



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission August 11, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015, 7:30 a.m., at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Pam Goronkin (Chair)

Jeremy Browning

Ryan Guzy

Bonnie Gerepka

Charles Huellmantel (via phone)

Don Cassano

Susan Conklu

Kevin Olson

Peter Schelstraete

Cyndi Streid

Jonathon Bates

Lloyd Thomas (via phone)

Charles Redman

Shereen Lerner

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Philip Luna

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director

Mike Nevarez, Transit Manager

Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner

Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor

Kristen Rodgers, Administrative Assistant

Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer

Jason Hartong, Senior Planner

Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst

Kayla Ruggles, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Radu Nan, Kittelson and Associates

Jim Lamb, resident

Commissioner Pam Goronkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Chair Goronkin introduced the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Don Cassano

Second: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Street Closure Procedures and Notification

Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer, provided an update on Tempe's procedures for approving, posting and notifying the public about street restrictions and closures. In conjunction with the city's IT staff, a GIS based map was developed and will be launched soon; the map will identify where the street closures and restrictions are located and is mobile-friendly.

Agenda Item 4 – Orbit Saturn

Jason Hartong, Senior Planner, provided the Commission with community feedback gathered during Phases I and II of the Orbit Saturn planning and decision making process and an update on the proposed routing, hours and frequency for the proposed route. As part of Phase III, public meetings will be held in September at Marcos de Niza High School. Commission discussion included hours and frequency of the route, number of buses on the route and GPS real-time technology.

Chair Goronkin asked for a motion to support the route recommendation. A motion was made to approve the proposed Orbit Saturn route.

Motion: Commissioner Don Cassano

Second: Commissioner Cyndi Streid

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 5 – Department and Regional Transportation Updates

Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner, informed the Commission that the "missing link" path connecting the Western and Highline multi-use paths that the Commission recommended for funding in June was awarded \$55,000 in design funds by the Maricopa Association of Governments. Most of the local projects funded were pathways and streetscapes in Phoenix, Mesa, Surprise, El Mirage and Gilbert.

Staff also provided a brief status update on the McClintock Drive bike lanes and the Tempe Streetcar project.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

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

- Alameda Streetscape Project (September)
- Bike Boulevards (September)
- Highline Canal Multi-use Path (September)
- North/South Railroad Spur Multi-Use Path (September)
- Streetcar (September)
- Orbit Saturn (November)
- Highline Canal Multi-use Path (November)
- Alameda Streetscape Project (November)
- Long-Range Forecast Presentation (November)
- Introduction of CIP Requests (December)
- Bike Hero (January)
- FY 2016/17 Media Plan (February)
- Long-Range Forecast Update (Operating) & CIP follow-up (March)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Signal Activate Operations Update (June)

Each Commissioner introduced themselves to the two new Commissioners and gave a brief overview of their professional experience.

The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen