



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission May 10, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:30 a.m., at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Ryan Guzy	Kevin Olson
Bonnie Gerepka	Cyndi Streid
Don Cassano (Chair)	Lloyd Thomas
Philip Luna	Susan Conklu
Jeremy Browning	Charles Huellmantel
Brian Fellows	Shereen Lerner
Peter Schelstraete	

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Charles Redman
Pam Goronkin

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director	Mike Nevarez, Transit Manager
Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner	Laura Kajfez, Neighborhoods Services Specialist
Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor	Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer	Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Guests Present:

Anne Till, resident
Chris Trask, resident

Commission Chair Don Cassano called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Anne Till spoke about agenda item #5. She is in favor of submitting the Reflector Bike Boulevard Project along Country Club Way for a MAG pedestrian design assistance grant. She stated that the project would make the street safer, more bicycle and pedestrian friendly and the corridor could benefit from signage and signal timing.

Chris Trask spoke about agenda item #5. He is in favor of submitting the Reflector Bike Boulevard Project along Country Club Way for a MAG pedestrian design assistance grant. He stated that it would be a nice amenity and improve pedestrian access similar to the College Avenue project.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Chair Cassano introduced the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Charles Huellmantel

Second: Commissioner Lloyd Thomas

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – ADA Transition Plan

Michele Stokes handed out the summary findings of the ADA Transition Plan and a survey. Tempe is in the first year of a three-year approach to conduct an ADA Self-Evaluation to identify barriers that prevent people with disabilities from accessing city programs, activities and services. The plan details the barriers, estimates the cost to remove the barriers, provides a timeline by which to accomplish the changes, and identifies the responsible party. The first phase included evaluating the downtown area and 10 parks. The second phase will evaluate areas where there are high concentrations of people with disabilities, and the third phase will evaluate the remainder of the city. The estimated cost to remedy the deficiencies identified in phase one is \$12 million.

The Commission asked about private property compliance and surveying areas to find out where people with disabilities live. Michele stated that if the Diversity Office is notified of noncompliance on private property, they will contact the property to address the issues. She also stated that the US Census data will aid in identifying in phase two where people with disabilities live.

Agenda Item 4 – Bike Share

Sue Taaffe presented information related to the implementation and efforts regarding the regional bike share program, GR:D. At the March 29 City Council meeting, Council decided not to permit advertising on the Tempe bike share system. Staff recently met with representatives from Tempe Marketplace, Arizona Mills, ASU, DTA, Hayden Ferry and Marina Heights to discuss stations on or near their property. In addition, an open house was held on March 21 and feedback from that open house and the online comment form was incorporated into the proposed station location map.

The current timeline for implementation is as follows:

- Contract with Cycle Hop to Council for approval: June 23
- IGA with ASU for \$50,000 in operations funding to Council: August
- MOU with Mesa, Phoenix and MAG: August
- Launch: December 2016

Agenda Item 5 – Maricopa Association of Governments Pedestrian Design Assistance Grants

Eric Iwersen presented two projects for consideration:

- Upstream Dam Pedestrian Bridge over Town Lake at the Dorsey Road Alignment
- Reflector Route Bike Boulevard (Broadway Road to Warner Road) includes ASU Research Park

The Commission discussed the following:

- Cost of construction for the Upstream Dam Project
- Connects from the Upstream Dam to Mesa and Scottsdale and future development on the south side of Tempe Town lake
- Timeframe for each project
- Types of projects that the region deems favorable
- Connections along Country Club Way to schools, the US 60 pedestrian bridge and ASU Research Park
- How to cross the railroad along the Reflector route

Chair Cassano asked for a motion regarding the Maricopa Association of Governments Pedestrian Design Assistance Grants. A motion was made to forward the Reflector Route Bike Boulevard (Tempe Marketplace to Warner Road) for consideration.

Motion: Commissioner Bonnie Gerepka

Second: Commissioner Susan Conklu

Opposed: Peter Schelstraete, Charles Huellmantel, Kevin Olson

Decision: Approved 10 to 3.

Agenda Item 6 – Department and Regional Transportation Updates

None

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

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

- Bus Unification Update (June)
- Highline Canal Multi-use Path (August)
- Urban Forest (August)
- Western Canal Multi-use Path Extension (September)
- McClintock @ Rio Salado Underpass (September)
- North/South Railroad Spur Multi-Use Path (October)
- McClintock Drive (October)
- Market Research Survey (November)
- Long-Range Forecast Presentation (November)
- Commission business (January)
- Bike Hero (January)
- Long-Range Forecast Presentation (February)
- FY 2017-18 Media Plan (February)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Signal Activate Operations Update (TBD)
- Fifth Street Streetscape Project (TBD)

The Commission requested an update on the Bike Bait and Bike Registration programs.

The June 14 and July 12, 2016 meetings were cancelled. The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen and Shelly Seyler