



Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission January 4, 2022

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex and in the Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Az 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Browning
Bobbie Cassano
Susan Conklu
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin
Dawn Hocking
John Christoph

David A. King
JC Porter
Peter Schelstraete
David Sokolowski
Alice Bimrose
Amanda Nelson

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alana Chavez Langdon
Paul Hubbell

City Staff Present:

Eric Iwersen, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager
Brenda Clark, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Alex Chin, Financial Services Admin.
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Brianna Fisher, Climate Plan Manager
Able Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Ken Halloran, Senior Civil Engineer
Braden Kaye, Sustainability Director
Lyle Biegiebing, Transportation Planner
Doreen Garlid, Councilmember
Lauren Kuby, Councilmember
Cathy Hollow, Principal Civil Engineer

Guests Present:

John Federico
Amy Garinger

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 December 7, 2021 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Alice Bimrose

Second: Commissioner Amanda Nelson

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

Bobbie Cassano
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin
Dawn Hocking
John Christoph

David A. King
JC Porter
Peter Schelstraete
David Sokolowski
Alice Bimrose

Abstained: Amanda Nelson, Jeremy Browning, Susan Conklu

Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

JC Porter welcomed new Commissioner Amanda Nelson. Commissioner Nelson shared her background and interest in Tempe transportation.

Agenda Item 4 – Commission Business

JC Porter asked Commissioners for suggested nominations to consider for new Chair and Vice Chair positions.

A motion was made to nominate JC Porter to serve as Transportation Commission Chair.

Motion: Commissioner David King

Second: Commissioner Alice Bimrose

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Bobbie Cassano
Susan Conklu
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin
Alice Bimrose
Amanda Nelson

David A. King
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A motion was made to nominate David A. King to serve as Transportation Commission Vice Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Bobbie Cassano

Second: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

Jeremy Browning
Bobbie Cassano
Susan Conklu
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin
Alice Bimrose
Amanda Nelson

David A. King
JC Porter
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Agenda Item 5 - Climate Action Plan

Braden Kay made a presentation about the Climate Action Plan. Topics included:

- Performance Measure
- Process
- Agendas
 - Business
 - Youth
 - Climate Justice
 - Neighborhood
- Conclusions
- Investments
 - Policy
 - Programs
 - Infrastructure
 - Personnel
 - Municipal
- Next steps

Discussion included reducing greenhouse gases, building code modifications to include EV charging stations, incentives, quantitative goals, food insecurity, current statistics, focusing on entire city, transit investments and vehicle miles travelled.

A motion was made for the Transportation Commission to write a letter to the Tempe City Council supporting the Climate Action Plan and specifically look at possible language that could speak to vehicle miles travelled reductions as a measurable quantitative goal.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

Jeremy Browning
Bobbie Cassano
Susan Conklu
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin

Peter Schelstraete
Alice Bimrose
Amanda Nelson
Dawn Hocking
John Christoph

Nay: David Sokolowski and David A. King

Abstain: JC Porter

Agenda Item 6 - Adaptive Street Implementation Design Guide

Bonnie Richardson made a presentation about the Adaptive Street Implementation Guide. Topics included:

- Project Purpose
- Background and why this project is being pursued
- What are Adaptive Streets?

- Definition and Use Cases
- Project Process and Activities
- Activities completed and in process
- Public Engagement #1 – January 2022
- Questions and Next Steps

Discussion included public art, downtown business promotions, coordination with the Streetscape and Transportation Enhancement Program manual, making adaptive street process flexible for residents.

Agenda Item 7- Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

Eric Iwersen shared upcoming public meeting dates and additional information will be sent to Commissioners via email.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

Eric Iwersen said the Climate Action Plan support letter will be added to the February agenda. The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:

- February 8
 - Transit Program Update & Bus Service Governance Study / Security Update
 - MAG Prop 400e
 - Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
 - STEP Manual
- March 8
 - Mobility Hubs/Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association
 - Vision Zero/Speed Limits
- April 12
 - Tempe Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide
 - North/South Rail Spur MUP
 - Bike Hero
- May 10
 - Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
 - 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: Bus Rapid Transit Study
- TBD: Bike Bait Program (once program resumes)
- TBD: Commuter Rail Study/MAG Commuter Rail Plan
- TBD: AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan
- TBD: Personal Delivery Devices
- TBD: All Aboard Arizona

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned 9:35 a.m.

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Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen