

Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission October 12, 2010

Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 7:30 a.m., at the Transportation Center Don Cassano Community Room, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Ben Goren, Charles Huellmantel, Marcellus Lisotta, Jayson Matthews, Gary Roberts, Peter Schelstraete, David Strang, Bryan Young

(MEMBERS) Absent:

William Haas, Augustus Shaw IV, Joan Westlake, Catherine Mayorga, Steven Saiz, Marco Valenzuela

City Staff Present:

Don Bessler, Joe Clements, Dawn Coomer, Carlos de Leon, Shana Ellis, Eric Iwersen, Dana Janofsky, Greg Jordan, Gregg Kent, Jyme Sue McLaren, Bonnie Richardson, Robert Yabes

Guests Present:

Wulf Grote (METRO), Lisa Procknow (METRO), Stephanie Shipp (METRO), Marc Soronson (HDR, Inc.)

David Strang called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Charles Huellmantel corrected his comment on agenda item 5 for the Transportation Commission of September 14, 2010. Commissioner Jayson Matthews made a motion to approve all minutes and Transportation Commission minutes with amendments. Commissioner Gary Roberts seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved:

- Accountability and Governance Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2010
- Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2010
- Multi-modal Planning and Project Review Minutes – September 15, 2010

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Bus Paint Scheme

Greg Jordan presented the information.

There are two paint schemes that have moved forward, a Green and Silver Scheme and a Silver Scheme. No additional cost for either option. Phoenix will not be changing their paint scheme at this time, but understands that each city has the right to go with what their region desires. There has not been a formal study or form for feedback, but city staff has asked riders their preference. The majority of riders asked have preferred the Green and Silver Scheme.

Commissioner David Strang summarized the Commissioner comments. Most prefer the Green and Silver Scheme. A bus with the Green and Silver Scheme will be available for viewing at the next Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Tempe South Corridor Update

Marc Soronson from HDR presented the following information:

BRT and Modern Streetcar will be moving forward as recommendations for the Tempe South Corridor. For Downtown Tempe, the Mill/Ash Avenue Streetcar Loop is recommended. The Rural Road BRT will be kept open as part of the recommendation as there is still interest from Chandler and Tempe.

Carlos de Leon presented the information regarding operations funding.

Commissioner Ben Goren asked if the loop is closed for events would there be a turnaround option. Mr. Soronson said that a push/pull is being looked at the station south of the “y” on Mill.

Commissioner Gary Roberts asked about the CMAQ match of funds. JymeSue McLaren stated that CMAQ is 93% with a 7% local match, but the overall match of funds would be about 60%/40% split.

The Commissioners asked questions regarding Phase 2. JymeSue explained that Phase 2 will be an illustrative project in the plan so that if the money becomes available for funding, Phase 2 will be a high priority. Any changes to the plan must go through a specified process to implement. Wulf Grote explained that the funding for BRT might be found through special FTA grants and regional funding, but plans must be ready to act upon when they do become available therefore it is recommended that we move ahead with the initial planning of Phase 2. The Streetcar funding will continue to be explored through economic development funds.

Commission David Strang called for a vote. Commissioner Gary Roberts made a motion to support the recommendations to be presented to Council. Commissioner Jayson Matthews seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-1, with Commissioner Bryan Young voting no.

Agenda Item 5 – Capital Projects Updated

Eric Iwersen and Robert Yabes presented the following information:

Western Canal Multi-Use Path won the Valley Forward Crescordia Award. Rio Salado South Bank Multi-Use Path received Valley Forward’s Award of Merit.

Quiet Zone signal on 13th St should be completed by December.

Rio Salado Downstream Dam Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge is being manufactured offsite and will be installed in 4 segments. The project should be complete by Spring 2011.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

Broadway Road Update
Tempe South Corridor Update
Bike lane width

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

The Commission’s next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

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