Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday August 11, 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), Steve Bass (former Transportation Commission), Marcellus Lisotta, Peter Schelstraete, Ben Goren

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

Guests:

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances
No public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2010
Minutes were approved with the modification of adding Peter Schelstraete to the members present list.

Agenda Item 3 – 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

There was significant discussion about not having bike lanes on the road and creating a slower speed, shared-use corridor.

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, a “loop” alignment, and a Mill Avenue alignment and economic development data related to the project area.

Agenda Item 5 – Bike Events Update (Tour de Fat, Tour de Tempe)
These October events will be discussed at future committee meetings.
Agenda Item 6 – Capital Improvement Project Updates

- College Ave Traffic Calming – the project will begin construction in the fall
- Crosscut Canal Path – the project begins construction September 7
- Broadway Road Streetscape – the project is in final design and includes new bike lanes and street trees as well as a wall on the north side of Broadway

Agenda Item 7 – Other Transportation Updates & Future Agenda Items

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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