



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission April 10, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 7:30 a.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Ryan Guzy (Chair)
Paul Hubbell
Jeremy Browning
Nigel A.L. Brooks
Susan Conklu
Kevin Olson
Cyndi Streid (via phone)

Brian Fellows
Lloyd Thomas
Charles Redman
Bonnie Gerepka
Don Cassano
Shereen Lerner

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Charles Huellmantel

Shana Ellis

City Staff Present:

Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Design & Construction Manager
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Jim Peterson, Lieutenant
Bill Amato, Police Legal Advisor
Marilyn DeRosa, Deputy Public Works Director
Mike Pooley, Sergeant

Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Braden Kay, Sustainability Program Manager

Guests Present:

John Federico, resident
Amy McNamara, resident
Melinda Alonzo, ASU
David Rice, resident

JC Porter, ASU
Jeff Titone, GRID Bikes
Julie Rees, Triadvocate/Lime Bikes
Chris Milner, TY Lin

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Chair Guzy introduced the minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting and asked for a motion. Commissioner Fellows requested that the spelling of Vision 0 be changed to Vision Zero. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Kevin Olson
Second: Commissioner Paul Hubbel
Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Dockless Bicycle Right-of-Way Use License

Shelly Seyler and Marilyn DeRosa made a presentation about the draft license for dockless bicycles in the right-of-way (ROW). Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Resident feedback
- Pros and cons
- Peer city permit elements
- ROW use license proposed requirements
- Peer city fees
- Vendor and stakeholder feedback
- Next steps and process
- Feedback requested of Commission

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- Is the restriction two bikes per bus stop per vendor? Yes
- Is the restriction 400 bikes per vendor? Yes
- There needs to be clear guidelines on the definition of impoundment. When will the city impound a bike? If the bike is a safety hazard the city will impound it. If it is a nuisance, the vendor has three days to move the bike before the city will likely impound it.
- Will bikes be allowed at Orbit stops? In neighborhoods, Orbit uses flag stops not designated bus stops like on arterials; therefore, bikes may only be staged at designated bus stops served by Orbit.
- The city should consider adding a bond element to the license agreement.
- How will parking be monitored? Staff will have access to real-time data.
- Did you remove the word nuisance from the draft license? Yes, it was difficult to define so it was removed.
- After stakeholder provided feedback, did staff incorporate their suggestions? Staff met and reviewed all the feedback and revised the license as staff deemed appropriate.
- Would attachment 8 be part of the user agreement? Yes
- A Commissioner stated that he is not in favor of including attachment 8 - user indemnification in the requirements. The cyclist should not have to waive their right to sue the city.
- What will the fees be used for? Those fees will aid in offsetting administering and monitoring the program.
- Will the city hire another staff person for this? Not at this time.
- A Commissioner requested that staff provide a report in the future as to the amount of actual staff time needed to manage the program.
- Does staff have an estimate for what a bond amount would be? Not at this time.
- Do we plan on prohibiting dockless bicycles from being taken on buses or light rail? Not at this time.
- The entire system should be restaged twice a day instead of once a day.
- The cap on the number of bicycles per vendor was appropriate.
- How did staff arrive at the fees? Staff conducted an analysis of anticipated staff time to administer and monitor the program.
- Do the vendors pay sales tax? Yes
- How much is it to ride one of these bikes? Typically, \$1 an hour or half hour.

- A Commissioner stated that people seem to like the bikes but he personally does not and that he is concerned about where the bikes are parked.
- The vendor should be required to educate the user on safety.
- Can we use the fees to educate riders on safety? Initially these costs will need to help offset staff time to administer and monitor the program.
- How and when will the fee be reviewed and should there be an incentive for vendors who comply with the terms and conditions more than other vendors? Staff must make sure to be equitable when it comes to charging fees for the same access to the right-of-way.
- Will the vendor be notified before the city impounds a bike? No. The vendor will have three days to move the bike before the city will likely impound it unless it's a safety hazard.
- Does staff install the bike racks that the \$2,500 fee covers? Yes
- Does staff have a plan for increasing the number of bikes for special events? Not at this time.
- Has staff considered having a tiered fee structure? Not at this time.
- How does this license affect electric bikes and scooters? Staff acknowledges that those will eventually be parked in city right-of-way but for the time being staff is focusing on getting this license implemented.

A motion was made to recommend the following to the City Council:

- Implement a fee to include performance incentives
- Consider adding a refundable bond element
- Allow staff to make the necessary adjustments to the license as needed
- Re-evaluate the user indemnification requirement

Motion: Commissioner Shereen Lerner

Second: Commissioner Don Cassano

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 4 – Ordinances Related to Bicycles and Pedestrians

Julian Dresang made a presentation regarding Tempe's code provisions relating to bicycle crosswalks and street crossing policies, comparison to other Valley cities. Topics of the presentation included:

- State statutes
- Tempe bike ordinance
- Comparison of Tempe's ordinance to other valley cities

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- Are cyclists expected to walk their bikes across an intersection? Bicyclists can dismount the bike and walk through the intersection.
- City of Tempe bicycle ordinance, Sec. 7-52. - Riding on sidewalks or bicycle lanes as defines as "(d) Any person riding a bicycle, electric bicycle or light motorized vehicle on a bikeway, sidewalk or bicycle path that is about to enter or cross a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all traffic on such roadway" needs rewritten. Can this be written? Yes, the language can be updated. The ordinance was written to protect bicyclists since the bicyclist has a better vantage point to see a car.
- We need to add crosswalk language to Tempe's ordinance.
- The Tempe ordinance should be consistent and provide for safe travel for all modes.

A motion was made to create a working group to make modifications to Section 7-52 of the city bike ordinance.

Motion: Commissioner Ryan Guzy

Second: Commissioner Susan Conklu

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 5 – Tempe Streetcar Project

This agenda topic was not discussed.

Agenda Item 6 – Setting Speed Limits

Julian Dresang made a presentation about setting speed limits. Topics of the presentation included:

- Goal
- Background
- Study locations
- Proposed changes
- Process

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- It is confusing when speed limits change midblock.
- Will the speed limit signs near schools have a time of day listed or warning feature? That has not been determined. If it were to be a flashing sign then it would have to be included in the CIP.
- A Commissioner suggested adding a slide about severity of crashes as it relates to speeds to the presentation for Council.
- Was ASU involved in setting the speed limits around campus? Yes

A motion was made to support staff's recommended speed limit changes.

Motion: Commissioner Susan Conklu

Second: Commissioner Nigel A.L. Brooks

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 7 – Upstream Dam Bike/Ped Bridge

Chase Walman and Chris Milner made a presentation about the upstream bicycle and pedestrian bridge project.

Topics of the presentation included:

- Feedback
- Design concepts
- Next steps

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- The center span may cause a visual barrier.
- Shade is a problem and there needs to be more shade.
- Can seating be added along the bridge? Yes.

Agenda Item 8 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

None

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

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

- May 8
 - MAG Design Assistance Grants

- Fifth Street Streetscape
- Bike Boulevards
- Bike Month Recap
- June 12
 - Streetcar
 - DTA Update
- July 10
- August 14
 - Transit Security Update
 - September 11
 - Annual Report
 - Alameda Drive Streetscape
 - North/South Railroad Spur MUP
- October 9
 - Annual Report
- November 13
 - Orbit Saturn
 - Transit Resident Survey Results
- December 11
- TBD: Vision Zero
- TBD: Bus system performance report
- TBD: Prop 500/BRT
- TBD: McClintock Drive Reconfiguration Data

Chair Guzy requested that the topic of “t intersections” be added to the agenda. The Bike Recap topic was removed as an agenda item and information will be sent to the Commissioners via email. Chair Guzy suggested and Commissioners agreed that all future meetings occur from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Staff will update the Outlook calendar invite to reflect that decision.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

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Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler