



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
December 7, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, December 7, 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex and in the Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe , AZ 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

John Federico
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin
David Sokolowski
JC Porter
John Christoph

Peter Schelstraete
Bobbie Cassano
Paul Hubbell
Alice Bimrose
David A. King

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Susan Conklu
Dawn Hocking

Jeremy Browning
Alana Chavez Langdon

City Staff Present:

Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Eric Iwersen, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Cathy Hollow, Traffic Engineer
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Lauren Kuby, Councilmember
Lyle Begiebing, Planner I/II
Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Jill Buschbacher, Economic Development Program Manager

Brenda Clark, Neighborhood Services Specialist
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner
Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner
Ken Halloran, Senior Civil Engineer
Tony Belleau, Planner I/II
Alex Chin, City Council Aide

Guests Present:

Sasha Jovanovic
Shannon Scutari
Amy Moran
Miranda Sundblom

Chris Bongorno
Dan Martin
Michael LuBiarra

Commission Chair JC Porter called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the October 12 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner John Christoph

Second: Commissioner David King

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 - Commission Business

JC Porter acknowledged outgoing Commissioner John Federico and thanked him for his service on the Commission.

Agenda Item 4 - Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association/ Mobility Hubs

Robert Yabes and the consultant team presented an update on the Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association/ Mobility Hub project. Topics included:

- Tempe's vision
- Plans
- Project accomplishments
- Milestones
- Public meetings
- Survey responses
- Stakeholder interviews
- TMA definition, services, value and programs
- Mobility hubs definition and equity
- Schedule

Discussion included ride sharing versus taking the bus, biking and walking, how success of the program will be evaluated, extreme heat as a barrier to the program, and capitalizing on those who currently take alternative modes.

Agenda Item 5 - Smith Hub Infrastructure Study

Eric Iwersen, Jill Buschbacher and the consultant team presented an update on the Smith Hub Infrastructure Study.

Topics included:

- Project location
- Purpose
- Public outreach
- Background
- Transportation overview
- Priorities
- Perry Lane

- Fifth Street
- Smith Road
- Streetscape summary
- Lighting
- Water and wastewater
- Long-term focus
- Bus shelters
- Pedestrian network
- Next steps

Discussion included zoning, minimizing truck traffic, deficiencies in current transit network in the area, aligning the plan with the Streetcar plan and challenges with the Smith and Rio Salado intersection.

Agenda Item 6 - Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

Eric Iwersen announced that following employees were recently hired in the Transportation Division: Karina Trejo, Lyle Begiebing, Tony Belleau and Ellie Volosin.

John Christoph informed the Commission that he attended the AZ Passenger Rail Conference and that there are opportunities for infrastructure funding. He will send additional information to staff.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

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

- January 4
 - Commission Business
 - Tempe Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide
 - Climate Action Plan 2021 Update
 - STEP Manual Update
- February 8
 - Transit Program Update & Bus Service Governance Study / Security Update
 - MAG Prop 400
 - Personal Delivery Devices
 - Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
- March 8
 - Mobility Hubs
 - Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association
 - Smith Innovation District Transportation Improvements
- April 12
 - All Aboard Arizona
 - Tempe Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide
 - North/South Rail Spur MUP
- May 10
 1. Bike Hero
 2. Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
 3. Ash/University Intersection & 1st/Ash/Rio Roundabout Traffic Data Counts Update
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9

- September 13
- October 11
 - Annual Report
- November 8
- December 13
- TBD: BRT Study – MAG
- TBD: Bike Bait (once program resumes)
- TBD: Commuter Rail Study/MAG Commuter Rail Plan – MAG
- TBD: AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan – ADOT

The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned 9:00 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe
Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen