



**Minutes**  
**City of Tempe Transportation Commission**  
**Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee**  
**September 9, 2009**

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday September 9, 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:** Neils Koepke (bicycle advocate), Peter Schelstraete, Ben Goren, Rebecca Clark (TBAG), Marcellus Lisotta, Steve Bass (former Transportation Commission)

**Members Absent:** Lucy Logan (former Bike Committee), Judi Nelson (ASU), Aaron Golub (TBAG), John Minett (former Bike Committee), Roy Hoyt (former Bike Committee), Westlake (former Commission), Bryan Young

**Guests:** none

**City Staff Present:** Dawn M. Coomer, Eric Iwersen

**Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Minutes – August 12, 2009**

Minutes of the August 12, 2009 were approved

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

No public appearances.

**Agenda Item 3 –Written Goals & Purpose of the Committee**

There was considerable discussion regarding the committee membership, goals and standard operating practices. Staff and commission discussed the topic at the September Transportation Commission meeting. The full commission was provided with a list of current committee members. The commission will review, at a later date, the possibility of changes to the “Standard Practices...” document and how voting and membership will be outlined. At the October committee meeting staff will provide the following:

- Committee member attendance record
- Adopted Tempe bike and transportation plans and policies
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- AASHTO design guidelines (especially as it relates to pathways on streets)

The committee will discuss previous advances and accomplishments and determine priorities for future meetings. The committee discussed the need to focus goals in the future. The committee also discussed comparing Tempe's plans and policies with Portland, Oregon documents. It was noted that an orientation packet for new members would be helpful.

**Agenda Item 4 – Pedestrian & Bicycle Accidents**

Staff distributed 2008 bicycle and pedestrian accident data and the committee discussed. The committee requested staff to provide a document detailing all state and local bicycle and pedestrian laws. The committee would like to continue discussions about safe bicycle facilities, particularly regarding on-street pathways separated from traffic.

**Agenda Item 5 – Speed Bumps**

Deferred to future meeting

**Agenda Item 6 – Street Closures**

Deferred to a future meeting

**Agenda Item 7 – Bus Route Changes**

Staff announced that public meetings are being held regarding proposed transit service reductions in Tempe that are related to declining revenue and sales tax. Staff also informed the committee that at a future meeting they would discuss capital project reductions as part of the Transit Tax budget reductions.

**Agenda Item 8 – Bicycle Cellar**

Staff informed the committee that the indoor, secure bicycle parking facility with showers, lockers and bike maintenance is now fully operational. The project was funded with federal funds and is the first of its kind in the state.

**Agenda Item 9 – Maple Ash & Mitchell Park East/West Traffic Calming**

Staff provided the committee with an update of the project. 90% construction documents are being developed for all three neighborhoods. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2010. Additional discussions with Maple Ash will happen for possible further traffic calming. The project test phase remains installed with no reported accidents and a general reduction of speeds and volumes adjacent to measures.

**Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items**

**It was suggested that future agendas list items in priority order since there is often insufficient time to fully address all agenda items.**

- Written Goals & Purpose of the Committee
- Pedestrian and bicycle accidents (bike laws)
- Speed bumps
- Street closures
- Budget priorities (CIP reductions)
- College Ave Traffic Calming, with specific attention to the College/Southern intersection
- Western Canal & HAWK crossings
- Downstream Dam Bike/Ped bridge
- Process to review CIP priorities
- Bicycle access at the Tempe Community Center at Rural/Southern
- Bicycles and roundabouts

**Agenda Item 8 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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