

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee
April 14, 2010

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday April 14, 2010 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), Ben Goren, Steve Bass (former Transportation Commission), John Minett (former Bike Committee), Marcellus Lisotta, Judi Nelson (ASU), Aaron Golub (TBAG),

Members Absent: Lucy Logan (former Bike Committee), Roy Hoyt (former Bike Committee), Joan Westlake (former Commission), Aaron Golub (TBAG), Peter Schelstraete, Rebecca Clark (TBAG), Bryan Young

Guests: Kolby Granville

City Staff Present: Eric Iwersen, Tanya Chavez, Dawn M. Coomer, Bonnie Richardson

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 –8th Street Streetscape Concept Project

Staff presented an update on the streetscape concept project for 8th St. between Rural and McClintock, including the Creamery Rail Spur and the crossing of Rural Rd and connections to the light rail line and ASU. The project is commencing with a local landscape architecture team, AECOM, leading a public, staff and stakeholder process to develop concepts for new streetscape character along the corridor. The project will include review of parking, lighting, landscaping, pathways, adjacent redevelopment and historic structures. The committee had the following ideas/comments:

- Decrease vehicular traffic speed and volumes
- Provide an off-street pathway
- Review crime statistics to determine trouble spots
- Preserve history of the area and provide educational components
- Provide connection to University Drive, north/south links
- Provide better bicycle access

Agenda Item 3 –El Paso Gasline Path Project

Staff informed the committee that federal CMAQ funding had been obtained for a future path connection along the El Paso Gasline corridor, south of Baseline Road, from Rural Road to Kiwanis Park. The path design will commence in approx. 2013.

Agenda Item 4 –Tempe South Corridor Update

Staff presented an update of the project, including upcoming public meetings. The project is currently reviewing possible Ash Avenue alignment and economic development data related to the project area.

Agenda Item 5 – Bike Month

7 breakfast sites and the mayors ride will be offered to the community.

Agenda Item 6 – Transit Fund Committee Update

The city council is reviewing possible transit service cuts, capital improvement program cuts and staffing levels for all areas of transit.

Agenda Item 7 – Capital Improvement Project Updates

- Maple Ash & Mitchell Park East/West Traffic Calming – project is under construction and scheduled to be complete by June 1, 2010.
- College Ave Traffic Calming – final plans are being developed and packaged for public bid
- Western Canal & HAWK Crossings – path project is at 95% completion
- Crosscut Canal Path – staff is preparing bid package; construction is anticipated to begin in Summer

Agenda Item 8 – Other Transportation Updates & Future Agenda Items

- Bus route changes
- Bicycle Cellar
- Speed Bumps
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Accidents
- Bicycle Roundabouts/Traffic Circles
- Bicycle Access @ Rural/Southern – Tempe Library Complex

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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