



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
February 14, 2023

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 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:

Stevie Milne
Dawn Hocking
Amanda Nelson
Robert Miller
Paul Hubbell
Bobbie Cassano

Pam Goronkin
David A. King
Brian Fellows
JC Porter
Peter Schelstraete
David Sokolowski

(MEMBERS) Absent:

James Dwyer
Alana Chavez Langdon

Susan Conklu

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager
Cathy Hollow, City Traffic Engineer
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director

Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Lyle Begiebing, Transportation Planner
Sam Stevenson, Interim Transit Manager
Eric Iwersen, Interim Chief of Staff
Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner
Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Mike Hayes, Lieutenant

Guests Present:

Katie Boligitz
John Federico
Hannah Moulton Belec

Kendra Flory
Jack Ketchman
Julie Bufkin

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Hannah Moulton Belec commented on agenda item # 5 regarding the difficulty of crossing Southern Avenue at College Avenue on a bicycle, incorporating adaptive streets concepts, and implementing safety measures.

Kendra Flory commented on agenda item # 5. Specifically adding adaptive street concepts along College Avenue, reducing speeds/traffic along the corridor and prioritizing pedestrians and bicyclists over cars.

Julie Bufkin commented on agenda item # 5. Julie commented on the high speeds along College Avenue and the need to reduce speeds and incorporate adaptive street concepts as a way to mitigate traffic.

Katie Boligitz commented on agenda item # 5. Specifically, Katie mentioned the speeds along College Avenue, the need for enforcement, education and designing the street to lower the speed of vehicles.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Second: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

Stevie Milne

Amanda Nelson

Paul Hubbell

Bobbie Cassano

Peter Schelstraete

Pam Goronkin

Brian Fellows

JC Porter

David Sokolowski

Abstained: Dawn Hocking and Robert Miller

Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

JC Porter welcomed new Commissioners Stevie Milne and Robert Miller. Commissioners Milne and Miller shared their backgrounds and interests in Tempe transportation.

Agenda Item 4 – Commission Business

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

A motion was made to nominate Amanda Nelson to serve as Transportation Commission Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

Stevie Milne

Down Hocking

Amanda Nelson

Robert Miller

Paul Hubbell

Bobbie Cassano

Pam Goronkin

David A. King

Brian Fellows

JC Porter

Peter Schelstraete

David Sokolowski

A motion was made to nominate Dawn Hocking to serve as Transportation Commission Vice Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Bobbie Cassano

Second: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Amanda Nelson asked Commissioners for a motion to hold the 2023 Transportation Commission meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Dawn Hocking
Second: Commissioner Bobbie Cassano

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Down Hocking
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Robert Miller
Paul Hubbell
Bobbie Cassano

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Agenda Item 5 – Speeding College Avenue between Apache and US 60

Mike Hayes made a presentation about the organizational structure of the City's traffic bureau. Topics also included:

- Background
- Community policing model
- Team areas
- Safety corridors
- SEMS (Selective Enforcement Motorcycle Squad)
- College Avenue enforcement
- How to make a SEMS Complaint
- Next steps

Discussion included education/social media campaign, signage, speed cushions, and the installation of new lit speed limit signage along College Avenue.

Agenda Item 6 – Vehicle Compliance Adjacent to High Schools

Mike Hayes and Cathy Hollow made a presentation about vehicle compliance adjacent to high schools. Topics included:

- Background
- Anecdotal information
- SEMS

Discussion included adding flashing speed limit signs adjacent to middle and elementary schools, compliance issues, adaptive streets, and the history of flashing speed limit signs near high schools.

Agenda Item 7 – Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

David Sokolowski provided an update on the General Plan 2050 working group meetings.

Shelly Seyler announced that Robert Yabes is retiring on March 14. She also announced that Sam Stevenson will be the interim Transit Manager while Eric Iwersen is the interim Chief of Staff.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

Brian Fellows requested that the following topics be added to the agenda:

- Maricopa Association of Governments and USDOT grant opportunities
- Roundabouts (data and future plans)
- Transportation Demand Management

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

- March 14
 1. Smith Road Improvements
 2. Valley Metro Security Intercept Survey
 3. Curb Management Study
 4. General Plan 2050 – Circulation Element
- April 11
 1. ADA Transition Plan and recently completed ADA facilities –
 2. Streetcar Fare implementation
 3. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
 4. Grand Canal Connection Project
- May 9
 1. Kyrene, Roosevelt, Farmer Bike/Ped Improvements Project (formally called North/South Bike/Ped Project)
 2. Electrification of Tempe’s industrial warehouses that are served by MHDVs
 3. General Plan 2050 – Circulation Element
- June 13
 - Personal Delivery Devices
- July 11
- August 14
 - Transportation Master Plan
- September 12
- October 10
 1. Annual Report
- November 14
 1. Annual Report
- December 12
 1. Commission Business
- TBD: Bike Bait (once program resumes)
- TBD: University and College Underpass
- TBD: Alameda Drive Streetscape Project (before and after)

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023. The meeting was adjourned 8:50 a.m.

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