

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee
January 14, 2009

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday January 14, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Tempe Transportation Center Office, Bus Conference Room, 200 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present: Rebecca Clark, Steve Bass, Roy Hoyt, John Minett, Aaron Golub, Bryan Young, Judi Nelson

Members Absent: Catherine Mayorga, Niels Koepke, Marcellus Lisotta, Lucy Logan, Joan Westlake

City Staff Present: Dawn M. Coomer, Eric Iwersen, Marc Pearsall

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Minutes – December 10, 2008

Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Events (Light Rail Project Grand Opening / Destination Tempe)

Staff provided an update on the successful grand opening of the light rail project. Staff also provided details on the dedication of the Don Cassano Community Room scheduled for Jan.23 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. Event will include reception, dedication ceremony and facility tours.

Agenda Item 4 – College Avenue & Maple Ash / Mitchell Park East / West Traffic Calming

- College Avenue test phase will be complete by Jan 1, 2009.
- Staff will present recommended construction plan to College Avenue neighbors in early February 2009
- Roy Hoyt recommended improved enforcement on streets; he stated that the Police Department must be more involved in enforcing speed limits and traffic laws
- John Minett recommended additional testing on both projects
- Maple Ash/Mitchell Park will also have public meeting for next steps/possible construction in early 2009

Agenda 5 – Bicycle Center

Eric Iwersen informed the Committee that the city released an RFP for operations of the facility. At a minimum, the contract will require that the bidder entity be able to operate/manage the bike center bike parking program located within the Tempe Transportation Center. An option for sales/vending/rentals will be open to the bidder as a part of the contract. RFP responses are due in early February.

Agenda 6 – South Corridor Study

Dawn M. Coomer provided the committee with an update of study. In December, 2008 public meetings were held. The study continues to more clearly identify preferred alignments and technologies for future transit expansion. Steve Bass expressed the need to build a system that has future expansion opportunities; to choose corridors that support future transit.

The highest performing alternatives are along Mill Avenue and Rural Road. Mill Avenue, with a streetcar alternative, is one possible alignment. It would extend from downtown Tempe, south to Southern Avenue and the east to Rural Road. Rural Road, with a BRT and/or LRT alternative is another possible alignment and technology. These options will continue to be reviewed through a public process and through the city council in Spring 2009.

Agenda Item 7 – Bicycle Infrastructure & LRT

The committee expressed concern about the following items:

- smoking on platforms
- lack of bicycle racks at platforms
- difficulty using the racks on the trains
- visually-impaired access at the Transportation Center plaza

Staff will continue to provide updates on these items.

Agenda Item 8 – Quiet Zone

Marc Pearsall provided the committee with an update of the project. All street and rail road intersections in Tempe will discontinue the need for rail horns later in 2009. Some modifications will be made to intersections to accommodate this change.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Broadway Road
- Bicycle Hero Award

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Eric Iwersen

Reviewed by: Tanya Chavez, Marc Pearsall, Dawn M. Coomer

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