



Minutes
City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission
September 14, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, September 14, 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
Alice Bimrose

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

(MEMBERS) Absent: None

City Staff Present:

Abel Gunn, Transportation Financial Analyst
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Marilyn DeRosa, Engineering & Transportation Director
Eric Iwersen, Interim Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Cathy Hollow, Traffic Engineer
Julian Dresang, Deputy Engineering & Transportation Director
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Project Manager
Sam Stevenson, Interim Transit Manager
Braden Kay, Sustainability Director

Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Sue Taaffe, Senior Management Assistant
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager
Chase Walman, Senior Transportation Planner
Ken Halloran, Senior Civil Engineer
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Mitchell Willard, Intern
Andy Escobar, Intern

Guests Present:

Mike James
Tyler Olson
Bryan Dominguez
Tim Palmer

Mackenzie McGuffie
Julie Cruz
Joe Bowar

Commission Chair JC Porter called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

JC Porter introduced the minutes of the June 8 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Dawn Hocking
Second: Commissioner John Federico
Decision: Approved by Commissioners

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Abstained: Alana Chavez Langdon

Agenda Item 3 – Welcome New Commissioner Alice Bimrose

JC Porter introduced and welcomed Alice Bimrose to the Commission. Alice provided a brief overview of her experience and background.

Agenda Item 4 - Electrification of Bus Fleet

Mackenzie McGuffie with Valley Metro and Sam Stevenson with City of Tempe made a presentation about the status of electrification of the Valley's bus fleet. Topics included:

- Tempe assets – facilities and fleet
- Electric Buses in Tempe
- Overview of electric bus technology
- Summer 2020 testing
- Lessons learned
- Next steps
- Electric bus initial investment

Discussion included charging types, lifecycle of batteries, solar, testing and manufacturer.

Agenda Item 5 – Regional Transit Fare Collection System

Joe Bowar, City of Phoenix and Tyler Olson, Valley Metro provided information on the regional transit fare collection system. Topics included:

- Project goals
- Procurement process
- Phoenix contract details
- Valley Metro contract details
- Timeline
- Features and equipment
- Retail network
- Call center
- Mobile app
- Tempe Streetcar
- Milestones

Discussion included fare collection and reduced fare ID. In an effort to save time, additional questions were tabled.

Agenda Item 6 - Climate Action Plan

Braden Kay and Andy Escobar presented the current status of the climate action plan. Topics included:

- Schedule
- Partnerships
- Actions
- Business community agenda
- Neighborhood agenda
- Youth agenda
- Next steps

In an effort to save time, questions were tabled.

Agenda Item 7 - Streetcar Update

Tony Belleau provided an update on the Tempe Streetcar project. Topics included:

- Overview
- Construction
- Public art
- History panels
- Vehicles
- Schedules (opening in late March/early April 2022)
- Next steps

Agenda Item 8- Upcoming Transportation Public Meetings & Announcements

At the May Transportation Commission meeting, the Commission approved honoring Joe Pospicil with some type of sign or memorial near Sierra Vista and Broadway. Recently, the Tempe City Council approved agenda item 5A7, which will fund the sign at the bicycle and pedestrian crossing location.

It was announced that Eric Iwersen is now the Interim Deputy Engineering and Transportation Director while Shelly Seyler remains the Interim Community Development Director.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

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

- October 12
 1. Annual Report
 2. Transit Fund & Program Update/ Transit Shelter Design
 3. Streetscape Transportation Enhancement Program
 4. Scottsdale Road Bike Lanes
 5. Open Mobility Data Standards - Andrew Salzberg (per commission request)
- November 30
 1. Annual Report
 2. Tempe Adaptive Streets Implementation Design Guide
 3. Transit Program Update & Bus Service Governance Study /Transit Security Update
 4. Mobility Hubs
 5. Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association
- December 14 - Canceled

- January 11
 1. Commission business
 2. North/South Rail Spur MUP
 3. MAG Values Mapping
 4. Crosswalk Signal Countdown & Signal Detection for Bicycles
 5. Ash/University Intersection & 1st/Ash/Rio Roundabout Traffic Data Counts Update
- February 8
 1. Personal Delivery Devices
- March 8
 1. Mobility Hubs
 2. Transportation Demand Management Plan/Transportation Management Association
- April 12
- May 10
 1. Bike Hero
- June 14
- TBD: BRT Study
- TBD: Bike Bait (once program resumes)
- TBD: Commuter Rail Study/MAG Commuter Rail Plan
- TBD: AZ State Rail Plan/AZDOT Phoenix-Tucson Corridor Plan

The next meeting is scheduled for November 30.

The meeting was adjourned 9:07 a.m.

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