

# Minutes City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission May 10, 2022

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex and at the Tempe Transportation Center located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe AZ 85281.

#### (MEMBERS) Present:

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

# (MEMBERS) Absent:

Pam Goronkin Alice Bimrose

#### City Staff Present:

Cathy Hollow, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director Robert Yabes, Principal Planner Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner Tony Belleau, Transportation Planner Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager

#### **Guests Present:**

Mike James Katie Boligitz Ken H. David A. King Amanda Nelson JC Porter Peter Schelstraete David Sokolowski

Paul Hubbell

Alana Chavez Langdon

Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist Able Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst Lyle Begiebing, Transportation Planner Sam Stevenson, Senior Transportation Planner Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner Brenda Clark, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Amy Garinger Amy McNamara John Federico

Commission Chair JC Porter called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

# Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

#### Agenda Item 2 - Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Dawn Hocking **Second:** Commissioner Brian Fellows

#### Decision: Approved by Commissioners

Susan Conklu Brian Fellows Dawn Hocking Bobbie Cassano David Sokolowski Paul Hubbell David A. King Amanda Nelson JC Porter Peter Schelstraete

#### Abstained: John Christoph

# Agenda Item 3 – Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide

Bonnie Richardson and Amy Garinger made a presentation about the design guide. Topics included:

- Background
- Purpose of adaptive streets
- Adaptive street examples
- Elements of the guide
- Project process
- Public feedback
- Adaptive street strategies
- Next steps

Discussion included funding, ADA requirements, speed limits, protected bike lanes, arterial streets, application of the design guide, painted streets and maintenance, the definition of "temporary" and the 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Forest project.

A motion was made to approve the draft Adaptive Streets Implementation Deign Guide.

**Motion:** Commissioner Dawn Hocking **Second:** Commissioner Brian Fellows

**Decision:** Approved by Commissioners

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# Agenda Item 4 - Regional/State Rail and Bus Rapid Transit Update

Eric lwersen made a presentation about the status of regional and state rail and BRT plans. Topics included:

Background

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- Bus Rapid Transit
  - Prop 400E
  - Regional Transportation Plan
- State Commuter Rail
  - ADOT study
  - o Amtrak
- Funding

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) & Infrastructure & Investment Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Next steps

Discussion included importance of Southern Avenue and University Drive in BRT plan and timeline.

# Agenda Item 5 – Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

Eric lwersen announced that the streetcar will open on May 20, 2022.

Cathy Hollow announced the commissioners with five or more years of service who include Brian Fellows, Susan Conklu, Jeremy Browning, Peter Schelstraete and Paul Hubbell.

Susan Conklu informed the Commission that the Scottsdale City Council approved its Transportation Action Plan.

John Christoph informed the Commission about the Rocky Mountain Institute and its work calculating VMT increases & CO2 emissions for highway & arterial road expansions.

Brian Fellows informed the Commission that the city of Phoenix is beginning to explore a Transportation Demand Management program.

# Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

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

- June 14 Tentative
  - Streetcar Update
    - o Bus Services Contract
  - July 12 Canceled
- August 9
  - o Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
  - Ash/University Intersection & 1<sup>st</sup>/Ash/Rio Roundabout Traffic Data Counts Update
  - Smith Road Bike Improvements
- September 13
  - o ADA Transition Plan and recently completed ADA facilities
  - North/South Rail Spur MUP
  - Grand Canal MUP
- October 11
  - o Annual Report
  - o Speed reduction, compliance, and tickets issued near "35 mph only when lights flashing" devices
  - Transit Security Update FY 21/22
- November 8
  - Annual Report
  - Transportation Survey Results
  - December 13
- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- TBD: Bike Bait Program (once program resumes)
- TBD: Personal Delivery Devices

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9, 2022. The meeting was adjourned 8:58 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe Reviewed by: Cathy Hollow