- Fall/Winter 2018 Orbit vehicle testing and public outreach
- Spring/Summer 2019 Develop RFP based on public outreach feedback and industry standards
- Fall 2019 Determine community and rider priorities
- Winter 2019/2020 RFP evaluation process and vendor(s) selection
- Early 2020 Contract approved through Valley Metro Board
- Fall 2020 Summer 2021 New Orbit vehicle deliveries











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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tempe Transportation Commission

FROM: Amanda Nelson, Streetcar Community Relations, 480-350-2707

Tony Belleau, Streetcar Project Manager, 480-858-2071

THROUGH: Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager, 480-350-8810

DATE: November 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Streetcar History Panels

ITEM #: 6



PURPOSE:

To provide an overview and gather feedback from Transportation Commission members about the process and concepts for the Tempe Streetcar History Panels.

RECOMMENDATION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

To provide feedback and consensus to continue moving forward with the direction and concepts for the Tempe Streetcar History Panels at the November 12 meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Each of the 14 stops for the Tempe Streetcar will include a history panel highlighting unique historic aspects of the adjacent area. Transportation staff are working closely with Tempe History Museum staff, who are leading the process for researching the history of the area, interviewing community members and gathering images, as well as developing the overall design (look and feel) of the panels. The 30" x 58" panels will include historic images with limited text, so that streetcar riders can get a snapshot of "Historic Tempe" while waiting to board. The City's Historic Preservation Officer is working with the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community to develop content for the stop at Rio Salado Parkway & Hayden Ferry Lakeside to highlight the significant indigenous history of the area. Other major stakeholders that may have significant feedback for a particular stop or part of historic Tempe are likewise being engaged.

In addition to the Transportation Commission, the history panel concepts are also being presented to the Historic Preservation Commission, Arts & Culture Commission, Tempe Historical Society and Tempe Preservation Commission for feedback. Any other opportunities for public feedback on the panels will be pursued as well.

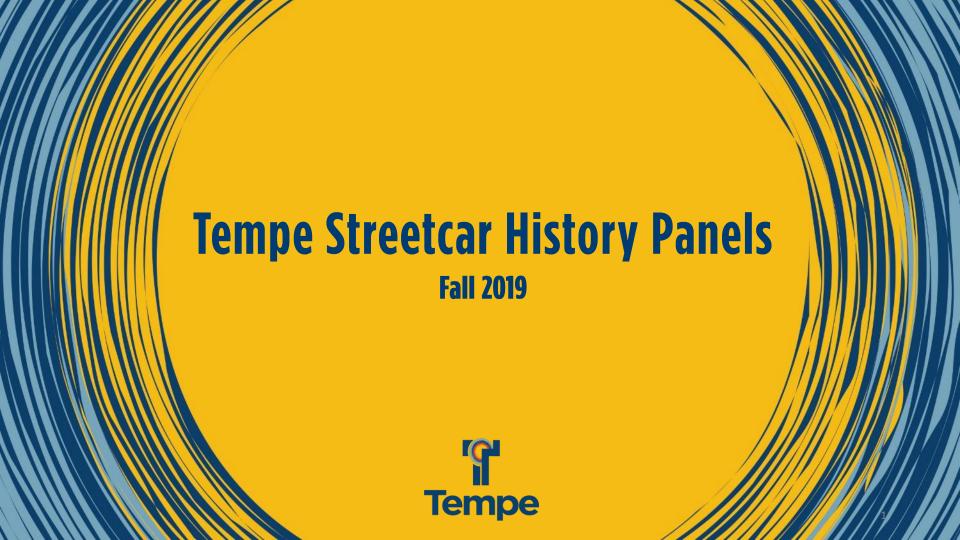
The history panels will be installed along with the shelters, public art and other amenities at the 14 stop locations.

