



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
May 12, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Conklu
JC Porter
Paul Hubbell
Ryan Guzy
David A. King
Christina Pucci
Pam Goronkin

John Federico
Peter Schelstraete
Brian Fellows
Mary Harriman
John Christoph
Jeremy Browning
John Kissinger

(MEMBERS) Absent: Lloyd Thomas

City Staff Present:

Marilyn DeRosa, Engineering & Transportation Director
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Chase Walman, Planner II
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Vanessa Spartan, Planner II
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Dir.
Vice Mayor Lauren Kubly

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
Cathy Hollow, Traffic Engineer
Brenda Clarke, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Guests Present:

Jordan Brackett
David Sokolowski
Deron Lozano

Mark Soronson
Rob (unknown last name)
Omar Peters

Commission Chair Brian Fellows called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Rob (unknown last name) asked if Priest Drive had been studied as part of the Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Extension Study.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Brian Fellows introduced the minutes of March 10, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval with one correction to the minutes which was to spell Goronkin correctly.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner JC Porter

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

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Agenda Item 3 – Bike Hero

Sue Taaffe provided the list of Bike Hero Nomination applications for 2020. As stated in the memo, staff did not receive many nominations and as a result, the applications from 2019 were also provided for consideration.

A motion was made to select Julian Dresang as the 2020 Bike Hero.

Motion: Commissioner Ryan Guzy

Second: Commissioner JC Porter

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

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JC Porter
Paul Hubbell
Ryan Guzy
David A. King
Christina Pucci

John Federico
Pam Goronkin
Brian Fellows
Mary Harriman
John Kissinger
Jeremy Browning

Abstained: Peter Schelstraete and John Christoph

Agenda Item 4 – Traffic Mitigation

Julian Dresang presented information on Tempe's traffic mitigation strategies. Topics included:

- Causes of congestion
- Traffic studies and analysis tools
- National congestion comparisons
- Travel time index
- Performance measure and data
- Travel times
- Congestion reduction strategies
 - Infrastructure Improvements
 - Technology improvements
 - Operational improvements
 - Transportation Demand Management
 - Convenient Transportation System
- Communication

Discussion included level of service, alternative modes, travel time data, travel corridors and peer cities.

Agenda Item 5 – Tempe Mesa Streetcar Extension Study

Eric Iwersen provided an update on the study. Topics included:

- Public outreach
- Process
- Tier 1 evaluation results
- Tier 2 criteria
- Tier 2 study results
- Future regional transit plans
- Next steps

Discussion included hours of service, Mesa’s position on the study, determining initial phase success and BRT.

A motion was made to support the Tier 2 study results.

Motion: Commissioner John Christoph

Second: Commissioner Susan Conklu

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu

JC Porter

Paul Hubbell

Ryan Guzy

David A. King

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John Federico

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Agenda Item 6 – Flash Proposed Changes

Eric Iwersen provided information about proposed changes to the Flash route. Topics included:

- Overview
- Proposed route
- Public outreach

Discussion included student access, parking vs campus shuttle and traffic on Rio Salado Parkway.

Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

On behalf of Susan Conklu, Sue Taaffe informed the Commission that the City of Scottsdale is recruiting for a Transportation and Streets Director.

Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items

A Commissioner requested that the Open Streets concept be added to a future agenda item. The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:

- May 19
 - Setting Speed Limits
 - McClintock Drive Improvements between Apache Boulevard and Del Rio Drive
- June 9

- Transit Budget/Capital Improvements Project Update
- Transit System and Security Update
- Priest Drive Bike Lanes
- July 14
- August 11
 - Country Club Way Streetscape
 - Ash and University Intersection
 - Transportation Demand Management/Association
- September 8
 - Scottsdale Road bike lanes
 - Valley Metro Outreach Plan for I-10 Corridor Construction
 - Vision Zero Update
 - BRT Study
- October 13
 - October Transit Service Changes
 - Entitled Development Projects
 - Priest Drive Bike Lanes
- November 10
- December 8
- TBD: Starship Project
- TBD: North/South Rail Spur MUP Phase I
- TBD: Commuter Rail Study
- TBD: Transit Shelter Design

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe
Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen