
Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
December 10, 2024



Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. via Webex and at the Tempe Transportation Center located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe AZ 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

David Sokolowski
Stevie Milne
Dawn Hocking
Amanda Nelson
JC Porter
Kelsey Files

Peter Schelstraete
David King
Pam Goronkin
Jacob Cox
Anthony Strait
Claire Lauer

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Paul Hubbell
Robert Miller

City Staff Present:

Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Cathy Hollow, City Traffic Engineer
Morgan Kennedy, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Mary Kate Nacke, Public Information Officer
Trevor Malzewski, Intern
Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner

Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Eric Iwersen, Transportation & Sustainability Director
Sam Stevenson, Transit Manager
Emily DelRoss, Transportation Planner
Rebecca Rothman, Community Services Manager

Guests Present:

John Federico
Brian Passaro
Marty Ziech

Commission Chair Amanda Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Amanda Nelson introduced the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner JC Porter

Second: Commissioner Anthony Strait

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Dawn Hocking

Amanda Nelson

JC Porter

Claire Lauer

Peter Schelstraete

David King

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Jacob Cox

Anthony Strait

Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business

Amanda Nelson acknowledged outgoing Commissioners JC Porter, Pam Goronkin, David King, James Dwyer, Paul Hubbell, and Peter Schelstraete.

Agenda Item 4 – Annual Report

Eric Iwersen presented the 2024 Transportation Commission Annual Report including the 2025 Transportation Commission goals.

Discussion included parklets, transit satisfaction council priority, and review of Commission applications. Some items in the discussion will be advanced and discussed at a future commission meeting (eg. Transit Satisfaction).

A motion was made to approve the 2024 annual report.

Motion: Commissioner Kelsey Files

Second: Commissioner David King

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 5 – Streetcar Locally Preferred Alternative – Rio East Dobson Extension

Eric Iwersen and Sam Stevenson provided an update on the Streetcar Locally Preferred Alternative. Topics included:

- Overview
- Rio East-Dobson Extension (REDE)
- Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
 - Streetcar technology
 - Route
- Timeline and Next Steps

Discussion included the City of Mesa's decision on LPA, frequency, operational costs, and assessment of efficiency on Rural Road.

A motion was made to approve the Streetcar Locally Preferred Alternative.

Motion: Commissioner JC Porter

Second: Commissioner Anthony Strait

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Nay: David Sokolowski

Agenda Item 6 – Public Art Plan

Rebecca Rothman provided an update on city's public art plan. Topics included:

- Overview
- Design
- Outreach

Discussion included bus shelter art and outreach for art education.

Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Eric Iwersen informed the Commission that the College Avenue and University Drive Grade Separated Crossing project will not move forward into construction due to lack of public support, cost and design concerns.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

Parklet Program, College Avenue traffic safety and transit program communication/outreach were requested as future agenda items. The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:

- January 14
 - Commission Business – Chair
 - TMA/TDM, Personal Delivery Devices
 - 2024 Transit Survey Results
- February 11 - cancelled
- March 11
 - Vision Zero Update
 - Transit Fund Revenue Analysis
 - Bike Bait
- March 17 - Joint Meeting with Sustainability Commission
 - Transportation Plan & Transportation Equity
- April 8
 - McKellips (Scottsdale to College) Streetscape
 - Alameda Drive Streetscape Project (before and after) & Speed Data
- May 13

- Bike Hero Award
 - June 10
 - July 8
 - August 12
 - September 9
 - October 14
 - TBD: Prop 479 – MAG
 - Late 2025/Early 2026: Transit Prioritization Strategies

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe
Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen