



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
May 26, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Conklu
JC Porter
John Kissinger
Ryan Guzy
David A. King
Lloyd Thomas

John Federico
Peter Schelstraete
Brian Fellows
Jeremy Browning
John Christoph

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Christina Pucci
Pam Goronkin

Mary Harriman
Paul Hubbell

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.

Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Isaac Chavira, Trans. Maintenance Manager
Braden Kay, Sustainability Director

Guests Present:

David Sokolowski

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

David Sokolowski commented about speed limits and expressed his support for lowering them.

Agenda Item 2 – Setting Speed Limits

Julian Dresang presented information on speed limits in Tempe. Discussion topics included:

- Background
- Public involvement
- Safety
- Data

- Safe systems approach
- Top discussion topics
- Alternative A – Change speed limits citywide
 - Citywide arterial changes
 - High school zones by time of day (see Table A below)
 - College Ave: Alameda to US60 (Correction to Tempe City Code)
- Alternative B – Change speed limits in northern portion of city
 - Arterial changes north of Baseline Rd.
 - High school zones by time of day (See Table A below)
 - College Ave: Alameda to US60 (Correction to Tempe City Code)
- Alternative C – Change speed limits in high school zones
 - High school zones by time of day
 - College Ave: Alameda to US60 (Correction to Tempe City Code)
- Next steps

Discussion included speed enforcement, high school zones, speed limit on Apache Boulevard, areas with high bike/ped traffic, segments of City in relation to speed limits and creation of freeway and when speed limits were set.

A motion was made to recommend Alternative A - Change speed limits citywide (Citywide arterial changes; high school zones by time of day; College Ave: Alameda to US60) and change the speed limit along Apache Boulevard between Rural Road and the Mesa border to 30 mph. .

Motion: Commissioner John Federico

Second: Commissioner John Christoph

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

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Agenda Item 3 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Susan Conklu informed the Commission that the City of Scottsdale is restriping 25 miles of pathways. Brian Fellows informed the Commission that the City of Phoenix is working on an Open Streets Plan.

Agenda Item 4 - Future Agenda Items

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

- June 23
 - Operating & Capital Improvements Project Budget Update
 - Priest Drive Bike Lanes
 - Transit Shelters
 - Open Streets
- July 14 - CANCELED
- August 11
 - Transit System and Security Update

- 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
 - Annual Report
- October 13
 - Annual Report
 - October Service Changes
 - Transit service Reductions
 - Entitled Development Projects
 - Priest Drive Bike Lanes
- November 10
- December 8
- January 12:
 - Commission Business
- TBD: Starship Project
- TBD: North/South Rail Spur MUP Phase I
- TBD: Commuter Rail Study
- TBD: Country Club Way Streetscape

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

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Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen