

Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee April 13, 2011

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday April 13, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Tempe Transportation Center Office, Bus Conference Room, 200 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm, by Chair Marcellus Lisotta.

Present: Marcellus Lisotta (Commissioner), Peter Schelstraete (Commissioner), Ben Goren (Commissioner), Pam Goronkin (Commissioner), John Minett (former Bike Committee), Niels Koepke (former Bike Committee), Aaron Golub (TBAG), Bryan Young (Commissioner), Phillip Luna (Commissioner), MaryKaye Black (Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists), Judi Nelson (ASU), Steve Bass (former Commissioner), Lucy Logan (former Bike Committee), Roy Hoyt (former Bike Committee), Joan Westlake (former Commission),

Absent:

City Staff Present: Bonnie Richardson, Isaac Chavira, Nancy Ryan

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances No public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2011 Ben Goren moved to approve; Peter Schelstraete seconded. Minutes were approved by three commissioners, with Commissioner Pam Goronkin abstaining.

Agenda Item 3 – Tempe Streetcar Project Nancy Ryan, Sr. Planner staff liaison to the Tempe Streetcar Community Working Group, announced the next TSCWG meeting: April 25, at 4:30 pm, in the Don Cassano Room. She said the environmental, environmental justice, and historic/cultural assessments are being done in parallel. Estimated time for start of construction is 2014, with operations beginning the end of 2016. A public comment card is available on the METRO website.

Agenda Item 4 – Bike Events Bonnie gave a brief update on the 20th annual Bike to Work Day scheduled for April 20.

Agenda Item 5 – Sidewalk Maintenance on Bridges Isaac Chavira, Public Works, reported he is now handling streets and public right-of-way. The staff has developed a maintenance plan and schedule for the 32 bridges in Tempe. He will provide the schedule and map of bridges to the committee. The inspections, which include signs, structures and sweeping, will be done two times per year minimum, following ADOT manual. If a problem exists call him at 350-8284. He is not familiar with adopt-a-street procedures. Discussion followed.

Agenda Item 6 - Capital Improvement Project Updates (Bonnie)

- College Ave Traffic Calming – project is proceeding; construction moving from south to north
- 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 is working on obtaining easements from a few of the owners impacted by the project
- Western Canal – Bryan Young noted the former access to the canal has been eliminated, leaving approx. 60 ft. of dirt without pedestrian path. This will be replaced.
- Rio Salado Dam Bridge – the steel structure will be placed by crane in May

Agenda Item 8 – Other Transportation Updates & Future Agenda Items

- an update/discussion of the Urban Open Space Plan and the draft Downtown Streetscape Guidelines,
- the volunteer bike count at 40 intersections organized by TBAG,
- bicycle accident statistics on Rural Rd.,
- next meeting: May 11, 2011

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

Peter moved to adjourn; Ben seconded the motion. The commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm.

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