Tempe

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee
June 11, 2008

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal, Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday June 11, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Tempe Transit Office, 20 E. 6th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present: Roy Hoyt, John Minett, Judi Nelson, Rebecca Clark, Niels Koepke

Members Absent: Joan Westlake, Steve Bass, Lucy Logan, Catherine Mayorga, Marcellus Lisotta, Bryan Young

City Staff Present: Eric Iwersen

Guests: None

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Minutes – May 14, 2008
Minutes of May 14, 2008 were approved.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances
No public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Rural & University Station Design
Deferred to July meeting; Bonnie Richardson to present update

Agenda Item 4 – Bikestation
The Bikestation is under construction and is anticipated to be operational in fall 2008. The two-tiered European bicycle rack system has been installed as of the end of May 2008. Transportation staff is seeking funding partners for operations of the Bikestation, including Arizona State University and Valley Metro. Basic operations will include the bicycle parking membership option which gives paying members card-key access to the facility and the lockers and showers. Staff is working with Bikestation Coalition (Long Beach) to provide these basic membership services. Staff will also continue to work with ASU to discuss financial partnership and locating the ASU Bicycle Cooperative into the Bikestation. The Committee also requested that the Bikestation have a community bulletin board available. The Committee also inquired about possible classes and bike-art programs operating out of the Bikestation. Staff anticipates that many community programs could have a presence in the facility.

Agenda Item 5 – Signing & Striping Standards & Policies & Maintenance/Hazard Reporting
At the May meeting Roy Hoyt presented the concern that standards for signing and striping of bicycle facilities are not consistent and in some cases, missing entirely. Specifically Mr. Hoyt requested staff to look at the following streets for bicycle lane symbols, striping etc..: Roosevelt (Broadway to Southern), Priest (Town of Guadalupe to Grove Parkway), and 1st Street (Hardy to Priest/Rio Salado Parkway). The committee recommended the city and TBAG develop an online standard form for citizens to submit with bicycle facilities questions/concerns/complaints. This item will be further discussed at the July meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Light Rail Update
At the May meeting Dawn M. Coomer presented the committee with a memo related to ongoing efforts of the light rail project. She announced that light rail vehicle testing on Tempe sections of track has begun. She also presented a status on the Tempe South Corridor Study including: public meetings will be held June 10 and 11 to present Tier 1 analysis and recommended alternatives for Tier 2 analysis. The following alternatives are being recommended for Tier 2 and are detailed in the staff memo: Commuter Rail and BRT along the UPRR; BRT and Modern Streetcar along the Mill/Kyrene Corridor, and LRT/Streetcar and BRT along the Rural Road corridor.

The Committee recommended sending a letter to the Light Rail Project staff stating their positions on the South Corridor Study.

Agenda Item 7 – Other Project Updates

Tempe Canal Path: project is anticipated to begin construction August 2008; City Council approved the contractor at their June 5, 2008 meeting.
Rio Salado Path: project is under construction and anticipated to be complete October 2008
Western Canal Path: project is anticipated to begin construction August 2008
Permeable Surfaces: staff reported that the Crosscut Path Phase II will likely have a section of path to use as a demonstration area for permeable surfaces; it was agreed to continue the discussion of applicability of permeable surfaces in Tempe.
Colored Bike Lanes: the colored intersections at Ash/University and College/Apache are an improvement, but the color has diminished and should be bolder, or physical improvements should be made to ensure vehicle compliance at the intersections.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

Bikestation, Signage/Striping, Permeable Surfaces, Rural/University Bus/Rail Transfer

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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