**Council Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee**
**Work Plan 2007-08**
**(11/05/07)**

## Transportation Goals/Tasks

a. Ensure that light rail transit (LRT) design and construction activities meet community needs
   - Review Valley Metro Rail (VMR) construction schedule and progress.
   - Review and follow-up on VMR construction outreach and mitigation efforts.
   - Monitor the development of station area plans.
   - Evaluate Tempe north/south corridor extension.

b. Increase transit ridership
   - Monitor bus contractor performance.
   - Monitor bus stop and bus pull-out implementation program.
   - Monitor the ASU and youth bus pass program and encourage Valley Metro members to adopt the youth bus pass program.
   - Monitor the construction of the downtown Tempe transportation center.
   - Evaluate and monitor the implementation of additional neighborhood circulators.

c. Coordinate local and regional transportation decisions
   - Monitor implementation of regional transportation plan (freeways, bus, LRT, dial-a-ride).
   - Support federal funding requests for regional and local transit projects.
   - Monitor the Maricopa Associations of Governments (MAG) commuter rail study update.

d. Assure the safe and efficient movement of people and vehicles along the street system.
   - Monitor the proposed railroad quiet zone project.
   - Monitor and provide recommendations on meeting future transportation needs for downtown and Rio Salado with specific attention to development of a park and ride system.
   - Evaluate feasibility of licensing pedicabs.
   - Examine leading and lagging left turn signal policy based on the results of new studies.

e. Recognize and encourage pedestrian and bicycle travel as an important part of the transportation system.
   - Review sidewalk inventory and develop plan for completion of sidewalks.
   - Monitor bicycle facility plan implementation.
   - Develop a safety awareness program for motorists and pedestrians.

f. Expand community partnerships
   - Encourage a dialogue and partnership with ASU on transportation on parking, student, faculty and staff transit pass, FLASH and bicycle improvements.
   - Educate students at all Tempe schools about using bus and LRT.
   - Evaluate the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee recommendations:
     - Increase environmental barriers that reduce reckless driving.

- Develop a Drive Safely awareness campaign.
- Install left hand turn lanes and left turn lights at intersections near high schools.
- Establish and after school bus system and club program.

**Affordable Housing Tasks**

a. Explore regulatory-based incentives for the development affordable housing and implementation of inclusionary housing programs:
   - In-lieu fee payment
   - Control periods
   - Set-asides requirements
   - Density bonus
   - Other developer incentives

b. Develop an affordable housing strategy to guide the City's overall efforts in creating and maintaining affordable housing
   - Ensure fair and accessible housing
   - Update analysis of impediments
   - Explore options for displacement of mobile homes resulting from redevelopment.

c. Seek to create new affordable housing programs and evaluate existing programs
   - Encourage and create working partnerships with existing and new partners (both private and non-profit) to create affordable housing
   - Research current of affordable housing and explore expansion of housing supply
   - Create partnership to expand special needs housing
   - Explore appropriate means of leveraging of federal funds

d. Provide a forum for dialog with the community to understand the needs of affordable housing throughout the city
   - Educate and inform community about affordable housing
   - Invite and encourage dialog with community
   - Assess effectiveness of actions/outcomes
   - Seek regional cooperation

e. Encourage additional funding and continued support of the HOPE program and build partnerships that increase homeless individuals and families ability to obtain permanent affordable housing.
   - Network with local homeless service providers to develop a continuum of services in Tempe
   - Research and apply for all appropriate sources of funding in partnership with local homeless service providers
   - Educate community including all key stakeholders about their ability to use and support program

**Environment Goals/Tasks**

a. Form Interdepartmental Sustainability Task Force to produce a report to the Council Committee detailing the following sustainable programs, practices and initiatives by the City of Tempe:

   - Those currently in place;
   - Those that would incur either a one time cost below $100,000 and operating impacts of under $15,000 annually;
   - Those that would require additional capital and/or operating impacts.

   This report will include an analysis of comparable best practices in other communities for each identified program, practice or initiative and an analysis of the potential near and long term impact each program, practice, or initiative in the areas of economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability for Tempe.