# Transportation Commission

## MEETING DATE
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
7:30 a.m.

## MEETING LOCATION
Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Room
200 E. 5th Street, 2nd floor
Tempe, Arizona

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<td>2. Approval of Meeting Minutes</td>
<td>Ryan Guzy, Commission Vice Chair</td>
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Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
March 14, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 7:30 a.m., at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Ryan Guzy
Don Cassano (Chair)
Brian Fellows
Charles Redman
Jeremy Browning
Nigel A.L. Brooks
Bonnie Gerepka
Lloyd Thomas
Susan Conklu
Kevin Olson
Cyndi Streid (via phone)
Shana Ellis
Charles Huellmantel

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Shereen Lerner

City Staff Present:
Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director
Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner
Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhoods Services Specialist
Mike Nevarez, Transit Manager
Mackenzie Keller, Public Information Officer
Tony Belleau, Transportation Planner

Guests Present:
John Federico, resident
Nicholas Smart, resident
Terry Gruver, Valley Metro
Jordan Brackett, Valley Metro

Commission Chair Cassano called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances
None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes
Chair Cassano introduced the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Nigel A.L. Brooks
Second: Commissioner Lloyd Thomas
Decision: Approved
Agenda Item 3 – Streetcar
Eric Iwersen provided an update on the status of the Tempe Streetcar Project and introduced upcoming efforts and critical decisions related to project development. Topics of the presentation included:

- Design & Construction Coordination
- Streetcar Vehicle Status & Process
- Vehicles & Propulsion
- Wireless Scenarios Being Reviewed
- Fare & System Branding
- Concepts for possible intersection re-alignment at 1st St / Ash Ave / Rio Salado
- Rio Salado Trackway
- FTA Activities & Approvals
- Upcoming Activities

The Commission asked the following questions, and staff responded as follows:

- Will property near the Dorsey station need to be purchased or reconfigured? Staff responded no because property was purchased in that area as part of the light rail project.
- Is the Tempe Streetcar vehicle vendor the same as the Portland vendor? Staff stated no, but it is the same vendor that was used in Dallas.
- Does the driver need to put the pantograph up and down? Staff said that yes a switch may be used to raise and lower the pantograph; however, automation may be used and that technology is under review.
- How many systems use a pantograph that goes up and down? Staff said that not many do raise and lower the pantograph as frequent as Tempe might, but Dallas has been doing it for two years.
- Is there one pantograph per vehicle? Staff responded yes.
- What is the plan if the battery fails on Mill Avenue? Staff stated that an analysis is underway to determine the worst case scenario for heat and crash delays along the off wire corridor to prevent a battery failure.
- Does the “no build” option for re-alignment at 1st St / Ash Ave / Rio Salado mean that the intersection would remain as it is today? Staff said yes, but with the addition of Streetcar.
- What is the change for Rio Salado Parkway trackway compared to the previous alignment? Staff responded that the two traffic signals will still be added and the stations will be located on the side of the street instead of the middle, thereby avoiding many underground utilities.
- Are we getting any indication that the Trump administration may not fund this project? Staff said that they are optimistic that the project will be funded because it has been in previous budgets, passed environmental clearance and is close to shovel ready. Staff also said that they should know more by the end of April.
- What stops are projected to have the most ridership? Staff stated that Dorsey and Third/Mill are projected to have high ridership numbers.

Agenda Item 4 – Capital Improvements Program Update
Shelly Seyler made a presentation about Capital Improvements Program projects related to transportation.

Topics of the presentation included:

- Budget Development Process
- Public Meeting Dates
- Projects submitted by Transportation
- Overview of the Transit Fund balance
- Overview of the Highway User Revenue Fund balance

The Commission asked the following questions, and staff responded as follows:

- Since many of these projects have federal grant money associated with them, are we getting any indication that these will be funded? Staff said they really aren’t sure, but hope to know more by the end of April.
Agenda Item 5 – Speed Limits
Shelly Seyler provided an overview of the City’s process for setting speed limits, outlined the proposed study selection criteria, and shared the resulting proposed study locations. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Goals
- Study Factors
- Process
- Study Location Selection Criteria
- Proposed Study Locations

The Commission asked the following questions, and staff responded as follows:

- Is the 35 mph zone only near public high schools? Staff responded that the 35 mph school zone also includes charter schools.
- Is staff looking to increase speed limits? Staff said that it is more likely that speed limits will be reduced to achieve consistency.
- What is the timeframe for conducting the study? Staff said that the data won’t be collected over the summer so the study will likely be completed in late fall 2017.

Agenda Item 6 – Highline Canal Multi-use Path Project
Robert Yabes provided an update on the project along with and final design concept for the Highline Canal Multi-use Path Project. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Overview & Funding
- Design Concepts
- Plant Palette
- Artist Designed Shade Structures at Nodes
- Wayfinding Signs
- Grove Parkway Crossing
- Autoplex Loop Link
- Priest and Commerce Crossing
- Priest and Warner Crossing
- Tilted Kilt Connection
- Pit Park Connection
- Public Outreach

The Commission asked the following questions, and staff responded as follows:

- How do we plan to have the path cross the I-10 in the north? Staff responded that there is a regional proposal by ADOT and MAG to have a bike/ped crossing in that area.

Agenda Item 7 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates
None

Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items
The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:

- April 11
  - Country Club Way Bike/Ped Project
  - ASU Bike Registry Outreach Efforts
  - Maintenance of MUPs
• McClintock @ Rio Salado MUP Underpass
• First, Ash, Rio Salado Parkway Realignment Concepts
• May 9
  • Streetcar
  • DTA Update
  • Tempe Involving the Public Plan
  • MAG Design Grant Applications
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  • TBD: Bicycle/Pedestrian Signal Activate Operations Update
  • TBD: Small Area Transportation Study
  • TBD: Prop 500

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe
Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler and Eric Iwersen
DATE
April 4, 2017

SUBJECT
Rio Salado Multi-use Path Underpass at McClintock Drive project

PURPOSE
The purpose of this memo is to provide the Commission with an update on the Rio Salado Multi-use Path Underpass at McClintock Drive project.

BACKGROUND
The Rio Salado Multi-use Path Underpass at McClintock Drive will be located on the south bank of the Rio Salado multi-use path system at McClintock Drive. The west and east sides of McClintock Drive have existing paths, and path users are currently expected to cross McClintock Drive at the street level at the nearest traffic signal.

Tempe has built several underpasses along the Rio Salado including at Mill Avenue and at Rural Road on both the north and south side of the Town Lake. Currently a federally funded underpass at the south bank at Priest Drive is under construction and set to open in May. This underpass would be similar in character to the one at Priest Drive. The project is identified in the 2020 Transportation Master Plan and will provide a convenient and attractive link in the city’s non-motorized network. The City hired AZTEC Engineering to design the project. It will take approximately three years to complete the project from design to construction.

Below is a drawing of a typical underpass crossing.
NEXT STEPS
A public meeting will be held April 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Homewood Suites located at 2104 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe. An online comment form will be available April 25 to May 9, 2017 at www.tempe.gov/riounderpassatmcclintock.

FISCAL IMPACT
The project is funded with federal grant of about $1.3 million Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The project also received CMAQ federal funds totaling $158,895 for design. The project final design is scheduled for completion in late fall 2017.

RECOMMENDATION
This is for information only.

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ATTACHMENTS
- PowerPoint
Rio Salado Underpass at McClintock
Transportation Commission

April 11, 2017
Project Overview

- Located in east Tempe, connecting to the newly completed Mesa MUP
- Allows users to travel continuously along the Rio Salado MUP without crossing any street from SR143 to Mesa.
- Connects residents to ASU, Tempe Marketplace, downtown Tempe, Cubs Stadium West, and Mesa Riverview
- Will include lighting, landscaping, and public art
Funding

- $1.3 million in grants from federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds for construction
- $159,000 in federal grants for final design
- Tempe Capital Improvements Program approved by the City Council
- Local match from the Transit Fund
Existing Conditions
Existing Conditions
Alternative 1
Alternative 1B
Alternative 2
Alternative 1 and 1B
Alternative 1
Design Concepts

- Keep a Larger Plaza (Alternative 1)
- Less Disturbance Along the Levee and River (Alt 2)
- Landscaping/Replace/Improve/Seating area
- LED and Solar Lighting
- Integrate Bike Share Station
- Public Art
Public Outreach

• Public meeting: April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Homewood Suites, located at 2104 E Rio Salado.

• Online comment available at: www.tempe.gov/riounderpassatmcclintock from April 25 to May 9.

• Contact: Robert Yabes at (480)350-2734 or Robert_Yabes@tempe.gov
DATE
March 22, 2107

SUBJECT
Country Club Way Pedestrian Improvement and Bike Boulevard Project

PURPOSE
The purpose of this memo is to provide the Commission with an update on the Country Club Way Pedestrian Improvement and Bike Boulevard Project.

BACKGROUND
Country Club Way is a seven-mile collector-level street that connects to several regional multi-use paths, bicycle pedestrian corridors, schools, parks and major destinations. To the north it links to the development along Tempe Town Lake and Tempe Marketplace, and to the south links to one of Tempe’s largest employment hubs, ASU Research Park and Discovery Center. The proposed project would re-characterize streets along the alignment and provide an alternative way of connecting north and south Tempe and the region, including providing access to light rail, bus routes, the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over US-60 and other bikeways.

NEXT STEPS
Public meetings will be held April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Fuller Elementary School located at 1975 E. Cornell, and April 29 at 9:30 a.m. at Escalante Center located at 2150 E. Orange Street. Online comment will be available from April 18 to May 9 at www.tempe.gov/countryclubwaypath.

FISCAL IMPACT
- July 2016, the project was awarded a Maricopa Association of Governments grant design grant for $82,500.
- Final Design and Environmental (unfunded): $425,000
- Construction:
  - $5 million for street improvements (unfunded)
  - $2 million for pathway (one mile) (unfunded)
  - $3 to 5 million at railroad crossing (unfunded)
Tempe would be required to contribute a 5.7 percent match for construction.

RECOMMENDATION
This is for information only.

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Country Club Way Bike and Ped Facilities Improvement Project - Preliminary Design

Transportation Commission
April 11, 2017

Robert Yabes
Jason Harrington
Project Overview

- Located in east Tempe, extending north and south from Warner Road at ASU Research Park to Rio Salado MUP at Tempe Marketplace, approximately 7 miles
- Generally follows the alignment of Country Club Way
- Connects a diversity of neighborhoods to employment centers, parks, schools and commercial areas
- Will include lighting, landscaping, street crossings, railroad crossing, and public art
$82,500 in grants from MAG Design Assistance Funds
Apply for federal grant in August 2017 for construction
Add to Tempe Capital Improvements Program for final design in 2018
Local match from the Transit Fund
Existing Conditions
Opportunities & Constraints

• Opportunities
  • Right of Way greater than 60’-0”
  • Connections to Transit/Multi-modal facility
  • Easement Opportunity
  • Existing Pedestrian Bridge
  • Connection to Existing Recreation and Educational Facilities

• Constraints
  • Right of Way less than 60’-0”
  • Intersection Issues
  • Private Ownership Access to be Negotiated
Preliminary Design Concepts

• **Design Segments**
  • Type 01 / 02 / 03 – Location specific
  • Type 04 / 05 / 06 – Adaptable to corridor typical

• **Unique Characteristics**
  • Type 01 = Sharrows on private ownership (Orange)
  • Type 02 = Apache Blvd. LRT condition (Pink)
  • Type 03 = Shared Use Path at ASU Research Park (Red)
  • Type 04 = ROW less than 60 ft (Yellow)
  • Type 05 = ROW more than 60 ft (Teal)
  • Type 06 = ROW greater than 70 ft (Purple)
Preliminary Design Concepts

- Design Segment 01A
- Unique Characteristics
  - Type 01 = Sharrows on private ownership (Orange)
  - Pavement Markings only, no infrastructure changes
  - Pedestrians utilize existing circulation network
Preliminary Design Concepts

• Design Segment 01B

• Unique Characteristics
  • Type 01 = Sharrows on private ownership (Orange)
  • Pavement Markings only, no infrastructure changes
  • Pedestrians utilize existing circulation network
Preliminary Design Concepts

• Design Segment 02
• Unique Characteristics
  • Type 02 = Apache Blvd. LRT condition (Pink)
  • Modify existing bike lanes to elevated bike lanes along route
  • Enhance existing pedestrian environment along route
  • Contraflow segment at station
  • Utilize existing signals at Martin / Police Station for crossover
Preliminary Design Concepts

• Design Segments 03

• Unique Characteristics
  • Type 03 = Shared Use Path at ASU Research Park (Red)
  • Concrete 10 ft wide path with 8 ft soft trail (equestrian use)
  • Minor comfort nodes at 2 neighborhood trailheads
  • Connections to existing ASU Research Park multi-modal network
• Design Segment 04

• Unique Characteristics
  • Type 04 = ROW less than 60 ft (Yellow)
  • Limited options for bike and pedestrian priority environments
  • 2 lane + 2 bike lane with 24” textured buffer strip
  • Detached sidewalk with shade / trees with wayfinding
Preliminary Design Concepts

• Design Segments 05

• Unique Characteristics
  • Type 05 = ROW more than 60 ft (Teal)
  • Limited options for bike and pedestrian priority environments
  • 2 lane + 2 bike lane
  • Detached sidewalk with shade / trees with wayfinding
  • Potential on-street parking
  • Potential traffic calming features
Preliminary Design Concepts

- Design Segments 06
- Unique Characteristics
  - Type 06 = ROW greater than 70 ft (Purple)
  - Various Options for conditions with mixed land uses
  - Potential Cycle Track segment at Smith: University to Rio Salado
  - Potential on-street parking segments
  - Potential landscape medians / traffic calming features
  - Potential bio-swale landscape buffer feature
  - Enhanced pedestrian environment
Public Outreach

- Public meeting: April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Fuller Elementary School - 1975 E. Cornell, Tempe.
- Public meeting: April 29 at 9:30 p.m. at Escalante Community Center – 2150 E Orange Tempe.
- Online Comment from April 18 to May 5.

- Contact: Robert Yabes (480) 350-2734 or Robert_Yabes@tempe.gov
DATE
March 27, 2017

SUBJECT
Arizona State University Bike Registry Program

PURPOSE
The purpose of the presentation on April 11 is to provide the Commission with an update on ASU’s bike registry program.

BACKGROUND
JC Porter, ASU Assistant Director for Commuter Services, will discuss the policies and procedures for the ASU bike registry program.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

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ATTACHMENTS
None
DATE
April 4, 2017

SUBJECT
Maintenance of Multiple Use Paths (MUPs) & Bus Stops

PURPOSE
Staff will discuss the maintenance of multi-use paths throughout the city and other transit assets including bus stops, facilities and right-of-way (ROW).

BACKGROUND
The Transportation Division is responsible for the maintenance and repair of various transit assets and facilities. Under the direction of the Transportation Facility Supervisor, the Transit Maintenance Section is responsible for maintaining 26 miles of multi-use paths, 792 bus stops, 1,697,000 sq. ft. of ROW landscaping and two major facilities – the East Valley Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility and Tempe Transportation Center.

FISCAL IMPACT
No Fiscal Impact

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ATTACHMENTS
• PowerPoint
Maintenance of Multi-use Paths and Other Transit Assets

Tempe Transportation Commission

April 11, 2017
Multi-use Pathways

26 miles of pathway - 2 pedestrian bridges
Paths (continued)

- 18 pathways, over 1,000 path lights.
- Approximately 200 LED path light fixtures.
- Converting path lights to LED technology reduces power consumption up to 75% and maintenance by at least 75%.
- Goal: 100% of paths accessible by emergency & maintenance equipment by 2018.
- Future projects to convert path lighting to LED will include repainting light poles.
Paths (continued)

Path Maintenance

- Accessible paths swept weekly
- Paths inspected weekly
- Landscape maintenance and cleaning bi-weekly (1,240,000 sq. ft.)
- Lighting inspected quarterly
Bus Stops

- 792 bus stops, 60 bus pullouts, 311 passenger shelters, 173 lighted shelters
- Continue to use current shelters with major rehabilitation effort to reduce installation and maintenance cost and double useful life to 30-years.
Bus Stops (continued)

- Goal: 90% (713) bus stops ADA compliant by 2020.
- Goal: 100% passenger shelters lighted by 2022
- Continue to standardize amenities to reduce parts inventory, increase maintenance efficiency, and create common visual marketing
- Bus stops cleaned regularly (1-5 x weekly) based on passenger activity
East Valley Bus & Operation Maintenance Facility

- EVBOM - built in 2007
- LEED certified Gold
- 24 Acres
- 123,000 sq. ft. of office and maintenance space
- 24/7 Operation
- 60,000 gallon L/CNG fuel plant
- 12,000 gallon diesel storage
- 250 buses and vehicles
- 2 FTE building technicians
- Numerous equipment/system maintenance vendors
Tempe Transportation Center

- Built in 2007
- LEED certified Platinum
- 2.5 Acres
- Roof top garden
- Transit Center
- 40,000 sq. ft. office and retail space
- 1 FTE building technician
Right-of-Way Maintenance

Streetscape Projects & Light Rail

• Landscaping (457,000 sq. ft.)
• Irrigation
• Artwork

Hardy Drive
DATE
March 29, 2017

SUBJECT
Future Agenda Items

PURPOSE
The Chair will request future agenda items from the Commission members.

BACKGROUND
The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:

- **May 9**
  - First, Ash, Rio Salado Parkway Realignment Concepts
  - Streetcar
  - DTA Update
  - Tempe Involving the Public Plan
  - MAG Design Grant Applications
- **June 13**
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