FISCAL IMPACT or IMPACT TO CURRENT RESOURCES:

None

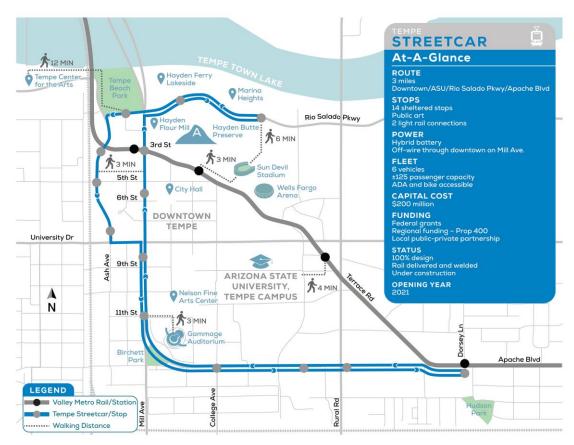
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Streetcar Project















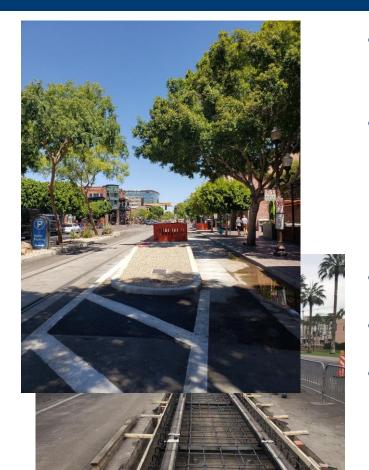






Project Status





- \$75 Million Federal Funds
 - Grant Signing November 2019
- Construction:
 - Summer 2019 Mill Ave work completed
 - Track more than 50% installed
 - Stop platforms in place
- Stop Infrastructure (shade, seating, signage)
- Public Art designed and in fabrication
- History Panels in development

History Panels





- History Panel at each stop 24 x 52
- Collaboration:
 - Streetcar Project
 - Tempe History Museum
 - Historic Preservation
 - Stakeholders
 - Tribal Community









History Panels



History Panel Goals

- Images from specific station locations
- Showcase the Tempe History Museum archives
- Make it visual more images, less text
- As much as possible, include a diversity of people, perspectives, and time periods
- Make it interesting and fun





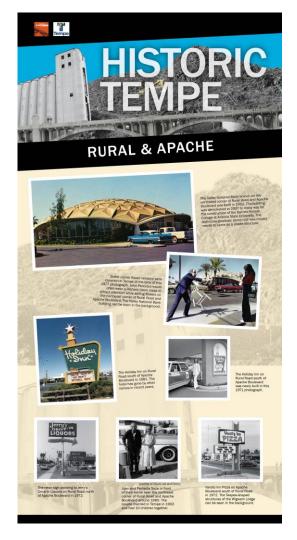
Tempe **DORSEY & APACHE** WESTERN EATING with Harman's Ranch Restaurant at 1314 E. Apache Boulevard was a local favorite during the 1950s and 1960s. It was known for keeping a live mountain ison on site to entertain guests and for being one of the first Kentucky-Fried. Chicken franchises in the United States. music venue hosted performance by Prince, B.B. King, Nirvana and The A&W Root Beer drive-in restaurant on Apache Boulevard near Dorsey Lane, shown here in 1972.

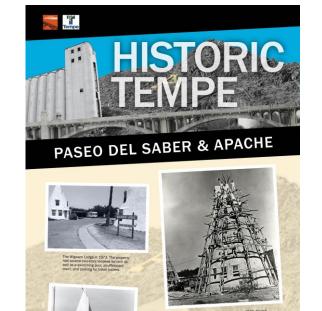
DORSEY & APACHE



RURAL & APACHE







property was acquired by Arizona State University. It was demolished the following year

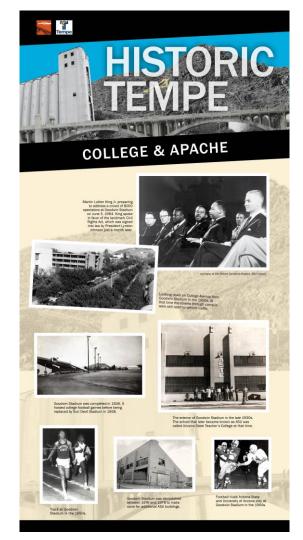
for making everyone feel welcome in his restaurant. He is seated in the front row in a white shirt.

