



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
October 20, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Conklu
JC Porter
John Kissinger
Ryan Guzy
David A. King
Paul Hubbell
Pam Goronkin

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Mary Harriman

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
Sam Stevenson, Senior Transportation Planner
Isaac Chavira, Transportation Maintenance Manager
Braden Kay, Sustainability Director
Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Lauren Kuby, Councilmember

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
Ed Bond, Senior Civil Engineer
Julian Dresang, City Engineer

Guests Present:

Mike James
Rubben Lolly

Ryan Wozniak
Jennifer Valentine

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 September 8, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Second: Commissioner David King

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 – Maricopa Association of Governments BRT Study

Jennifer Valentine with MAG made a presentation about the Bus Rapid Transit study. Presentation topics included:

- Overview
- Examples
- Study overview
- Timeline
- Goals and objectives
- Performance and design standards
- Opportunities and challenges
- Outreach

Discussion included traffic mitigation, facility types and timeline.

Agenda Item 4 – Cool Pavement Treatment

Rubben Lolly with the City of Phoenix and Ed Bond with the City of Tempe provided information about cool pavement treatments. Discussion topics included:

- Overview
- Urban heat island
- Phoenix pilot program
- Next steps

Discussion included performance, cost effectiveness and life cycle.

Agenda Item 5 – Reconsideration of Setting Speed Limits

Brian Fellows proposed that the Transportation Commission draft a letter to the City Council requesting that they reconsider their previous consensus on setting speed limits.

A motion was made to write a letter to the City Council requesting that the Council reconsider the speed limit proposals with the option of a potential hybrid alternative.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner David King

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Abstained: Lloyd Thomas

Nay: Peter Schelstraete

Agenda Item 6 – Open Streets

Robert Yabes provided a verbal update regarding open streets. In June, the City applied for a grant from the Maricopa Association of Governments, but the project was not selected. However, staff anticipates receiving MAG close-out funds in January which would allow the City to hire a consultant to identify open street locations.

Agenda Item 7 – Ash and University Intersection Update

This item had previously been removed from the agenda.

Agenda Item 8 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Brian Fellows informed the Commission that the City of Phoenix recently won an award for its Key Coordinator Masterplan.

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

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

- November 10
 - Annual Report
 - Entitled Development Projects
 - Preservation of public bike/ped facilities and private development
 - Vision Zero Update
- 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
 - Personal Delivery Devices
- February 9
 - Transportation Demand Management Association
 - Mobility Hubs
 - Outreach Plan for I-10 Corridor Construction
 - Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
- March 9

- April 13
 - North/South Rail Spur MUP
- May 11
 - Commuter Rail Study/ MAG Commuter Rail Plan
 - AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler