



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission May 8, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, May 8, 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 (via phone)
Kevin Olson
Charles Huellmantel

Brian Fellows
Lloyd Thomas (via phone)
Charles Redman
Don Cassano
Cyndi Streid
Shana Ellis (via phone)

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Bonnie Gerepka

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Design & Construction Manager
Wydale Holmes, Strategic Management Analyst
Stephanie Deitrick, Enterprise Geo Info System Manager
Rosa Inchausti, Strategic Management/Diversity Director
Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner

Guests Present:

John Federico, resident
Bob Hazlett, MAG

Thad Miller, ASU

Commission Chair Guzy called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Chair Guzy introduced the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting and asked for a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Don Cassano

Second: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Decision: Approved with Commissioner Charles Huellmantel abstaining.

Agenda Item 3 – Autonomous Vehicles

Rosa Inchausti, Stephanie Detrick and Thad Miller made a presentation about open data and autonomous vehicles.

Topics of the presentation included:

- Open data portal
- Strategic management overview
- AV use modes
- Infrastructure
- Safe and secure communities
- AV pilots and initiatives in the US
- Policy considerations

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- What types of policies do you plan to create since local governments don't traditionally license vehicles?
The policies will most likely be related to zoning changes and ordinance updates.
- Shouldn't this effort be a regional effort since some decisions Tempe makes will impact other communities?
There will be several opportunities to partner with other cities.
- Will there be autonomous vehicle lanes only? That topic has not been discussed at the subcommittee level.
- Autonomous vehicles for personal use will be gradual while autonomous fleet used for ridesharing will be rapid.
- This may affect Vision Zero and the definition of complete streets.

Don Cassano and Nigel A.L. Brooks expressed an interest in joining Ryan Guzy on the subcommittee.

Agenda Item 4 – Autonomous Vehicles

Bob Hazlett made a presentation regarding autonomous vehicles. Topics of the presentation included:

- Game changing trends
- Current state of travel
- Levels of automation
- Connected and autonomous vehicles
- Cost per mile, by future state
- Consumer acceptance
- Opportunities and concerns
- Timing, safety, capacity, demand and energy/emissions
- Planning process
- Real estate implications
- Impact on public transit
- Local government considerations

Agenda Item 5 – MAG Design Assistance Grants

Chase Walman presented five projects for consideration for the MAG Design Assistance Grants. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview
- Projects for consideration
 - Tempe Canal Multi-use Path
 - El Paso Multi-use Path Extension
 - Farmer Ave Bike/Ped Bridge
 - Chain BIKEiT Blvd. Route
 - Rio North Bank – Grand Canal Connection

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- A few commissioners expressed support for the El Paso Multi-use Path Extension, Tempe Canal Multi-use Path and Rio North Bank – Grand Canal Connection.
- Arguments were made by the Commissioners to support the least expensive design, the most complicated design or the project with the most regional impact.
- Could the Rio North Bank – Grand Canal Connection Project be phased? Yes
- If selected to receive a MAG design grant, will the project selected by the Commission be submitted for construction grants in August 2019? Yes

A motion was made to submit the El Paso Multi-use Path Extension project for a MAG Design Assistance Grant.

Motion: Commissioner Jeremy Browning

Second: Commissioner Don Cassano

Decision: Not approved

A motion was made to submit the Rio North Bank – Grand Canal Connection project for a MAG Design Assistance Grant.

Motion: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Second: Commissioner Kevin Olson

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 6 – ADA Transition Plan

Michele Stokes made a presentation about the city's ADA Transition Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Technology for collection and tracking
- Boundary assessments
- Findings
- Cost estimates
- Community input
- Next steps

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- How will infrastructure improvements be prioritized? Improvements will be prioritized based on a combination of severity of the deficiency and public comment.
- How are the curb ramps not compliant? Blind individuals need a direct path and some of our curb ramps do not provide that.
- A Commissioner stated that he likes that shade is being included in the plan.

Agenda Item 7 – Fifth Street Streetscape

Tony Belleau made a presentation about the Fifth Street Streetscape project. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project limits and context
- Project history
- Community outreach 2017
- Design goals and public feedback
- Design treatments
- Design direction and traffic capacity
- Next steps

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:

June 12

- Streetcar
- DTA Update
- Bike Boulevards
- Rio Salado + Beach Park Master Plan

July 10

August 14

- Bus System Performance Update
- Transit Security Update
- T Intersections

September 11

- Annual Report
- Alameda Drive Streetscape
- North/South Railroad Spur MUP

October 9

- Annual Report
- Orbit Saturn

November 13

- Transit Resident Survey Results
- Vision Zero

December 11

January 8

- Commission Business

February 12

- Paid Media Plan

March 12

- McClintock Drive Reconfiguration Data
- Capital Improvements Project Update

TBD: Prop 500/BRT

TBD: Ordinances Related to Bicycles and Pedestrians

Susan Conklu requested that the topic of “Repaving Streets and Transportation Master Plan Project Interface” be added to a future agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2018. The July meeting is tentatively cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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