

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee
September 15, 2010

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday September 15, 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), Marcellus Lisotta, Peter Schelstraete, Ben Goren. Aaron Golub (TBAG)

Members Absent: Steve Bass (former Transportation Commission), 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)

Guests: Charlene Churchey, ASU

City Staff Present: Eric Iwersen, Shelly Seyler

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2010

Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Bicycle / Vehicle Signage Policy Review

Staff presented information related to new and modified bicycle related signage for roadways, recently approved for the new edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). “Share the Road” green and white signage will be phased out of use, and two new alternatives will be introduced in Tempe. The first is a yellow and black regulatory double sign that uses a bike symbol (or pedestrian, tractor etc...) paired with a share the road sign. The second is a new warning sign with the words: Bicycles Use Full Lane. Both will be used in locations throughout Tempe as the green and white “Share The Road” signs are phased out. The committee had questions related to other striping and signage issues related to width of bike lanes and the Arizona 3-foot Passing Law, which will be discussed at later meetings and the Transportation Commission.

Agenda Item 4 – Tempe South Corridor Update

Staff presented an update of the project, including upcoming public meetings. The project is currently reviewing a possible Ash Avenue alignment, a “loop” alignment, and a Mill Avenue alignment and economic development data related to the project area. A large public meeting is scheduled for September 23 at MADCAP Theaters. Staff distributed a memorandum updating the committee on the project. The committee expressed some concern about how bicycle traffic would interface with trackway.

Agenda Item 5 – Bike Events Update (Tour de Fat, Tour de Tempe)

Tour de Fat is scheduled for Saturday October 9 and is expected to draw over 10,000 participants including approximately 8000 for the bicycle parade throughout Downtown Tempe and adjacent neighborhoods. The Tour de Tempe is scheduled for Sunday, October 24 and is expected to draw 1500 bicyclists for a bicycle ride throughout Tempe, including the newly constructed Western Canal Path.

Agenda Item 6 – Capital Improvement Project Updates

- College Ave Traffic Calming – the project will begin construction in the November
- Crosscut Canal Path – the project is nearly 50% complete with construction
- 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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