



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
June 8, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Browning
Alana Chavez Langdon
John Federico
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin
David Sokolowski
JC Porter

John Christoph
David A. King
Peter Schelstraete
Bobbie Cassano
Susan Conklu
Dawn Hocking
Paul Hubbell

(MEMBERS) Absent: None

City Staff Present:

Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Marilyn DeRosa, Engineering & Transportation Director
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Cathy Hollow, Traffic Engineer
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Project Manager
Isaac Chavira, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner
Sam Stevenson, Senior Transportation Planner

Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Chase Walman, Planner II
Rebecca Rothman, Arts Administrator
James Sweig, Lieutenant
Ed Bond, Senior Civil Engineer
Jeff Yazzie, Civil Engineer
Nanette Odell, ADA Compliance Specialist

Guests Present:

Bobby Zokaites
Jessica Parks
Ray Carranza

Jason Harrington
Robert Forrest

Commission Chair JC Porter called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the May 18 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner David King
Second: Commissioner Paul Hubbell
Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 – Title VI Major Service Change and Service Equity/Fare Equity Policy

Robert Forrest with Valley Metro provided an update on the proposed Title VI policy changes. Topics included:

- Title VI background
- Title VI policies
- Service changes and equity policy
- Fare equity policy
- Community involvement

Commissioners were encouraged to go the Valley Metro web site to submit official public comment.

Agenda Item 4 - Character Area 1 Papago / North Tempe Plan

Ambika Adhikari gave an update on the Character Area 1 Papago / North Tempe project. Topics included:

- Background
- Demographics
- Public meetings
- Survey responses
- Design principles
- Next steps

Discussion included access to stores where residents may purchase medication and food.

Commissioners were asked to email Ambika Adhikari answers to the following questions:

1. What priority(ies) listed here would best help this Commission serve the interest of the community?
2. Are there any priorities not listed which would better help this Commission serve the community?

Agenda Item 5 – ADA and Sidewalk Infrastructure

Nanette Odell, Jeff Yazzie and Ed Bond updated the Commission on the status of the ADA Transition Plan. Topics included:

- Background
- Performance measures
- Phase I
- Phase II
- Phase III
- Completed projects
- Active transportation projects

- Future projects

Discussion included Orbit flag zones, Title VI and the ADA Transition Plan as it relates to transit service changes, and how projects are determined to be categorized as complete.

Agenda Item 6 - Country Club Way Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project

Chase Walman, Bobby Zokaites, Ray Carranza and Jason Harrington presented the 60% design plans for the project. Topics included:

- Background
- 30% design feedback
- 60% design
- Public art component
- Landscaping
- Next steps

Discussion included crosswalks and the intersection of Shutterfly and Elliot.

Agenda Item 7 - Speed Enforcement

Lieutenant James Sweig provided an update about Tempe's Traffic Bureau Division as it relates to speed enforcement. Topics included:

- Purpose
- Mission (enforcement and education)
- Reasons for collisions
- Injuries and fatality locations
- Proactive enforcement/SEMS program
- Street racing

Discussion included street racing, educational outreach and marijuana as it relates to DUI.

Agenda Item 8- Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

JC Porter announced that the July meeting has been canceled and that the August meeting will be in person.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

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

- July 13 - Canceled
- August 10
 1. Transit Fund & Program Update
 2. Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
 3. Streetcar Construction Update
 4. Ash/University Intersection & 1st/Ash/Rio Roundabout Update
- September 14
 1. Regional Transit Fare Collection Systems
 2. Transit Shelter Design
 3. Climate Action Plan 2021 Update
 4. Open Streets
 5. Electrification of Buses
- October 12
 1. Annual Report

2. Commuter Rail Study/ MAG Commuter Rail Plan
 3. AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan
 4. Streetscape Transportation Enhancement Program
 5. North/South Rail Spur MUP
- November 9
 1. Transit Security Update
 2. Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
 - December 14
 1. Personal Delivery Devices
 2. Transit Fund & Program Update
 3. Mobility Hubs
 4. Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association
 - TBD: BRT Study
 - TBD: Bike Bait (once program resumes)

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2021 in the Don Cassano Community Room located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe.

The meeting was adjourned 9:34 a.m.

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