Tempe

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee
May 14, 2008

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal, Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday May 14, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Tempe Transit Office, 20 E. 6th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present: Roy Hoyt, John Minett, Judi Nelson, Rebecca

Members Absent: Joan Westlake, Corey Woods, Steve Bass, Lucy Logan, Catherine Mayorga, Marcellus Lisotta, Bryan Young

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

Guests: None

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Minutes – March 12, 2008
Minutes of March 12 2008 were approved.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances
No public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Bike Achievement Award & Bike Month Wrap-up

- Staff announced that the Mayor recognized the Tempe Bicycle Action Group at the May 1 City Council meeting with original artwork as the first recipients of the Bicycle Achivement Award. TBAG was represented by all 5 board members at the presentation. Nominees for the 2009 award can be sent now to city staff and committee members.

Participation in the Bike Month events was bigger than the year before and all events were considered successful, including Bike-A-Palooza and Bike to Work and School Day.

Agenda Item 4 – Bikestation
The Bikestation is under construction and is anticipated to be operational in Fall 2008. This item will be discussed in greater detail at the June meeting. The committee requested a specific update on operations of the facility and clarification of ASU's role in the project.

Agenda Item 5 – Rio Salado Downstream Dam Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge
Eric Iwersen presented an update of the status of the project. The bridge will be located atop the downtstream dam at approximately the Hardy Drive alignment. It will be non-motorized and link the north and south banks of the Town Lake. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2008 and continue for one year. The committee questioned the exact location of the bridge; from the engineering drawings it appears the bridge will be slightly east of the dam. The committee also raised a concern about maintaining public access to the bridge at all times and not having it closed for private events, like what happens at Tempe Beach Park.

Agenda Item 6 – Signing & Striping Standards and Policies

Roy Hoyt presented the concern that standards for signing and striping of bicycle facilities are not consistent and in some cases, missing entirely. Specifially Mr. Hoyt requested staff to look at the following streets for bicycle lane symbols, striping etc..: Roosevelt (Broadway to Southern), Priest (Town of Guadalupe to Grove Parkway), and 1st Street (Hardy to Priest/Rio Salado Parkway). The committee recommended the city and TBAG develop an online standard form for citizens to submit with bicycle facilities questions/concerns/complaints.

Agenda Item 7 – Light Rail Update

Dawn M Coomer presented the committee with a memo related to ongoing efforts of the light rail project. She announced that light rail vehicle testing on Tempe sections of track has begun. She also presented a status on the Tempe South Corridor Study including: public meetings will be held June 10 and 11 to present Tier 1 analysis and recommended alternatives for Tier 2 Alternatives Analysis. The following alternatives are being recommended for Tier 2 and are detailed in the staff memo: Commuter Rail and BRT along the UPRR; BRT and Modern Streetcar along the Mill/Kyrene Corridor, and LRT/Streetcar and BRT along the Rural Road corridor.

Agenda Item 8 – Other Project Updates

Tempe Canal Path: project is anticipated to begin construction August 2008
Rio Salado Path: project is under construction and anticipated to be complete October 2008
Western Canal Path: project is anticipated to begin construction August 2008

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

Bikestation, Signage/Striping, Permeable Surfaces, Rural/University Bus/Rail Transfer

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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