



Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission November 12, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, November 12, 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)
JC Porter
Paul Hubbell
David A. King (via phone)
Ryan Guzy
John Kissinger
Shana Ellis
Pam Goronkin

John Federico
Peter Schelstraete
Brian Fellows
Cyndi Streid (via phone)
Jeremy Browning
Lloyd Thomas (via phone)

(MEMBERS) Absent: None

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Chase Walman, Planner II
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Project Manager
Barrett Jurgemeyer, Senior Civil Engineer

Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Sam Stevenson, Senior Planner
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Dan Miller, Senior Curator

Guests Present:

David Sokalowski
Jason Simmers

Cliff Anderson

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Cliff Anderson spoke about the Orbit Vehicle and the Bicycle Plan for Achieving Platinum Level Bike Friendly Community agenda items. In general, Mr. Anderson expressed his desire for the city to consider purchasing electric buses and the importance of enforcement of the laws as they apply to vehicular traffic.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Brian Fellows introduced the minutes of October 15, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Second: Commissioner John Kissinger

Commission Conklu requested one change to the minutes under Agenda Item 8 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates. The sentence should read: Susan Conklu announced that the City of Scottsdale is hiring a safe routes to school coordinator position.

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

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Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

Brian Fellows acknowledged outgoing Commissioners Shana Ellis and Cyndi Streid and thanked them for their service.

Agenda Item 4 – Annual Report

Shelly Seyler presented the draft 2019 Transportation Commission Annual Report. Brian Fellows asked for a motion for approval of the 2019 Transportation Commission Annual Report. Discussion included adding a future agenda item to discuss amending the language in the City's ordinance describing the commissions powers and duties to include accessibility and micromobility.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner Ryan Guzy

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

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Agenda Item 5 – Orbit Vehicle

Eric Iwersen and Sam Stevenson presented information on the Orbit system and the process for procuring new fleet.

Topics included:

- Background
- Ridership
- Cost and budget
- Fleet
- Vehicle testing
- Community outreach
- Request for proposals

- Timeline

Discussion included public participation and neighborhood involvement.

Agenda Item 6 – Streetcar History Panels

Tony Belleau and Dan Miller presented the draft Tempe Streetcar History panels. Topics included:

- Project overview
- Project status
- History panel goals
- History panel examples

Agenda Item 7 – Bicycle Plan for Achieving Platinum Level Bike Friendly Community

Chase Walman presented the list of projects and actions which staff plan to implement prior to the next Bicycle Friendly Community application process in 2022/23. Topics included:

- Essential elements of becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community
- Award decision determination
- League of American Bicyclist recommendations for achieving Platinum status
- Next steps

Discussion included driver education, state laws, Vision zero process, safe routes to school tools, traffic enforcement tools (speed and red-light cameras), vertical barriers for bike lanes, HAWK beacons, BikeIT, ordinances, traffic signals and equity.

Agenda Item 8 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Susan Conklu announced a bike ride from the Transportation Center to Mesa on Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. Tony Belleau reminded the Commission of the ongoing Friends of Transit lunch promotion.

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

Commissioners requested that the following items be added to a future agenda:

- Red Light Cameras/Speed Enforcement
- Modifying the powers and duties of the Transportation Commission within the Tempe City Code
- Ash and University Intersection
- Planned or potential vertical barriers for bike lanes
- Micromobility Ordinance/ADA (including the attendance of someone from the City Attorney's Office)
- Plan for Achieving Platinum Level Bike Friendly Community

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
 - I-10 Spine Study/Alameda/Baseline Ped Bridge Art
- February 11
 - Bike Bait Program
 - 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
 - Paid Media Plan
- May 12
 - 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

The December meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler