

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee
January 12, 2011

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday January 12, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Tempe Transportation Center Office, Bus Conference Room, 200 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present: Steve Bass (former Transportation Commission), Ben Goren, Aaron Golub (TBAG), John Minett (former Bike Committee), Marcellus Lisotta, Bryan Young, MaryKaye Black (Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists)

Members Absent: Peter Schelstraete, Judi Nelson (ASU), Lucy Logan (former Bike Committee), Roy Hoyt (former Bike Committee), Joan Westlake (former Commission), Rebecca Clark (TBAG),

City Staff Present: Eric Iwersen, Bonnie Richardson

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances No public Appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2010 Minutes were corrected and approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Tempe Streetcar Project Eric reported that a working group, with 35 members, has been formed for the streetcar project. Meetings are monthly, on the third Monday. The next meeting is Monday, January 24, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Meetings are open to the public. In addition, a staff technical team has been established and will meet monthly.

Agenda Item 4 –Bike Events Eric was congratulated for receiving the Bike Hero Award for 2010. All members were pleased with the result, but surprised that the item went directly to the Transportation Committee. It was recommended that next year this committee should provide the first review, as in previous years.

Agenda Item 5 – Downtown Mill + Lake District Placemaking Guide and Urban Open Space Plan Mark Vinson, city architect, presented both draft plans to the committee and answered questions during discussion. The committee would like more information about buffer between street/sidewalk, angled parking, bike lane configurations, etc. Members suggested incorporating alley connections and improvements in the plans.

Capital Improvement Project Updates (Eric Iwersen)

- College Ave Traffic Calming – project is proceeding on schedule
- Crosscut Canal Path – an opening celebration will be scheduled for spring, 2011
- 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; Robert Yabes will report at next month's meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Transportation Updates & Future Agenda Items

- Future agenda items to include issue of trash on bridge sidewalks, and an update/discussion of the Urban Open Space Plan and the draft Downtown Streetscape Guidelines.
- Bryon Young expressed his appreciation for the transportation staff for providing biking and pedestrian pathways that are “over and above” anything provided in neighboring cities. Marcellus Lisotta also acknowledged the accomplishments of staff in spite of cutbacks.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Bonnie Richardson