



**Minutes**  
**City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission**  
**February 11, 2020**

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 7:30 a.m. in the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Susan Conklu (via phone)  
JC Porter  
Paul Hubbell  
Ryan Guzy (via phone)  
David A. King  
Christina Pucci

John Federico  
Peter Schelstraete  
Brian Fellows  
Lloyd Thomas (via phone)  
John Christoph

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Pam Goronkin  
Mary Harriman

John Kissinger  
Jeremy Browning

**City Staff Present:**

Shelly Seyler, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director  
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner  
Chase Walman, Planner II  
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst  
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager  
Vanessa Spartan, Planner II  
Rebecca Rothman, Arts Administrator

Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant  
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer  
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist  
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer  
Sam Stevenson, Senior Planner  
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner  
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Community Development Director

**Guests Present:**

Chad Price  
Becky Fry  
Eric Gudino  
Amy Ritz

Manjula Vaz  
Paul Dickman  
Kristin Myers  
Steve Schwab

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None

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**Agenda Item 2 – Minutes**

Brian Fellows introduced the minutes of January 14, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval with the understanding that Jeremey Browning's participation via telephone might not be recognized in the minutes since he had not yet signed the Oath of Office.

**Motion:** Commissioner John Christoph

**Second:** Commissioner Paul Hubble

**Decision:** Approved by Commissioners:

Susan Conklu (via phone)

JC Porter

Paul Hubbell

Ryan Guzy (via phone)

David A. King

John Federico

Peter Schelstraete

Brian Fellows

John Christoph

Christina Pucci

**Agenda Item 3 – ASU's ADA Program**

Chad Price with Arizona State University presented information about ASU's Disability Access and Resources Transportation (DART) Program. Topics included:

- Overview
- Vehicle types
- Hours of operation
- Guidelines
- Documentation
- Service area
- Scheduling
- Restrictions
- Ridership trends

Discussion included scooters and mobility devices, assistance for visually impaired people, intercampus connections, and program feedback.

**Agenda Item 4 – I-10 and Broadway Curve Project and Public Art for I-10 Alameda and Baseline Ped Bridge**

Amy Ritz with the Arizona Department of Transportation and Kristin Myers with the Maricopa Association of Governments presented information about the I-10 and Broadway Curve Project. Topics included:

- Overview
- Previous studies
- Preferred alternative
- SR143 interchange
- Alameda and Western Canal Ped Bridges
- SR143 / 48<sup>th</sup> Street challenges and opportunities
- Contractor incentives and disincentives
- Schedule
- Public Involvement
- Data collection
- Traffic counts
- Travel time sensors
- Traffic mitigation
- Regional construction

Discussion included Traffic Operation Centers, capacity and demand, carbon dioxide implications, and commuter rail.

Rebecca Rothman presented information about the public art for the pedestrian bridges over the I-10 near Alameda and Baseline. Topics included:

- Overview
- Artist selection process
- Art concept

Discussion included the artist concept and motorist interaction.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Eastline Project**

Manjula Vaz with Gammage & Burnham presented information on the Eastline Village Project on Apache Boulevard.

Topics included:

- Overview
- Project phasing
- Project specifics
  - Bike/Ped parking
  - Commercial space
  - Guest parking
  - Valley Metro platinum passes for residents
  - Bookable shared spaces
  - Rideshare discounts

Discussion included bicycle and scooter parking, Valley Metro platinum passes for residents, Rideshare discounts, and defining the success of the program.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Paratransit Update**

Sam Stevenson provided information about proposed changes to Tempe's RideChoice and Paratransit programs.

Topics included:

- Overview
- Ridership trends
- Comparison of existing services
- Proposed changes
- Public outreach

Discussion included driver education, program changes, and outreach.

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

None.

#### **Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items**

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

- March 10
  - Transit Shelter Design
  - Orbit Earth
  - Speed Limits
  - Country Club Way Streetscape
  - Traffic Management

- Proposed Projects for Prop 400e
- April 14
  - Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Extension Feasibility Study
  - Paid Media Plan
  - Priest Drive Bike Lanes
- May 12
  - Bike Hero
  - MAG Design Assistance Grants
  - Capital Improvements Project Update
  - Transit System and Security Update
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
  - Priest Drive Bike Lanes
  - Country Club Way Streetscape
  - Ash and University Intersection
  - Entitled Development Projects
  - Transportation Demand Management
- September 8
  - Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8
- TBD: Starship
- TBD: North/South Rail Spur MUP

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

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Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler