



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
March 10, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 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
Ryan Guzy (via phone)
David A. King (via phone)
Christina Pucci
Pam Goronkin
Mary Harriman

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

(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
Vanessa Spartan, Planner II

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

Guests Present:

Ray Yparraguire
Jason Simmers

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 February 11, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

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Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

Brian Fellows introduced the newest Transportation Commissioner, Mary Harriman.

Agenda Item 4 – Proposed Projects for Prop 400

Shelly Seyler presented the proposed projects to be submitted to the Maricopa Association of Governments as part of the Regional transportation Plan. Topics included:

- Strategic priorities
- Background
- Prop 400 funded and unfunded projects in Tempe
- Prop 400 extension value mapping
- Regional Transportation Plan call for projects
- Studies and plans
- Congestion reduction strategies
- Active transportation project examples
- Roadway and intersection project examples
- Transit project examples
- Set aside project examples
- Timeline
- Next steps

Discussion included project prioritization and bus frequencies.

Agenda Item 5 – Country Club Way Bike/Ped project

Chase Walman and Ray Yparraquire provided an update on the project. Topics included:

- Overview
- 15% design
- Segment along the corridor
 - Watson Dr. to US-60
 - Guadalupe Rd. to Watson Dr.
 - Western Canal to Guadalupe Rd.
 - Elliot Rd. to Western Canal
 - Elliot Rd. to Warner Rd.
- Next steps

Discussion included equestrian usage and adding physical barriers in the roadway for bicyclists.

Agenda Item 6 – Orbit Earth Proposed Changes

Sam Stevenson provided information about proposed changes to the Orbit Earth route. Topics included:

- Overview

- Ridership trends
- Comparison of existing route
- Proposed changes
- Public outreach

Discussion included travel times and real-time information apps.

Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Shelly Seyer informed the Commission that Cathy Hollow, the new City new Traffic Engineer, started her new position on March 2.

Brian Fellows informed the Commission that Phoenix recently built three miles of the Grand Canal MUP.

Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items

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

- April 14
 - Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Extension Feasibility Study
 - Paid Media Plan
 - Priest Drive Bike Lanes
 - Speed Limits
 - Traffic Management
- May 12
 - Bike Hero
 - MAG Design Assistance Grants
 - Capital Improvements Project Update
 - Transit System and Security Update
 - Transit Shelter Designs
- June 9
 - Orbit Paint Scheme
- July 14
- August 11
 - Priest Drive Bike Lanes
 - Country Club Way Streetscape
 - Ash and University Intersection
 - Entitled Development Projects
 - Transportation Demand Management
- September 8
 - Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
 - Valley Metro Outreach Plan for I-10 Corridor Construction
 - Vision Zero Update
 - BRT Study
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8
- TBD: Starship
- TBD: North/South Rail Spur MUP
- TBD: Commuter Rail Study

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler