



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
January 12, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Browning
Bobbie Cassano
Alana Chavez Langdon
Susan Conklu
John Federico
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin

Mary Harriman
Paul Hubbell
David A. King
John Kissinger
JC Porter
Peter Schelstraete
David Sokolowski

(MEMBERS) Absent:

John Christoph

City Staff Present:

Shelly Seyler, Interim Community Development Director
Isaac Chavira, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Julian Dresang, City Engineer
Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Cathy Hollow, Traffic Engineer
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer

Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Vanessa Spartan, Planner II
Sam Stevenson, Senior Planner
Chase Walman, Planner II
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer

Guests Present:

Mike James
Jennifer Valentine

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of December 1, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Hubbell

Second: Commissioner Mary Harriman

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Commissioner Bobbie Cassano abstained.

Agenda Item 3 – Commuter Bus Study

Jennifer Valentine presented information on the status of the regional Commuter Bus Feasibility Study (CBFS). Presentation topics included:

- Study Purpose and Timing
- Scope of Work
- Commuter Bus Demand
- Employment Centers
- Travel Flows
- Types of Service
- Downtown Phoenix Alternatives
- New Job Center Alternatives
- Phoenix North Central Alternatives
- Deer Valley Alternatives
- Downtown Tempe Alternatives
- Broadway Innovation Corridor/Northwest Tempe Alternatives
- Price Corridor Alternatives
- Southwest Tempe Alternatives
- Evaluation Criteria
- Final Results and Recommendations
- Tempe Takeaways

Discussion Included: Study implications for Tempe, upcoming changes to Tempe Express bus routes (April 2021), first and last mile shuttles and recommended Commuter Bus routes for Tempe.

Agenda Item 4 – Long-Term Transit Fund Plan and Service Changes

Shelly Seyler and Sam Stevenson presented an update on the Transit Tax Fund and the upcoming transit service changes for Tempe. Presentation topics included:

- Transit Tax History Background
- Transit Tax Program Elements
- Transit Fund and Current Trends
- Community Values Summary

- Regional Ridership Data
- Transit Fund Balancing
- Proposed October 2021 Transit Service Changes
 - Local Bus Span of Service Reduction
 - Orbit Mercury Frequency Reduction
 - Optimizing Bus Service on Guadalupe Road (Route 62 and Orbit Saturn)
- Transit Funding and Operating Models
- Next Steps
 - Advertising RFI
 - Public Outreach
 - Transit Service Efficiencies
 - Transit Fund Forecast Update – February 2021

Discussion Included: Transit Fund status and current trends, long term fund balancing strategies, proposed service reduction/optimization and outreach plan.

A motion was made for staff to continue with the proposed outreach and service reduction approach for October 2021 transit service reductions.

Motion: Commissioner Peter Schelstraete

Second: Commissioner David King

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Agenda Item 5 – Personal Delivery Devices

Julian Dresang provided a verbal update on personal delivery device regulations in Tempe.

Discussion Included: Status of regulations for personal delivery devices (e.g., Starship Technologies).

Agenda Item 6 – Open Streets

Robert Yabes provided a verbal update on potential funding for Open Street designs in Tempe.

Agenda Item 7 – Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

Shelly Seyler stated that staff will continue to keep Commissioners informed about any upcoming Transportation public meetings. JC Porter asked new Commissioners to introduce themselves. Commissioners Alana Chavez Langdon, David Sokolowski and Bobbie Cassano introduced themselves and provided brief background information.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

Commissioner John Federico requested an update on the 1st/Ash/Rio Roundabout, as it has been about a year since it opened. Commissioner Susan Conklu requested information about signal detection for bicyclists, including where the city currently has it and plans for future. Commissioner Alana Chavez Langdon requested information on major local providers for last mile delivery technologies, specifically those with low or zero emissions, and whether there may be opportunities for the City of Tempe to assist with development.

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

- February 9
 1. Country Club Way Streetscape
 2. Transportation Demand Management Association
 3. Mobility Hubs
 4. Potential joint meetings with other boards and commissions
- March 9
 1. Outreach Plan for I-10 Corridor Construction
 2. Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
 3. Draft Parks and Rec. Master Plan
 4. BRT Study
- April 13
 1. Transit Service Reduction Plan
 2. Transit Shelter Design
 3. North/South Rail Spur MUP
 4. ADA and sidewalk infrastructure
- May 11
 1. Commuter Rail Study/ MAG Commuter Rail Plan
 2. AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan
 3. Ash/University Intersection
 4. Crosswalk signal countdown
- June 8
 1. Bike Bait Program Update
 2. Speed Enforcement
 3. Budget update
 4. Streetcar construction update
- July 13
- August 10
 1. Personal delivery devices follow-up
- September 14
- October 12
 - Annual Report
- November 9
 - Annual Report
- December 14

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2021.

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

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Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler