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## Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission September 9, 2008

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**Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 7:30 a.m., at the Hatton Hall Conference Room, 34 E. Seventh Street, Tempe, Arizona.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Don Cassano, Bill Haas, Jayson Matthews, Kevin Olson, Amanda Ormond, Edward Smith, David Strang, Bryan Young, Joan Westlake

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Marcellus Lisotta, Catherine Mayorga, Judi Nelson, Steven Saiz, Marco Valenzuela

**City Staff Present:**

Charles Chambers, Joe Clements, Dawn Coomer, Carlos de Leon, Heidi Graham, Dana Janofsky, Greg Jordan, Jason Hartong, Ryan Levesque, Elizabeth Mieth, Amanda Nelson, Bonnie Richardson, Robert Yabes, Shaun Yunt

**Guests Present:**

There were no guests present.

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. David Strang seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved as submitted:

- Transportation Commission Minutes – June 10, 2008
- Transportation Commission Minutes – August 12, 2008
- Public Involvement/Marketing Committee – August 11, 2008
- Multi-modal Planning and Project Review – August 13, 2008

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 3 – Station Area Planning and TOD Text Revision**

Dawn Coomer and Ryan Levesques provided the following information:

- Station Area Planning
  - Transit Oriented Design
    - Avoid blank walls, put building up to streets not parking, orient doors and windows towards the street.
    - Scale the details to the pedestrian.
    - Have plazas publicly accessible.
  - Stakeholder Input
    - Railroad crossing for pedestrians and bicycles are critical.
    - Key pedestrian access routes should get streetscape improvements.
    - Deep parcels can be challenging to develop.
    - New streets would help pedestrian bike and vehicle connectivity.
      - a) Stratton Lane to Apache
      - b) North-south between Lemon and Apache at Smith/Martin
      - c) North-south between Apache and Wildermuth
      - d) MacArthur to Apache at Esquer Park
      - e) East-west: Williams to Wildermuth?
  - Plan Recommendations
    - Sidewalks should be at least 14 feet wide along Apache, 6 feet in residential areas and improved crossings and streetscapes on key station access routes.
    - Shading should increase from 33% to 50%.
    - Parking
      - a) Encourage “unbundling” of parking spaces from residential units and shared parking mixed-use developments.
      - b) Adjust TOD parking standards to encourage office use.
      - c) Design parking facilities so as not to detract from the pedestrian environment.
- TOD Text Revision
  - Clarify the “Opt-In” procedures for nearby properties and its applicability.
  - Modifying the TOD Multi-Family District standards to allow increased maximum residential densities within the R-4 and R-5 districts.
  - Establish an Affordable Housing Density Program, whereby property owners requesting either an R-5 or MU-4 zoning are required to provide a percentage of affordable housing either for sale or rent.
  - Develop an Apache Boulevard Height Guideline within the study area of the Station
  - Area Plan.
  - Modify Parking Requirements.
  - Clarify the hierarchy of Public Sidewalks.
  - Revise Station Area subsection of the TOD and incorporate area specific requirements that indentify the unique station location needs.

**Agenda Item 4 – Recommended Bus Service Changes for December 2008**

Greg Jordan provided the following information:

- Route 40 on Apache/Main
  - West end of the route would end at Sky Harbor, Terminal 2.
  - East end of route would be extended to Superstition Springs Mall.
  - Route name would change from Red Line to 40 – Apache/Main
- Route 1 on Washington/Jefferson
  - Route would be modified to serve Washington and Priest LRT Station.
  - Route would no longer serve downtown Tempe.
  - Route would be modified to serve the Phoenix Zoo.
- Route 30 on University
  - Frequency would be reduced to every 30 minutes instead of every 15 minutes during rush hour.
  - Route would be modified to serve Main/Sycamore Transit Center.
- Route 44 on 44<sup>th</sup> St/Tatum
  - Route would no longer serve Veteran's Way.
  - Route would be modified to serve the Transportation Center LRT Station.
- Route 56 on Priest Drive.
  - Route would no longer serve downtown Tempe.
  - Route would serve Priest and Washington LRT Station.
- Route 72 on Scottsdale/Rural
  - Route would be modified to serve University and Rural LRT Station.
  - Route would be modified to serve the Transportation Center LRT Station.
- Route 76 on Miller
  - Route would serve downtown Tempe via Rural and University instead of Curry and Mill.
  - Route would be modified to serve Transportation Center LRT Station.
- Route 81 on Hayden/McClintock
  - Route would no longer travel on University Drive between McClintock Drive andv College Avenue. Passengers would transfer at Apache and McClintock LRT Station to connect to downtown Tempe.
- Orbit Jupiter
  - Route would be modified to serve University and Rural LRT Station.
  - Route would be modified to serve Tempe Transportation Center LRT Station.
- Orbit Mars
  - Route would be modified to serve Price and Apache LRT Station.
- Orbit Mercury
  - Route would be modified to serve University and Rural LRT Station.
  - Route would be modified to serve Price and Apache LRT Station.
  - Route would be modified to serve Tempe Transportation Center LRT Station.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Capital Project Updates**

Carlos de Leon and Bonnie Richardson provided the following information:

- College Ave Streetscape will be tested from the end of September to December 2008. Maple Ash/Mitchell Park East and West Traffic Calming will start it's test phase on
- September 11, 2008.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were proposed.

Jayson Matthews declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

The Commission's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

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Reviewed by:

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