

## **Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission January 12, 2010**

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

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Ben Goren, Bill Haas, Marcellus Lisotta, Jayson Matthews, Gary Roberts, Steven Saiz, Peter Schelstraete, Augustus Shaw IV, David Strang, Joan Westlake,

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Catherine Mayorga, Edward Smith, Marco Valenzuela, Bryan Young

**City Staff Present:**

Darcie Bontems, Joe Clements, Dawn Coomer, Carlos de Leon, Tom Duensing, JymeSue McLaren, Dana Janofsky, Greg Jordan, Robert Yabes

**Guests Present:**

None

Jayson Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

David Strang made a motion to approve all minutes. Steven Saiz seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved:

- Multi-Modal Planning and Project Review – October 14, 2009
- Multi-Modal Planning and Project Review – November 4, 2009
- Transportation Commission Minutes – December 8, 2009

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 3 – Transportation Commission Business**

Jayson Matthews presented the following information:

- It is the time of year for nominations for chair and vice chair of the Transportation Commission.
- The position is for one year with the option to continue for one additional year.
- Steven Saiz nominated David Strang as Transportation Commission Chair. The motion passes unanimously.
- Ben Goren nominated Steven Saiz as Transportation Commission Vice Chair. The motion

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passes unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4 – Commuter Rail Update**

Dawn Coomer presented the following information:

- Tempe's grant application submitted for state shared revenues for commuter rail was denied in September 2009.
- Staff continues to monitor and influence statewide and regional commuter rail studies being led by other agencies.
- The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting two studies expected to be complete in Spring 2010 that may also affect the Tempe Branch.
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**Agenda Item 5 – Ad hoc Transit Fund Committee Update**

Carlos de Leon presented the following information:

- It is projected that an additional reduction of \$16 million in annual operating expenses is needed to balance the fund, assuming the recommended bus service changes are implemented.
- Staff will begin to model the core minimum services the City will be providing.
- The Ad hoc Committee will formulate a package recommendation for council which will be passed by the commission and then forwarded on to Mayor and Council for approval.
- Going forward the Ad hoc Committee will first establish the model for the core minimum baseline assuming there is no additional funding, than look at options for additional funding that would bring services back.
- Regular meetings will be scheduled to work through the process.

**Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items noted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

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

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