



**Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Accountability and Governance Committee
June 7, 2010**

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Accountability and Governance Committee held on Monday June 7th, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at the City of Tempe Transportation Center Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present: Jayson Matthews, William Haas

Members Absent: Edward Smith, Joan Westlake, Gary Roberts

Guests: Don Cassano

City Staff Present: Dawn M. Coomer, Greg Jordan, Joe Clements, Jason Hartong

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes from April 19th Committee Meeting

Consideration of meeting minutes from April 19, 2010 was tabled until future meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Agenda Item 3 – FY 2010-11 bus service reductions

Greg Jordan, Transit Administrator, presented an overview of the Transit Fund Financial Balancing Plan: PROPOSED BUS SERVICE CHANGES, Fiscal Year 2010-11, a summary of which is provided below.

The City Council approved the Transit Fund Financial Balancing Plan which draws on fund balance to sustain operations over the next three fiscal years and phases in annual recurring cost reductions and/or increased revenues of \$4.5-\$4.9 million between FY 2010-11 and FY 2012-13. Specific recommendations totaling approximately \$4.5 million for FY 2010-11 include reducing personnel service and other service costs by \$1.2 million and reducing transit services (bus-rail) costs by \$3.3 million.

The budget reduction process for bus and rail services implemented during the months of February through May 2010 identified \$3.3 million in cost savings/additional revenue and potential bus-rail service reductions for FY 2010-11:

- Cost savings & additional revenue: \$1,751,624 (53%)
- Bus-rail service reductions: \$1,582,450 (47%)

Total: \$3,334,074

Light rail reductions make up \$378,000 (24 percent) of the total \$1.58 million in service reductions. These changes were approved by the City Council on May 6 and METRO Board of Directors on May 19.

Staff is presenting the following bus service reductions based extensive public/stakeholder involvement, regional coordination, and professional evaluation. Staff is requesting the Accountability and Governance

Committee forward the recommendations to the Transportation Commission for consideration on June 8, 2010. Final changes approved by the City Council will take effect on July 26, 2010.

- **LOCAL BUS SERVICE:**
 - All Routes – Eliminate local bus service before 5:00 a.m.
 - Route 40 (Apache) – Eliminate segment along University Dr. between downtown Tempe and Sky Harbor International Airport;
 - Route 72 (Rural/Scottsdale) – Reduce weekday peak period service from 15 to 20 minutes in Tempe, Scottsdale, and Chandler (Tempe to supplement with booster service);
 - Route 66 (Kyrene, Mill, 68th Street) – Temporarily restructure Route 66 in north Tempe in response to Scottsdale elimination of route.
- **EXPRESS BUS SERVICE:**
 - Route 536 – Eliminate entire route;
 - Route 511 – Restructure to service Scottsdale and Tempe only; southern terminus would be the Apache & Price LRT station (Chandler segment eliminated).
- **FLASH SYSTEM (Downtown & ASU Campus Circulator)**
 - Flash Forward, Back, University – Restructure Flash system to operate more efficiently (implementation planned for July 1).

Commissioner Matthews concurred with the recommendations and suggested forwarding recommendations to the Transportation Commission.

Guest Cassano thanked staff for the significant amount of research, analysis, public involvement, and effort to minimize service cuts by identifying operating cost savings. Guest Cassano concurred with Commissioner Matthews to forward to the Transportation Commission.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the commissioners and guest agreed that Commissioner Matthews will provide to the full Transportation Commission a summary of the committee's discussion on the FY 2010-11 bus service reductions.

Agenda Item 4 – Transit Service (Bus – Rail) Reductions Public Involvement Process Update

Jason Hartong, Senior Transit Operations Coordinator presented a verbal update on valley-wide bus service reductions.

Commissioner Matthews requested that the scope of region wide bus service reductions be communicated to the Transportation Commission on June 8.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next Accountability and Governance meeting is not scheduled.

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