



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
September 8, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Conklu
JC Porter
John Kissinger
Ryan Guzy
David A. King
Christina Pucci
Pam Goronkin

John Federico
Peter Schelstraete
Brian Fellows
Jeremy Browning
John Christoph
Lloyd Thomas

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Mary Harriman, Paul Hubbell

City Staff Present:

Marilyn DeRosa, Engineering & Transportation Director
Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Chase Walman, Planner II
Vanessa Spartan, Planner II
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Dir.
Sam Stevenson, Senior Transportation Planner
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager

Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Project Manager
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Cathy Hollow, Traffic Engineer

Guests Present:

Mike James

Commission Chair Brian Fellows called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Brian Fellows introduced the minutes of August 18, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner JC Porter

Second: Commissioner Ryan Guzy

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 – Transit Service Reduction Plan

Eric Iwersen and Sam Stevenson made a presentation about balancing the transit fund and service reductions. Discussion topics included:

- Background
- Transit tax ballot language
- Current transit services
- COVID-19 impacts
- 5-year forecast
- FY 2021 reductions
- Future reductions
- Public input process
- Next steps

Discussion included Orbit fares, equity, Flix bus, Bike Month, and funding for program.

A motion was made to support the public outreach process and reduction plan metrics while maintaining equity.

Motion: Commissioner JC Porter

Second: Commissioner John Federico

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Abstained: Christina Pucci, John Christoph

Agenda Item 4 – GRID Bike Share System

Vanessa Spartan presented information on the GRiD bike share system. Discussion topics included:

- Background
- Performance
- Current status of the program

- Approaches and options moving forward
- Next steps

Discussion included partnering with ASU, tourist use of GRiD bike, electric bikes, scooters and cost implications.

A motion was made to support exploring Option 2: Dissolve existing GRID bike share system and allow private companies to provide the service AND Option 3: Issue new RFQ for micromobility service.

Motion: Commissioner JC Porter

Second: Commissioner Ryan Guzy

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Not Approved by Commissioners: Christina Pucci, John Christoph

Abstained: Peter Schelstraete

Agenda Item 5 – Traffic Mitigation Strategies

Cathy Hollow presented information about Tempe's traffic mitigation strategies. Discussion topics included:

- History
- Streetscape and Transportation Enhancement Program Manual
- Devices available
- Process
- Implementation
 - Short term projects
 - Long term projects
- Peer cities
- Funding

Agenda Item 6 – Open Streets

Vanessa Spartan provided a verbal update regarding open streets. The City applied for a grant from the Maricopa Association of Governments, but the project was not selected. However, Mayor Corey Woods issued a Mayor s proclamation implementing a program that allows businesses to expand their operations into outdoor space.

Discussion included bike counts, neighborhood impacts, speed at which staff is exploring this concept, economic impacts of closing streets, and health impacts of closing streets.

Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

None

Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items

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

- October 13
 - BRT Study
 - Ash and University Intersection
 - Cool Pavement Treatment
- November 10
 - Annual Report
 - Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
 - Entitled Development Projects
 - Transportation Demand Management Association
 - Mobility Hubs
- December 1
 - Annual Report
 - Transit Service Reduction Plan
 - 20-Minute City Market Research Results
 - 2020 Transit Satisfaction Survey Results
- January 12
 - Transit Service Reduction Plan
 - Country Club Way Streetscape
 - Commission Business
 - Vision Zero Update
- February 9
 - Personal Delivery Devices
 - Outreach Plan for I-10 Corridor Construction
 - Preservation of public bike/ped facilities and private development
- March 9
 - North/South Rail Spur MUP
- April 13
- May 11
 - Commuter Rail Study/ MAG Commuter Rail Plan
 - AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan

The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler