



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission June 12, 2012

Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 7:30 a.m., at the Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E 5TH St., Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Ben Goren, Pam Goronkin, Charles Huellmantel, Marcellus Lisotta, Sue Lofgren, Phillip Luna, German Piedrahita, Gary Roberts, Steven Saiz, Peter Schelstraete,.

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Matthew Garcia, Susan Jones, Catherine Mayorga, Melody Moss, David Strang.

City Staff Present:

Joe Clements, Jason Hartong, Eric Iwersen, Dana Janofsky, Yvette Mesquita, Nancy Ryan, Shelly Seyler, Sue Taaffe, Robert Yabes.

Guests Present:

Terry Gruver (Infra Consult)

Commission Chair Charles Huellmantel called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Huellmantel called to approve.

Pam Goronkin made a motion to approve the May 8, 2012 Transportation Commission meeting minutes. Sue Lofgren seconded the motion. All approved except Ben Goren and German Piedrahita who were not present for the approval.

Phillip Luna made a motion to approve the May 22, 2012 Transportation Commission meeting minutes. Sue Lofgren seconded the motion. All approved except Ben Goren who was not present for the approval.

Agenda Item 3 – Transportation Commission Work Session Overview

Terry Gruver provided an over view of the work session on August 4. The Commission will be reviewing the goals and objectives of the existing Comprehensive Transportation Plan. She will be continuing to work with staff on the format and content to be discussed at the work session.

Agenda Item 4 – Current Comprehensive Transportation Plan: Sections 1 (Introduction), 2 &3

Nancy Ryan presented the review of the current Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Planning.

Planning and Implementation Framework consists of the Tempe General Plan, Master Plans, Implementation Documents and Operations& Procedures.

The General Plan's Transportation-related elements as required by State statute are:

- Circulation Elements: Correlated to the Land Use Plan
- Bicycle Element: Existing and proposed bicycle facilities
- Growth Area Element: Policies to make automobile, transit and other multi-modal circulation more efficient, infrastructure more economical and provide for a rational pattern of land development.

The Transportation Continuum consists of Planning and Engineering, Grants and Funding, Operations and Maintenance and Project Design and Construction.

The Current Transportation Maser Plan is organized by Mode (pedestrian, bikeway, transit, and travelways). The new plan will be organized by corridor with an emphasis on complete streets, reflecting Tempe's approach, while including asset management.

Robert Yabes presented highlights of the current Transportation Plan including:

- Plan's Overview
- Coordination with other city planning efforts
- Community Workshops and Meetings
- Plan Emphasizes
- Modal elements including streets, travelways, freeways, transit, pedestrian network, and bicycle network,
- Purpose: multi-modal emphasis, link between transportation and land use
- Vision Statement; overall goals
- Measures of success
- Street Transportation Projects (Streetscapes, Traffic Calming)
- Transit Projects
- Transportation Design Toolbox
- Land Use Information
- 2030 Base Case Summary
- Existing Travel Patterns
- 2030 Travel Patterns.

Eric Iwersen presented pedestrian and bicycle highlights of the General and Transportation Plans including project lists and types, components, history and conditions.

Commissioner Pam Goronkin asked about the mapping of air quality hot spots and if there is any consideration for traffic circles. She would like them to be considered in the future. Shelly Seyler responded that the challenge of roundabouts is the existing right-of –ways and obtaining property to have roundabouts. Commissioner Goren stated that smart traffic signaling also helps to continue the flow the traffic. Shelly replied that if the fiber network exists then it is just about procuring the technology, which can be done through grants. The Rural corridor uses traffic signal timing to reduce travel times which equates to less gas, time and pollution.

Commissioner Gary Roberts asked about bikeway maps. Sue Taaffe stated that they are located at the Transit Store or she could e-mail them.

Commissioner German Piedrahita stated that the transition on the bicycle lanes from old to new paving is hard for bicycling. Eric Iwersen stated that eventually the streets will be resurfaced, but due to budgetary restraints it was that way. Commissioner Goren also added that three foot distance cannot be met at the passing lane. Commissioner Charles Huellmantel stated the bicycle lanes would be a topic for discussion at the work session.

Commissioner Sue Lofgren asked about neighborhood lighting. Eric Iwersen stated that it depends on the neighbors and the funding. Shelly added that there are lighting standards. In addition, the capital improvement projects program was cut from millions of dollars to \$250, 000. Current maintenance needs are upwards of \$10 million

Commissioner Peter Schelstraete asked if bicycle ordinance was part of the plan. Eric stated that it is not part of the August 4 work session, but that he and the City's Attorney's Office are working on it.

Commissioner Roberts asked if funding sources will be a discussion on August 4. Commissioner Huellmantel stated yes, and that a portion of the Transit Tax should be set aside for projects as part of quality of life and that time should be spent at each meeting to look at capital projects.

Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items

- Bicycle License Update
- Current Transportation Comprehensive Plan – Sections 4 &5

Meeting adjourned at 9:03am

The Commission's next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. Don Cassano Room at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E Fifth St, Tempe, Arizona.