AGENDA ITEM 21

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Tempe

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
May 13, 2008

Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 7:30 a.m., at the Hatton Hall Conference Room, 34 E. Seventh Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Marcellus Lisotta, Jayson Matthews, Kevin Olson, Amanda Ormond, Steven Saiz, Edward Smith, David Strang, Corey Woods, Bryan Young

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Don Cassano, Bill Haas, Judi Nelson, Catherine Mayorga, Marco Valenzuela, Joan Westlake

City Staff Present:
Phil Brown, Joe Clements, Dawn Coomer, Carlos de Leon, Dana Janofsky, Greg Jordan, Gregg Kent, Elizabeth Mieth, Amanda Nelson, Sue Taaffe, Robert Yabes

Guests Present:
Kathy DeBoer (West Group Research)

Jayson Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes
Kevin Olson made a motion to approve all minutes. Marcellus Lisotta seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved as submitted:

- Public Involvement/Marketing Committee - April 7, 2008
- Transportation Commission - April 8, 2008

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances
There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 - Orbit Neighborhood Circulator Program, Implementation and Evaluation Report
Greg Jordan provided the following information:

- Performance and Public Opinion Research focused on system and route level performance, operational performance, passenger and resident experience, and external impacts.
- 1.3 Million boardings since July 2007
- Orbit Jupiter has 157,284 boardings since January 15, 2008 and has the second highest average daily ridership.
- Current top destinations are downtown Tempe, Arizona State University, Tempe Library Complex, and Tempe Marketplace.
- Future considerations include Light rail stations, improve inter-Orbit connections, Tempe Center for the Arts, Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, and city facilities.
- Research for operational performance shows on time performance at 82-84% satisfaction. Missed service has been minimal. Accident rate is below the contractual limit. Mechanical breakdowns have been minimal.
- 87% of respondents support Jupiter on their street compared to 61% in 2007.
- The major comments from passenger and resident experiences include: Convenient/Good service (38%), Increased capacity/Route Expansion (16%), Helpful/Excellent drivers (11%), Routes should be changed (10%), Driver was rude/Unprofessional/Unsafe (6%).
- Estimated 200-300 new transit riders. 44% of Jupiter riders stated they never used mass Transit before. 76% of Jupiter riders would have used a car if Orbit did not exist.
- Inconclusive as to whether or not Orbit Jupiter can be associated with any significant volume/speed changes.
- There is no indication that ASU students are parking on neighborhood streets to catch Jupiter.

Kevin Olson made a motion to approve the recommendation to authorize the present Orbit Jupiter route based on demonstrated increase in resident support and strong ridership. Amanda Ormond seconded the motion. No one opposed.

Agenda Item 4 – Statewide Transportation Planning Initiative
Carlos de Leon provided the following information:

- The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and local/regional leaders from across the state have embarked on development of a new, Statewide Transportation Planning Framework.
- The Framework uses a comprehensive, statewide planning process to formulate, evaluate and prioritize "multimodal" (rail, roads, and more) transportation improvements, integrating those improvements with land use, community and economic development planning strategies.
- Preliminary Critical Needs List's purpose is to identify the immediate and short-term needs (2030) of transportation systems throughout the state, and to help ADOT and the Governor's Office better understand the magnitude of the transportation needs that cannot be met with currently available funding. The total 2030 Identified Improvement Needs Delineation cost is approximately $162.3 Billion.
- The total Preliminary Critical Needs cost is approximately $42.6 B, broken down as follows:
    - Strategic Highway Projects (58%) $24.698 billion
    - Strategic Rail and Transit Projects and Programs (18%) $7.665 billion

  - Local Mobility Projects and Programs (20%) $8.517 billion
  - Transportation Enhancements and Walkable/Bikeable Communities (4%) $1.703 Billion
- Key elements of the TIME Transportation Initiative include:
  - 1 cent sales tax starting January 1, 2010 for 30 years generating approximately $42.5 Billion
  - 55% of the sales tax will be deposited into the Highways TIME Fund and split: 49% in Maricopa County, 39% in rural Arizona, and 12% in Pima County.
  - 18% of the sales tax is deposited into the Rail TIME Fund and split: 8% to Maricopa County RPTA, 5% to Pima County RTA, and all remaining funds will be allocated for commuter and rapid rail, which will be administered on a statewide basis by ADOT.
  - 20% of the sales tax is distributed monthly as follows: 60% directly to cities, towns, county, and Indian tribes in Maricopa County based on population from the most recent decennial or mid-decennial census, 38% to the cities, towns in, and counties for 14 other counties in the state based HURF funding formula, and 2% to Indian tribes outside of Maricopa County.
  - 4% of the sales tax is distributed monthly directly to cities, towns, counties, and Indian tribes based on population at the most recent decennial or mid-decennial census.
  - 3% of the sales tax is deposited in the open space conservation and wildlife habitat fund.
  - The funds are fire walled and shall not be transferred.
  - The ADOT board shall determine the transportation projects designated to be funded by the Highways TIME Fund.
  - ADOT is granted broad authority for private-public partnerships for freeways, etc and rail.
  - All of the funds from the sales tax are in addition to any other appropriation. Neither the state nor the recipients shall supplant, replace or cause any reduction in other transportation funding sources as a result of additional funds.
  - All funds are exempt from state lapsing appropriations provisions.

Agenda Item 5 – Transportation Tour
Carlos de Leon provided the following information:

- Saturday May 17th, Public Works Conference Room
- The tour will include breakfast and an overview of what we do in transportation
- Tour will walk by the Transportation Center, Tour the East Valley Bus operations and Maintenance Facility, view an example of a traffic calming project and a bikeway project, and view part of the Light Rail corridor.
- A special tour of the Light Rail Maintenance Facility will be set up for a separate day

Agenda Item 6 – Capital Projects Update
Robert Yabes provided the following information:

- Design concept for the College Avenue Streetscape to be implemented this year

- EVBOM will be the first LEED certified building in Tempe. It will be certified LEED Gold.
- Transportation Center will be completed in June.
- Rio Salado South Bank Multi-use Path construction has started.
- Tempe Canal Multi-use Path bids have started and construction should begin September 2008.
- Installed 15 standard-shelters. 10 additional mini-shelters will be installed by fall 2008.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- Update on route changes in December with the opening of the Light Rail
- Update on red light and speed cameras in relation to speed and revenue for the city specifically how many fixed and roaming cameras are there.
- Feedback on the Statewide Transportation Planning Initiative

Jayson Matthews declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45a.m.

The Commission's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. in the Hatton Hall Conference Room, 34 E. Seventh Street, Tempe, Arizona.

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