PASEO DEL SABER & APACHE



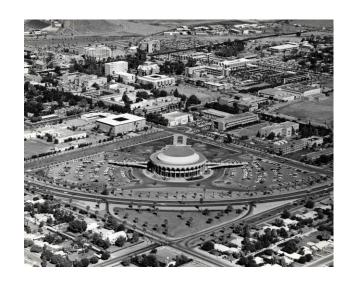
COLLEGE & APACHE





Tempe 11TH & MILL Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium on a rainy evening about 1990.

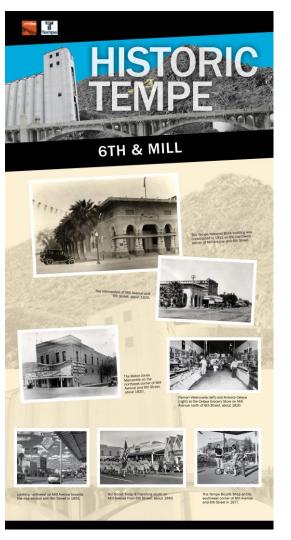
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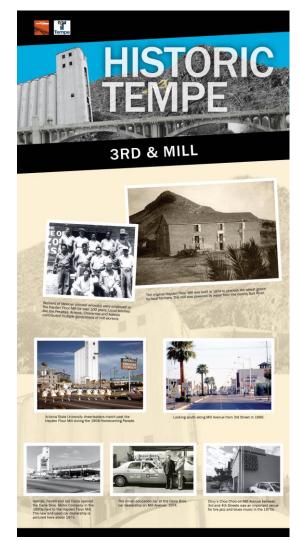


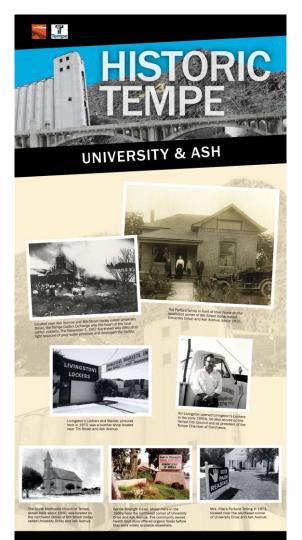
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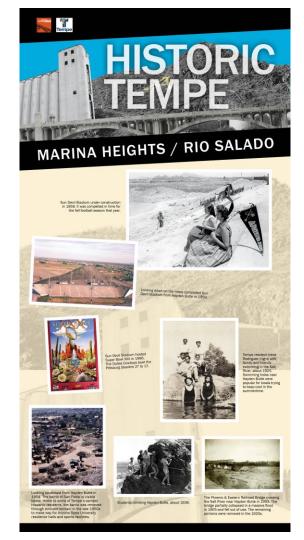


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tempe Transportation Commission

FROM: Chase Walman, Planner II, 480-858-2072

DATE: November 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Achieving "Platinum" Level Designation from League of American Bicyclists

ITEM #: 7



PURPOSE:

The purpose of this presentation is to update the Transportation Commission plans for achieving a "platinum" designation form the League of America Bicyclists (LAB).

RECOMMENDATION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

This item is for information and input.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Quality of Life – 3.26: Achieve a multimodal transportation system (20-minute city) where residents can walk, bicycle, or use public transit to meet all basic daily, non-work needs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Bicycle Friendly Community program provides a roadmap to cities to improving conditions for bicycling and guidance to help make a community's vision for a better, bikeable community a reality. In 1997, Tempe was designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, and re-designated "Gold-level" Bicycle Friendly Community in 2019.

