



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
April 20, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7:30 a.m. via Cisco Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Browning
Alana Chavez Langdon
John Federico
Brian Fellows
Pam Goronkin
David Sokolowski
JC Porter

John Christoph
David A. King
John Kissinger
Peter Schelstraete
Bobbie Cassano
Susan Conklu
Dawn Hocking

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Paul Hubbell

City Staff Present:

Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Marilyn DeRosa, Engineering & Transportation Director
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager
Cathy Hollow, Traffic Engineer
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Braden Kay, Sustainability Director

Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Sam Stevenson, Senior Planner
Chase Walman, Planner II

Guests Present:

Jessica Parks
Hannah Belec

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Hannah Belec spoke about agenda item #6, Streetscape & Transportation Enhancement (STEP) Program. Ms. Belec spoke about the public input process and indicated that she lives on College Avenue, which is designated a bicycle boulevard. She expressed her support for the STEP manual allowing for streets with schools adjacent to them and designated bicycle boulevards to have more consideration when implementing traffic control devices.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the March 9 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Brian Fellows
Second: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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John Kissinger

Abstain: JC Porter and Dawn Hocking

Agenda Item 3 – Welcome New Commissioner Dawn Hocking

JC Porter welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Dawn Hocking. Ms. Hocking introduced herself and provided information about her experience. JC Porter also provided a brief overview of the roles of Commissioners.

Agenda Item 4 – Bike Hero

Commissioners were provided the list of Bike Hero Nomination applications for 2021. Discussion ensued about the six nominations.

A motion was made to select John Dollar as the 2021 Bike Hero.

Motion: Commissioner Brian Fellows
Second: Commissioner Dawn Hocking

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Dawn Hocking
Bobbie Cassano

Nay: Susan Conklu, Pam Goronkin

Abstain: John Christoph

A motion was made to select Melissa Mahon as the 2021 Bike Hero.

Motion: Commissioner Jeremy Browning
Second: Commissioner Brian Fellows

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Bobbie Cassano
Pam Goronkin

Nay: Susan Conklu

Abstain: John Christoph

Agenda Item 5 – Long-Term Transit Fund Plan and Service Changes

Eric Iwersen and Sam Stevenson provided an updated and recommendations for balancing the transit fund.

Presentation topics included:

- Transit fund balancing strategy
- Public feedback summary
- Proposed service reductions
 - Span of service (numerous routes)
 - Orbit Mercury frequency
 - Orbit Saturn and routes 62 and 66, eliminate 65
- Transit asset advertising
- Bus service contract study
- Orbit and bus fleet updates
- New shelter designs
- Next steps

Discussion included advertising, accessibility of Orbit for people with disabilities, transit shelters (and homeless), bio fuel, Orbit Saturn, funding scenarios, and span of service reductions.

A motion was made to support the October 2021 service changes recommended by staff.

Motion: Commissioner Pam Goronkin

Second: Commissioner Dawn Hocking

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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John Kissinger
David Sokolowski
Dawn Hocking
Bobbie Cassano

Nay: John Federico, John Christoph

A motion was made to support conducting a study of potential revenue for advertising on transit assets (larger buses, streetcar and rail platforms only) with the understanding that staff must present the results of the study to the Transportation Commission before any final determinations have been made.

Motion: Commissioner John Christoph
Second: Commissioner Bobbie Cassano

Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Bobbie Cassano
John Federico

Agenda Item 6 – Streetscape & Transportation Enhancement (STEP) Program

Cathy Hollow provided an update on the Streetscape & Transportation Enhancement (STEP) Program. Topics included:

- Existing manual content
- Manual goals and policies
- Process for approvals
- Peer cities
- Next steps

Discussion included benchmarks and raised intersection standard details.

Agenda Item 7 - Potential Joint Meetings with Other Boards and Commissions

Commission Chair JC Porter provided an update regarding ongoing discussions with the Chair of the Sustainability Commission. One crossover agenda topic of interest is Prop 400 and both Chairs will continue to communicate about the possibility of holding a joint meeting.

Agenda Item 8- Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

Staff will send the Commissioners a list of upcoming public meetings. John Christoph inquired about the bike lanes that were removed on University Drive at the light rail crossing. Staff commented that the bike lanes in that area will be restriped once ASU's development project is completed.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

Brian Fellows asked if the last mile delivery technology programs agenda item was the same agenda topic as personal delivery devices, and staff confirmed that it is the same. The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:

- May 11 OR May 18
 1. Mobility Hubs
 2. Open Streets/Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association
 3. Last Mile Delivery Technology Programs
 4. Request to Name a Bicycle Facility after Joe Pospicil
- June 8
 1. Speed Enforcement
 2. ADA and Sidewalk Infrastructure
 3. Transit Shelter Design

- 4. Country Club Way Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project
- July 13
 - 1. Streetcar Construction Update
 - 2. Ash/University Intersection & 1st/Ash/Rio Roundabout Update
 - 3. Electrification of Buses
 - 4. Character Area 1 Plan
- August 10
 - 1. Long-Term Transit Fund Plan and Service Changes
 - 2. Transit Security Update
 - 3. North/South Rail Spur MUP
 - 4. Budget Update
 - 5. Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
- September 14
 - 1. Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
 - 2. Fare Collection System
- October 12
 - 1. Annual Report
 - 2. Commuter Rail Study/ MAG Commuter Rail Plan
 - 3. AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan
 - 4. Streetscape Transportation Enhancement Program
 - 5. Transit Shelter Design
- November 9
 - 1. Annual Report
- December 14
 - 1. Long-Term Transit Fund Plan and Service Changes
 - 2. Mobility Hubs – Robert
 - 3. Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association
- TBD: BRT Study
- TBD: Bike Bait (once program resumes)

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned 9:14 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen and Cathy Hollow