



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
February 12, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 7:30 a.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Conklu (via phone)
Jeremy Browning (via phone)
JC Porter
Paul Hubbell
David A. King
Pam Goronkin

Brian Fellows (Chair)
Lloyd Thomas (via phone)
Shana Ellis
John Federico
Peter Schelstraete
Bonnie Gerepka

(MEMBERS) Absent:

John Kissinger
Cyndi Streid
Ryan Guzy

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director
Chase Walman, Planner II
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager

Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Project Manager

Guests Present:

Cliff Anderson

Audra Koester Thomas

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Cliff Anderson spoke about the bicycle path closure on the north side of Town Lake just west of Rural Road. He requested that the construction occurring adjacent to the path not impact the ability to use the path.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

Commission Chair Brian fellows introduced the minutes of January 8, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

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Agenda Item 3 – Update on Prop 400 Extension Tasks

Audra Koester Thomas with the Maricopa Association of Governments made a presentation regarding the timeline and tasks associated with Proposition 400. Topics of the presentation included:

- Timeline elements
 - Foundation – 2019 to mid-2019
 - Value mapping
 - Enabling legislation
 - Goals and objectives
 - Target setting
 - Analysis – 2018 to 2021
 - Technical needs study
 - Socioeconomic projections
 - Development – 2021
 - Policy foundation
 - Plan drafting & refinement
 - Air quality conformity analysis
 - Plan adoption
 - Election – Nov. 2022
 - Request ballot placement
 - Public pamphlet
- Transportation Policy Committee timeline

Discussion included federal funding options, impacts of the anti-light rail movement, and allocation of funds based on travel made.

Agenda Item 4 – McClintock Drive Reconfiguration Data

Julian Dresang made a presentation about the travel data recently collected regarding McClintock Drive between Apache Boulevard and Guadalupe Road. Topics of the presentation included:

- Travel lane configuration
 - Striping changed July 2015
 - Corridor went from 45 lane miles to 40
 - 7.5 miles of bike lanes added
 - Striping changed March 2018
 - Corridor went from 40 lane miles to 41
 - 7.5 miles of bike lanes remain
- Average daily vehicular traffic
- Bicycle traffic counts
- Travel times

- Crashes (major and minor intersections and mid-blocks)
- Next steps
 - Complete design & construction of McClintock between Apache & Del Rio. Add back one southbound travel lane.
 - Continue to collect & monitor data

Discussion included potential reasons for travel time increases and crashes near US 60.

Agenda Item 5 – First Street/Ash Avenue/Rio Salado Parkway Intersection Updates

Tony Belleau made a presentation about the First Street/Ash Avenue/Rio Salado Parkway roundabout. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
 - Offset intersection
 - Disjointed connectivity
 - Traffic performance
 - Identified in 2009 study
 - Revisited in 2016
 - Roundabout alternative selected by Council
 - CIP funded (transit tax)
 - Project integrated into streetcar design and construction as a Concurrent Non-Project Activity (CNPA)
- Design
- Bicycle and pedestrian interface
 - Bikes can occupy travel lane or dismount at ramps
 - Directional symbols
- Construction
 - 10-week estimated duration
 - Assumes full intersection closure, exploring potential to construct in halves
 - Total cost: \$3.7 million
 - Includes design, utility relocations, construction
- Next steps
 - Assist with safety certification of roundabout
 - Update CIP with final cost in FY 19/20
 - Work with stakeholders (property owners, special events, adjacent projects) to determine construction schedule

Discussion included the inclusion of traffic signals, special events and bicycle/pedestrian interface.

Agenda Item 6 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates

Shelly Seyler informed the Commission that a reorganization is occurring within Public Works. The City Council will consider later this month whether or not to divide the department into two departments: Engineering & Transportation Department and the Municipal Utilities Department.

Shelly Seyler informed the Commission that the Don Cassano Community Room will be closed from July 2019 to April 2020 to allow the Tempe City Council to hold their meetings in the room while City Council Chambers are being remodeled. Transportation Commission meetings will either be held in the Public Works Department Administrative Conference Room or the conference room on the third floor of City Hall.

Shelly Seyler also stated that two scooter companies have applied for SATV licenses and that Lime has decided not to operate in Tempe. A City Council Working Group is drafting proposed modifications to the Tempe City Code regarding scooter enforcement.

JC Porter with ASU stated that the intercampus shuttle frequency has changed from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes. Flash service will also change to incorporate more student housing locations and less parking lots. ASU has also added scooter parking spaces adjacent to campus.

Agenda Item 7 - Future Agenda Items

Brian Fellows requested that the Downtown Tempe Authority provide an update to the Transportation Commission at a future meeting. Peter Schelstraete asked if the Tempe bike bait program still existed and requested that the Tempe Police Department include an update about the program the next time they are scheduled to make a presentation in general to the Commission.

- March 12
 - Vision Zero: Distracted Driving Ordinance
 - Capital Improvements Project Update
 - Ordinances Related to Bicycles and Pedestrians
 - Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Feasibility Study Updates
 - I-10 Broadway Curve P3 Project Update
- April 9
 - Paid Media Plan
 - Alameda Drive Streetscape Project
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Vision Zero
 - Streetcar Update
- May 14
 - Transportation Overlay District
 - MAG Design Assistance Grants
 - Bike Hero Award
 - 20 Minute City
- June 11
 - Speed Limits
- July 9
- August 13
 - Transit Security Update
 - Bus Shelter Design Project
- September 10
 - El Paso Multi-use Path Project
 - Grand Canal Multi-use Path Project
 - North/South Railroad Multi-use Path Project
- October 8
 - Annual Report
- November 12
 - Annual Report
- December 10

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler