Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:30 a.m., at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Ryan Guzy
Shereen Lerner
Brian Fellows
Charles Redman
Jeremy Browning
Nigel A.L. Brooks
Bonnie Gerepka

Lloyd Thomas
Susan Conklu
Kevin Olson
Cyndi Streid
Shana Ellis
Charles Huellmantel
Paul Hubbell

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Don Cassano (Chair)

City Staff Present:
Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director
Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Sam Stevenson, Senior Planner
Scott Balck, Transportation Facilities Supervisor

Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
Laura Kajfez, Neighborhoods Services Specialist
Mike Nevarez, Transit Manager
Mackenzie Keller, Public Information Officer
Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer

Guests Present:
John Federico, resident
Nicolas Smart, resident
JC Porter, Arizona State University

Commission Vice Chair Guzy called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances
None

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

Motion: Commissioner Charles Huellmantel
Second: Commissioner Kevin Olson
Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Commission Business
Vice Chair Guzy introduced newly appointed Commissioner Paul Hubbell. Commissioner Hubbell provided a brief background of his experience. The Commissioners introduced themselves to Commissioner Hubbell.

Agenda Item 4 – McClintock at Rio Salado MUP Underpass
Robert Yabes made a presentation about the design concepts for the underpass at McClintock Drive and the Rio Salado multi-use path. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Overview
- Funding
- Existing Conditions
- Design Alternatives
- Public Outreach

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

- How does working with the Army Corps of Engineers affect the project and alternatives? Both alternatives require the approval of the Army Corps of Engineers, but staff does not expect any significant comments from them since both alternatives have minor impacts to the area.
- Can President Trump cut the funding? There is always a chance.
- Will the Army Corps of Engineers have concerns about the trees along the lake? All the trees are on private property and the project will not affect existing trees.
- Is there a design preference that does not damage the levee and habitat as much? Yes, 1B affects the levee less by cutting into the area by eight feet.
- Why is no additional seating proposed for the east side of the bridge similar to the plaza on the west side? The land on the east side is owned by Tempe Marketplace not the city. However, this could always be added later as part of an agreement with Tempe Marketplace.

A motion was made to support design alternative 1.

Motion: Commissioner Charles Huellmantel
Second: Commissioner Kevin Olson
Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 5 – Country Club Way Bike/Ped Project
Robert Yabes, Brian Fellows and Jason Harrington provided an overview of the design concepts for the Country Club Way Bike/Ped project. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Overview
- Funding
- Existing Conditions
- Opportunities and Strengths
- Design Concepts
- Public Outreach

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

- What is the funding that staff is applying for in August? Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding for 2021-2023.
- Has staff discussed the bridge concept with the police department? Staff has not discussed the idea of an underpass or bridge with the Tempe Police Department. Staff did consider building a bridge over the railroad tracks, but the preferred design option is constructing an underpass 18 feet underground rather than 28 feet above the tracks.
- How long in length would the underpass be under the railroad? 98 feet.
- Is that railroad abandoned in that area? Yes.

**Agenda Item 6 – ASU Bike Registry Outreach Efforts**

JC Porter with Arizona State University discussed ASU’s bike registry program. Topics of discussion included:
- Bike Valets
- Card Access Bike Storage
- Online Registration
- Abandoned bicycles

The Commission asked the following questions, and JC Porter responded as follows:
- Do students need to register each year? The registration is valid for five years.
- How does ASU coordinate with the Tempe Police Department? ASU Police Department coordinates with the Tempe Police Department regularly and both are looking at integrating their two systems.
- How long does ASU give the bike owner before cutting the bike lock from an unauthorized location on campus? One to two hours and then the bike is removed if they do not remove it.

**Agenda Item 7 – Maintenance of Multi-use Paths and Bus Stops**

Mike Nevarez discussed the maintenance schedule and other aspects of Tempe’s multi-use paths, bus stops, facilities and right-of-way maintenance.

The Commission asked the following questions, and staff responded as follows:
- What is the best way to report a problem? Calling 350-4311.
- How does Tempe handle shopping carts left at bus stops? Passengers should call 350-4311 or the contractor who cleans the shelters will relocate the shopping carts back to the business.
- Does the terrazzo flooring near the elevators require special maintenance? Not normally, but that type of material is made to be high gloss and indoors. It is scheduled to be replaced in 2018.

**Agenda Item 8 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates**

Shelly Seyler introduced new staff member Sam Stevenson, who will be working in transit operations.

**Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items**

The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:
- May 9
  - Streetcar
  - DTA Update
  - Tempe Involving the Public Plan
  - MAG Design Grant Applications
  - First, Ash, Rio Salado Parkway Realignment Concepts
- June 13
  - McClintock Drive
  - Road Construction Traffic Mitigation
- July 11
  - Autonomous Vehicles
Western Canal Expansion MUP Final Design
  Highline Canal MUP Final Design
- August 8
  Leading vs. Lagging Left Turn Signals
  Bus Security Program
  Plan for Expansion of Bicycle/Pedestrian Paths
  Streetcar
- September 12
  Fifth Street Project Update
  Annual Report
  North/South Railroad Spur MUP
- October 10
  Annual Report
  Alameda Drive
- November 12
  Bike Share Update
  Streetcar
  Speed Limits
- December 12
  TBD: Bicycle/Pedestrian Signal Activate Operations Update
  TBD: Small Area Transportation Study
  TBD: Prop 500

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

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Reviewed by: Shelly Seyler