



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
April 11, 2023

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, April 11, 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
James Dwyer

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alana Chavez Langdon

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Interim Engineering & Transportation Director
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager
Cathy Hollow, City Traffic Engineer
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Eric Iwersen, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director

Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Lyle Begiebing, Transportation Planner
Sam Stevenson, Interim Transit Manager
Chase Walman, Interim Principal Planner
Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner

Guests Present:

Katie Boligitz
John Federico
Ava Ethridge

M.E. Harris
Penpitcha Kuram

Commission Chair Amanda Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Amanda Nelson introduced the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Dawn Hocking

Second: Commissioner Robert Miller

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

Amanda Nelson discussed meeting expectations and decorum.

Agenda Item 4 – Bike Hero Awards

Commissioners were provided the list of Bike Hero Nomination applications for 2023. Discussion ensued about the nominations. A motion was made to select Mark McWhirter as the 2023 Bike Hero.

Motion: Commissioner David Sokolowski

Second: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

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Agenda Item 5 – General Plan 2050 – Circulation Chapter

Ambika Adhikari made a presentation about the circulation chapter of the General Plan 2050. Topics included:

- Overview
- Preparation and adoption schedule
- Conceptual planning hierarchy
- Development of the plan
- Community member feedback
- Circulation themes
- Draft table of contents
- Kickoff summary
- Community workshop and survey
- Open house
- Focus groups
- Community outreach
- Draft land use maps
- Next steps

Discussion included conceptual planning hierarchy, Southern vs Broadway BRT and MAG population projections.

Agenda Item 6 – Kyrene, Roosevelt, Farmer Bike/Ped Improvements Project

Lyle Begiebing provided an update on the status of the Kyrene, Roosevelt, Farmer Bike/Ped Improvements Project.

Topics included:

- Project history
- Proposed improvements
- Roadblocks
- Links to activity centers and paths
- Reroute BIKEiT
- Current conditions
- Cross sections
- Baseline Road crossing
- Next steps

Discussion included providing videos in future presentations, Kyrene and Baseline crossing and cycle tracks.

Agenda Item 7 – Grand Canal Connection Project

Chase Walman provided an update on the status of the Grand Canal MUP Project. Topics included:

- Project history
- Landscape palette
- Lighting
- Priest Drive Improvements
- Grand Canal to Washington vis 56th Street
- Grand Canal to First Solar parking garage
- Lake View Drive improvements
- Rest nodes
- Next steps

Discussion included protected bike lanes and landscaping.

Agenda Item 8 – Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

Shelly Seyler announced that she is the Interim Engineering & Transportation Director. She also announced that Sam Stevenson will be the interim Transit Manager while Eric Iwersen is the interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director. Finally, Chase Walman will be the interim Principal Planner until that position is filled.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

JC Porter requested the Prop 400e be added as a future agenda item.

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

- May 9
 - ADA Transition Plan and Recently Completed ADA Facilities
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
 - Smith Road Improvements
 - Curb Management Study
- June 13
 - TMA and TDM

- MAG and USDOT Grants
- General Plan 2050 – Circulation Element
- Valley Metro Security Intercept Survey
- July 11 – CANCEL?
- August 8
 - Transportation Master Plan
 - Roundabouts
 - Personal Delivery Devices
- September 12
 - College and University Underpass Project
 - Alameda Drive Streetscape Project
- October 10
 - Annual Report
- November 14
 - Annual Report
- December 12
 - Commission Business
- January 9
 - Commission Business
 - Traffic Bureau Update
- TBD: Bike Bait (once program resumes – still on hold)
- TBD: Streetcar Fare Implementation
- TBD: CIP Updates

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023. The meeting was adjourned 8:46 a.m.

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