LAB identifies five essential elements for being a Bicycle Friendly Community. These include:

- Engineering: Creating safe and convenient places to ride and park
- Encouragement: Creating a strong bike culture that welcomes and celebrates bicycling
- Enforcement: Ensuring safe roads for all users
- Evaluation & Planning: Planning for bicycling as a safe and viable transportation option
- Education: Giving people of all ages and abilities the skills and confidence to ride

Bicycle friendly designation is determined using the following:

- Points assigned to the data by formulas;
- Personal review of each application by League staff, including supplemental materials;
- Comparisons to similar communities in our award database, particularly based upon the Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community and characteristics such as population and type of community; and
- If necessary, review of public and advocate surveys or direct outreach to local advocate.

LAB also used the following criteria when designating Bicycle Friendly Communities.

- High Speed Roads with Bicycle Facilities
- Total Bicycle Network Mileage
- Bicycle Education in Schools
- Share of Transportation Budget spent on bicycling
- Bike Month Activities
- Active Bicycle Advocacy Groups
- Active Bicycle Committee
- Bicycle Friendly Laws & Ordinances
- Current Bike Plan Implementation
- Bike Program Staff to Population

LAB provided the City of Tempe with a list of six recommendations for achieving "Platinum" designation in 2023. These recommendations are listed below along with staff's plan to meet these recommendations.

- Continue to expand the low-stress bicycling network adding context appropriate facilities to higher-speed streets.
- Build sharrows on Knox Rd from Rural Rd to Warner Ranch Rd. (complete)
- Add bike lanes on:
 - Scottsdale Rd from Curry Rd to City border with Scottsdale
 - Rural Rd from Western Canal to City border with Chandler
 - McClintock Dr from Western Canal to City border with Chandler
 - Curry Rd from Mill Ave to Scottsdale Rd (buffered)
 - College Ave from US 60 to Carver
 - o Upgrade El Paso Multi-use Path from Price Rd and McClintock Dr
 - Construct Alameda Drive Streetscape Project from 48th Street to Rural Rd
 - o Construct Country Club Way Streetscape Project from US 60 to Warner Rd
 - Construct Highline Canal MUP (complete)
 - Construct Grand Canal MUP
 - Construct Western Canal Extension MUP
- 2. Adopt NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide ensuring that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.
- Explore adopting NACTO Urban Design Guide
- Identify locations that could benefit from grade-separated ped crossings, raised medians, refuge islands or improve bicycle detection (Vision Zero Strategies P.2, P.4 & B.3)
- Develop guidelines for installation of high visibility crosswalks (Vision Zero Strategy P.1)
- 3. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming.
- Partner with TBAG, Tempe Elementary School District, Kyrene School District and Tempe Union High School District to create bicycle education curriculum in schools.
- Work with Tempe PD on bicycle rodeos in schools (One held at Thew Elementary on 9/28).
- Develop guidelines for installation of additional pavement markings and signals to enhance school zones. (Vision Zero Strategy R.3)
- Develop and market training for transportation safety that targets all road users and all ages. (Vision Zero Strategy G 5)
- Distribution educational door hangers to ASU dorms (Vision Zero Strategy G.9)
- 4. Do away with the local law requiring that bicyclists ride as far to the right of the road as possible without exceptions or add reasonable exceptions.
- This is a state law.
- 5. Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.
- Provide bicycle safety materials in Spanish
- Create bicycle safety light pole banners (complete)
- Continue to advertise on Pandora, Spotify, IHeart Radio, Cable TV, in movie theatres and online
- Continue to attend local health fairs, community events and neighborhood meetings
- Continue to provide free bike safety giveaways to improve visibility through community outreach events (Vision Zero Strategy N.4)

