

Joint Review Committee Study Session Minutes June 5, 2019

HARRY E. MITCHELL GOVERNMENT CENTER
TEMPE CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
31 EAST 5TH STREET
TEMPE, AZ 85281
5:30 p.m.

Members Present

Pam Goronkin, Chair – Joint Representative
Ross Robb, Vice Chair – Tempe Representative
Bill Johns, ASU Representative (Alternate)
Nichol Luoma, ASU Representative
Rudy Bellavia, ASU Representative
Ken Lufkin, ASU Representative
Jason Comer, Tempe Representative (Alternate)

Staff Present

Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner
Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner
Vanessa Spartan, Planner II
Robbie Aaron, Planner II
Joanna Barry, Administrative Assistant II

Members Absent

Kim Charrier, Tempe Representative
Lisa Roach, Tempe Representative
Alex Kohnen, ASU Member
Scott Sumners, Tempe Representative (Alternate)
Philip Horton, Joint Representative (Alternate)

Meeting started: 5:31 p.m.

Urban Core Masterplan (UCMP and Transportation Overlay District (TOD) Ordinance – Presentation by Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner, Vanessa Spartan, Planner II, and Robbie Aaron, Planner II.

Mr. Ambika Adhikari gave an overview of the Urban Core Masterplan (UCMP) and Transportation Overlay District (TOD). The Committee asked if NOVUS was taken into account with regard to density totals. Mr. Adhikari confirmed that the NOVUS design guidelines were used as a reference for planning purposes. Community Development has held frequent meetings with ASU leadership to get their feedback on what they would like to see and also about sustainability. A question was asked about affordable housing and what incentives would be provided. Ms. Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner, stated that Housing staff has been working on the Affordable Housing Strategy and that she would email Committee members a copy of their presentation. Ms. Vanessa Spartan then gave an overview of the transportation considerations for the UCMP and TOD with a focus on more mobility options such as walking, biking and transit and a Trip Reduction Plan and Transportation Demand Management. The Committee asked about encouraging electric vehicle use. Ms. Spartan indicated that this is included in both the sustainability plan and the trip reduction strategy with a discussion on the adaptability of parking garages later being converted to mobility hubs. Committee members were encouraged to email any other questions they may have later to City staff to address. Mr. Adhikari also relayed that future presentations are planned and will be made to City Council on the UCMP and TOD, with final submittal coming in October.