



## Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission March 9, 2010

**Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:30 a.m., at the Transportation Center Don Cassano Community Room, Tempe, Arizona.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Ben Goren, Charles Huellmantel, Jayson Matthews, Catherine Mayorga, Steven Saiz, David Strang, Joan Westlake, Bryan Young

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Bill Haas, Marcellus Lisotta, Gary Roberts, Augustus Shaw IV, Peter Schelstraete, Edward Smith, Marco Valenzuela,

**City Staff Present:**

Tanya Chavez, Joe Clements, Dawn Coomer, Eric Iwersen, Gregg Kent, Carlos de Leon, Elizabeth Mieth, Amanda Nelson, Bonnie Richardson, Sue Taaffe, Robert Yabes, Shaun Yunt

**Guests Present:**

Pam Young

David Strang called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

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

Jayson Matthews made a motion to approve all minutes. Catherine Mayorga seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved:

- Ad Hoc Transit Fund Minutes – January 28, 2010
- Transportation Commission Minutes – February 9, 2010

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 3 – New Commissioner Welcome**

David Strang presented the following information:

- Charles Huellmantel is the new commissioner to be welcomed by the commission.

**Agenda Item 4 – Bike Hero Nominee**

Eric Iwersen presented the following information:

- This is the third year that this has gone through the commission. It's an effort to recognize by the council an individual or organization in the community that's doing a lot to enhance bicycling in Tempe.
- The Multi-Modal Planning and Project Review committee is the body that reviews all these applications and there's a recommendation this year to nominate the Bicycle Cellar.

Commissioner David Strang inquired is there only an award for a group or organization and another for an individual. Eric Iwersen stated that has been debated. Originally that was the intention to have one for an organization/institution and an individual every year but we thought it would give more emphasis to one group each year and then give more life span to the award itself. Right now it's one award for a group or and individual.

Commissioner Steven Saiz made a motion to approve the nomination of the Bicycle Cellar for the Bike Hero Nominee. Ben Goren seconded the motion.

**Agenda Item 5 – Ad hoc Transit Fund Committee Update**

Carlos de Leon and Joe Clements presented the following information:

- April 11 is when public comments end and the week of the April 18 will be bringing financial plan to the Ad Hoc Committee and will be presented to the Transportation Committee at the end of the month of April to accommodate this schedule.

**Options for Phasing of Reductions**

	Up-front	Option Even	Back-end
Program Reduction			
FY 10-11	9.609	4.484	3.203
FY 11-12	2.87	4.711	4.679
FY 12-13	1.64	4.924	6.237
Total	14.119	14.119	14.119
Fund Balance			
FY 09-10	53,574	53,574	53,574
Drawdown (FY 13-14)	10,082	18,490	21,085
FY 13-14	60,040	51,631	49,036
FY 16-17	58,060	49,651	47,057

- To address the Ad Hoc Transit Fund Committee's request of possibly shifting the Transit debt repayment from transit taxes to secondary property taxes. In short, this would 1) be a Council policy decision, 2) be subject to voter authorization and 3) affect future Capital Improvement Projects.
- Sources/Uses of Property Taxes: Property owners in Tempe pay a primary and secondary property tax. The **primary** property tax revenue is recorded in the City's *General Fund* and used to support ongoing operations such as public safety, community service programs, parks and recreation programs, etc. The **secondary** property tax revenue is recorded in the City's *General Obligation Debt Service Fund* and used to pay the debt service (principal and interest) on the City's general obligation debt.

- Transit Bonds Refinanced to General Obligation Bonds - As the secondary property taxes are used to pay the City general obligation debt, any Transit debt would have to be refinanced to general obligation debt to be repaid from secondary property taxes.
- Voter Approval - General obligation debt requires voter approval through bond authorization elections. Therefore, these general obligation bonds would have to be included in an upcoming bond election.
- Affect on Other CIP Projects - If the Council chose to refer this issue to the voters and the bond election was successful, future CIP projects (park improvements, street improvements, public safety projects, etc.) would be deferred, reduced or eliminated as these bonded projects are also repaid with secondary property taxes.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Capital Projects Update**

Eric Iwersen presented the following information:

- Western Canal Multi-use Path is 99% complete and officially opened March 2, 2010.
- College Ave Streetscape the bid packet is being put together and will start construction this summer.
- Curry Road Bike and Pedestrian Project construction has just started.
- Maple Ash/Mitchell Park East and West Traffic Calming the test measures have been up for a year and are going to council for approval.
- Crosscut Canal Path Phase II the design has been finished and is being put out to bid.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items**

- Mill Ave Trolley

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

The Commission's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

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