



**Minutes**  
**City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission**  
**April 9, 2019**

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, April 9, 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  
JC Porter  
Paul Hubbell  
David A. King  
John Kissinger

Lloyd Thomas  
John Federico  
Peter Schelstraete  
Cyndi Streid

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Ryan Guzy  
Brian Fellows (Chair)  
Bonnie Gerepka

Pam Goronkin  
Shana Ellis

**City Staff Present:**

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Director Engineering & Transportation  
Chase Walman, Planner II  
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst  
Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer  
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager  
Vanessa Spartan, Planner II  
Jim Peterson, Lieutenant  
Tim Bulson, Sergeant

Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant  
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner  
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist  
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer  
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Project Manager  
Braden Kay, Sustainability Director  
Brianne Fisher, Mayoral Aide  
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner

**Guests Present:**

Cliff Anderson  
Allison Shinn  
Bri Croye

David Sokolowski  
Jason Simmers  
David Rice

With the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Shelly Seyler called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

A motion was made to have Peter Schelstraete chair the meeting.

**Motion:** Cyndi Streid

**Second:** Paul Hubbell

**Decision:** Approved by Commissioners:

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**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

Cliff Anderson spoke about Tempe Bicycle Action Group's (TBAG) annual bike counts. The draft report for 2018 is almost complete. There will not be a count completed by TBAG in 2019.

**Agenda Item 2 – Minutes**

Commissioner Peter Schelstraete introduced the minutes of February 12, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Paul Hubbell  
**Second:** Commissioner Lloyd Thomas

**Decision:** Approved by Commissioners:

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**Agenda Item 3 – Council Bike Safety Working Group Update (Bicycles, E-Bicycles, Human Powered Vehicles, Non-Human Powered Vehicles and Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices)**

Shelly Seyler presented the draft ordinance related to Bicycles, E-Bicycles, Human Powered Vehicles, Non-Human Powered Vehicles and Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices. Topics of the presentation included:

- Current ordinance language
- Definitions of human powered and non-human powered vehicles
- Proposed changes to the specific modes: bicycle, electric bicycle, non-human powered vehicles (scooters), electric personal assistive mobility devices, and human powered vehicles.
- Next steps
  - April 2, 2019 – April 16, 2019 - Public Comment
  - April 9, 2019 - Transportation Commission Meeting
  - April 10, 2019 - Public Meeting
  - May 16, 2019 – Work Study Session
  - June 6, 2019 – First Public Hearing
  - June 27, 2019 – Second Public Hearing

General consensus among the Commissioners was that the following four items be addressed in the ordinance:

1. Eliminate requirement that bicyclists must dismount when in a crosswalk.
2. Require all people under the age of 18 to wear a helmet on all modes included Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices and Human Powered Vehicles.
3. Reduce the 20 mph speed limit for all vehicles on multi-use paths and sidewalks.
4. Eliminate mandatory \$100 fine (allowing officers to issue a warning) and allow for an opportunity to correct the behavior.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Vision Zero**

Julian Dresang made a presentation about the draft Vision Zero Action Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview of Vision Zero
- Elements of a Vision Zero City
  - Setting a clear goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries.
  - The Mayor and Council publicly, officially committing to Vision Zero.
  - Key city departments (including police, transportation, fire) and community stakeholders (ex: ASU, school districts, public health agencies), are engaged.
  - A Vision Zero plan or strategy is in place, or the city commits to doing so in a clear time frame.
- Data
  - Types of crashes
  - Lighting conditions
  - Factors in crashes
  - Impairment
- Draft Vision Zero Action Plan Components
  - Intersections
  - Bicycles & scooters
  - Pedestrians
  - Nighttime
  - Impairment
  - Inexperienced and very experienced road users
  - Distraction
  - General
- Draft Strategies

Discussion included construction zones, definition of left turn crashes, and technology.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Alameda Drive Streetscape Project**

This item was previously removed from the agenda.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Streetcar**

Eric Iwersen and Tony Belleau made a presentation about the Tempe Streetcar project. Topics of the presentation included:

- Funding
- Construction timeline
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street/ Ash Avenue/ Rio Salado Parkway roundabout
- History panels
- Fares
  - Trip cost & inaugural year service
  - Regional fare collection vendor selection
  - Regional Fare Policy & Valley Metro process & board adoption
- Community outreach efforts

Discussion included naming the streetcar and advertising on the streetcar.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates**

None

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**Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items**

Lloyd Thomas requested that the Council Bike Safety Working Group Update (Bicycles, E-Bicycles, Human Powered Vehicles, Non-Human Powered Vehicles and Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices) be added to a future agenda.

- April 23
  - Paid Media Plan
  - MAG Design Assistance Grants
  - 20 Minute City
  - Capital Improvements Project Update
- May 14
  - Bike Hero Award
  - Climate Action Plan
  - Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Feasibility Study Update
  - Grand Canal Multi-use Path Update
- June 11
  - Transportation Overlay District
  - Speed Limits
  - DTA Update
  - 3-Foot Bicycle Signage
  - I-10 Broadway Curve P3 Project Update
- July 9
- August 13
  - Transit Security Update
  - Transportation Overlay District
  - Grand Canal Multi-use Path Project
- September 10
  - Bus Shelter Design
  - El Paso Multi-use Path Project
  - North/South Railroad Multi-use Path Project
- October 8
  - Annual Report
- November 12
  - Annual Report
- December 10
- January 14
  - Commission Business
- February 11
- March 10
- April 14
  - Paid Media Plan
- May 12
  - Bike Hero
  - Capital Improvements Project Update
  - MAG Design Assistance Grants

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler