

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee
August 13, 2008

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal, Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday August 13, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Tempe Transit Office, 20 E. 6th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present: Roy Hoyt, Judi Nelson, Joan Westlake, Steve Bass, Niels Koepke, Marcellus Lisotta, Rebecca Clark

Members Absent: Lucy Logan, Catherine Mayorga, Bryan Young John Minett

City Staff Present: Dawn M. Coomer, Tanya Chavez

Guests: Sam Bollinger, TBAG

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Minutes – July 9, 2008

Minutes of July 9, 2008 were not approved. Final approval will happen at September meeting

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Bikestation

Eric Iwersen informed the Committee that the Bikestation operations are still being explored. The city will be releasing an RFP for possible operations of the center. Other partnerships are being researched including working with ASU bike co-op, TBAG and other possible organizations. The committee and guests recommended looking into possible partnerships with volunteer groups like Americorps.

Agenda Item 4 – Signing & Striping Standards & Policies & Maintenance/Hazard Reporting

At the August meeting Roy Hoyt again presented concerns that standards for signing and striping of bicycle facilities are not consistent and in some cases, missing entirely. The committee was given phone numbers for staff contacts working on street pavement and signing/striping. Staff informed the committee that Curry Road has been re-striped from a 6 lane arterial with no bicycle lanes to a 4 lane arterial with bike lanes.

Agenda Item 5 – Light Rail Update

Dawn M. Coomer informed the committee that staff was presenting Tier 2 next steps to Tempe City Council on Thursday August 14. The next round of public meetings could be held as early as December to present the Tier 2 analysis. The following alternatives are being recommended for Tier 2 and are detailed in the staff memo that was distributed in July: 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 6– Letter of Support for Tempe South Study

The letter of support was discussed at length and it was determined to continue discussing and submit a letter of support after the December public meetings, and to have the letter go through the Transportation Commission.

Agenda Item 7 – Other Project Updates

Tempe Canal Path: project is anticipated to begin construction September 2008; City Council approved the contractor at their June 5, 2008 meeting.

Rio Salado Path: project is under construction and anticipated to be complete December 2008

Western Canal Path: project is anticipated to begin construction October 2008.

Permeable Surfaces: staff reported that the Crosscut Path Phase II will likely have a section of path to use as a demonstration area for permeable surfaces. City staff is reviewing available permeable surfaces to be tested with the Crosscut Canal Phase II project.

Colored Bike Lanes: the colored intersections at Ash/University and College/Apache are an improvement, but the color has diminished and should be bolder. Asphalt deterioration in the summer has deteriorate the color further. Staff continues to evaluate cost-effective pavement coloring alternatives. The committee recommends continued use of colored bike lanes, but with a bolder color like green or blue.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

Bike Racks/LRT stations

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Dawn M. Coomer, Tanya Chavez

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