- 6. Pay close attention to how bicycles are accommodated at intersections, particularly where off-street paths cross roads with speed limits above 25 mph. Refuge islands, curb extensions, and signalized crossings can make intersections safer for bicyclists.
- Install a HAWK signal at Scottsdale Rd and Lilac Dr
- Install a HAWK signal at Western Canal Extension and Kyrene Rd
- Add a ped signal at Guadalupe Rd and Western Canal
- Add 2 ped signals at Grove Parkway and Commerce Drive on Highline Canal
- Build 2 ped bridges over I-10 at Alameda Dr and at Western Canal
- Build an underpass at McClintock Dr and Rio Salado MUP (under construction)
- Build median islands on University Dr from College Ave to McAllister Ave (complete)

FISCAL IMPACT or IMPACT TO CURRENT RESOURCES:

Many of these projects are in the CIP or budgeted using annual operating funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. PowerPoint
- 2. League of American Bicyclists Recommendations



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Performance Measures





Quality of Life

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Bicycle Friendly Community Designation

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 for bicycling and guidance to help make a
 community's vision for a better, bikeable
 community a reality.
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Essential Elements of Bicycle Friendly Community



- Engineering: Creating safe and convenient places to ride and park
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Award Decision Determination



- Points assigned to the data by formulas;
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- Comparisons to similar communities in our award database, particularly based upon the <u>Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community</u> and characteristics such as population and type of community; and
- Review of public and advocate surveys. (Tempe has no control over how the questions phrased or who is asked)

Award Decision Determination Criteria



- High Speed Roads with Bicycle Facilities
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Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.

- Produce bicycle safety materials in Spanish
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Pay attention to how bicycles are accommodated at intersections, particularly where off-street paths cross roads with speed limits above 25 mph. Refuge islands, curb extensions, and signalized crossings can make intersections safer for bicyclists.

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Next Steps



• Tempe's next opportunity to apply for the platinum bicycle friendly designation is in 2022/2023.







TEMPE, AZ

TOTAL POPULATION

182498

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

40

4562

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

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OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLF FRIENDLY COMMINITY

A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY	Average Platinum	Тетре
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	36%	53%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	80%	14%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	25%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	VERY GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle–Friendly Laws & Ordinances	VERY GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 21K	1 PER 33K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING Bicycle network and connectivity	6 /10
EDUCATION Motorist awareness and bicycling skills	2/10
ENCOURAGEMENT Mainstreaming bicycling culture	4/10
ENFORCEMENT Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights	6 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING Setting targets and baving a plan	5/10

KEY OUTCOMES	Average Platinum	Тетре
RIDERSHIP Percentage of commuters who bike	13.6%	3.6%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters	100	535
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters	0.4	1



KEY STEPS TO PLATINUM



- » Continue to expand the low-stress bicycling network adding context appropriate facilities to higher-speed streets.
- » Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. Ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.
- » Bicycle safety education should be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all schools.
- » Do away with the local law that requires that bicyclists are required to ride as far to the right of the road as practicable without exceptions or add reasonable exceptions.
- » Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tempe Transportation Commission

FROM: Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director, 350-8854

DATE: November 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Future Agenda Items

ITEM #: 9

PURPOSE:

The Chair will request future agenda items from the Commission members.

RECOMMENDATION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

This item is for information only.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

N/a

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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

- December 10
- January 14
 - Commission Business
 - Transit Shelter Design
 - Speed Limits
 - Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Extension Feasibility Study
 - o I-10 Spine Study/Alameda/Baseline Ped Bridge Art
- February 11
 - Bike Bait Program
 - o Transit Shelter Design
 - Orbit Vehicles
 - ASU's ADA Program
- March 10
 - Orbit Earth
 - Country Club Way Streetscape Project
 - Scottsdale Road Bike Lane Project
- April 14
 - o Paid Media Plan
- May 12
 - o Bike Hero
 - Capital Improvements Project Update
 - MAG Design Assistance Grants
 - Transit System and Security Update
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- TBD: Micromobility Update
- TBD: North/South Rail Spur MUP
- TBD: Prop 400E

FISCAL IMPACT or IMPACT TO CURRENT RESOURCES: N/a

ATTACHMENTS: None

