



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission August 14, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, August 14, 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)
Jeremy Browning
Nigel A.L. Brooks
Susan Conklu
Kevin Olson

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Bonnie Gerepka
Paul Hubbell

Don Cassano

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director
Jon King, Sergeant
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Sam Stevenson, Senior Planner
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Vanessa Spartan, Transportation Planner

Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood services Specialist
Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer

Guests Present:

John Federico, resident
Eric Anderson, MAG

JC Porter (ASU)
Sierra Ciaramella

Commission Chair Guzy called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Chair Guzy introduced the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting and asked for a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Nigel Brooks

Second: Commissioner Cyndi Streid

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Proposition 400 Extension

Eric Anderson with Maricopa Association of Governments made a presentation about Proposition 400. Topics of the presentation included:

- Timeline
- Stakeholders
- Budget
- Proposition 500 possibility
- Potential future for the regional freeway and highway program
- Draft MAG Freight Network
- Arterial streets
- 2015 corridors with demand vs existing frequency
- Light rail expansion
- Commuter rail
- Next steps

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions:

- What is the best way for the Transportation Commission to get involved in the process? The best way is to continue to have MAG make presentations to the commission, engage the business community and communicate with the legislature.
- What is MAG's position on commuter rail between Phoenix and Tucson? It would be a "game changer" for the region, but it is also very expensive.
- Will there be a change to the roadway lifecycle program? There are discussions about lowering the local match to 20% instead of 30%.
- How does the plan accommodate autonomous vehicles? MAG is reviewing how these types of technologies will affect the street structure.

Agenda Item 4 – Rio Salado and Beach Park Master Plan

Bonnie Richardson made a presentation regarding the Rio Salado and Beach Park Master Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project scope
- Integrated planning
- Tempe Urban Core Master Plan
- Community feedback
- Park history
- Transit connections
- Special events
- Existing assets
- Current challenges
- Programming
- Conceptual design
- Public input
- Next steps

Agenda Item 5 – Bus System Performance, Transit Services Security Report and Streetcar Update

Eric Iwersen, Jon King and Sam Stevenson presented information on Tempe's transit system. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview
- Funding
- Ridership
- Performance
- Trends
- Bus bays and shelters
- Transit security
- Orbit Saturn
- Tempe Streetcar
- Next steps

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- How does First Transit compare to Veolia as a contractor? It is not a fair comparison because the metrics were slightly different for Veolia. In general, accidents decreased, on-time performance increased, complaints increased, mechanical failures decreased and percentage of revenue service completed increased.
- Will ASU and Tempe Police Department representatives be part of the bus shelter design process? Yes
- A statement was made by a commissioner that it could be possible that there weren't necessarily more crimes in Tempe this past year, but rather more officers in plain clothes catching those committing crimes.
- What happened to the intercity bus system that was in Tempe years ago? It appears that there was an organizational change and this company is back in the market.
- How is fare evasion on light rail trending? It does occur because of the type of open system we have, but about 95% of people comply.
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Agenda Item 6 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Shelly Seyler made two announcements:

- 1) There will be a second public hearing later this month regarding changing the Transportation Commission ordinance to allow for 1) member who is affiliated with Arizona State University and is not a resident of Tempe and one (1) member who is employed in Tempe and is not a resident of Tempe.
- 2) There will be several public meetings this fall for a variety of transportation-related projects. The commission will receive email updates on meeting dates, times and locations.

Agenda Item 7 - Future Agenda Items

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

- September 11
 - Annual Report
 - Autonomous Vehicles
 - El Paso Multi-Use Path Project
 - North/South Railroad Spur MUP
 - College Avenue Bike Lanes
 - Bike Share
- October 9
 - Annual Report
 - Prop 500/BRT

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Grants
- T Intersections
- Repaving Streets and Transportation Master Plan Project Interface
- Bikelt
- November 13 (Joint meeting with Sustainability Commission)
 - Climate Action Plan + Transportation
 - Orbit Saturn
- December 11
 - Alameda Drive Streetscape
 - Market Research
 - Vision Zero
- January 8
 - Commission Business
- February 12
 - Paid Media Plan
- March 12
 - McClintock Drive Reconfiguration Data
 - Capital Improvements Project Update
- April 9
- May 14
 - MAG Design Assistance Grants

TBD: Ordinances Related to Bicycles and Pedestrians

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler