Minutes of the Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 7:30 a.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Bonnie Gerepka

City Staff Present:
Shelly Seyler, Deputy Public Works Director                 Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Tony Belleau, Streetcar Design & Construction Manager     Sue Taaffe, Public Works Supervisor
Wydale Holmes, Strategic Management Analyst               Joe Clements, Transportation Financial Analyst
Stephanie Deitrick, Enterprise Geo Info System Manager    TaiAnna Yee, Public Information Officer
Rosa Inchausti, Strategic Management/Diversity Director    Julian Dresang, City Traffic Engineer
Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist                  Robert Yabes, Principal Planner

Guests Present:
John Federico, resident                                     Thad Miller, ASU
Bob Hazlett, MAG

Commission Chair Guzy called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances
None

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes
Chair Guzy introduced the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting and asked for a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Don Cassano
Second: Commissioner Brian Fellows
Decision: Approved with Commissioner Charles Huellmantel abstaining.
Agenda Item 3 – Autonomous Vehicles
Rosa Inchausti, Stephanie Detrick and Thad Miller made a presentation about open data and autonomous vehicles.
Topics of the presentation included:
- Open data portal
- Strategic management overview
- AV use modes
- Infrastructure
- Safe and secure communities
- AV pilots and initiatives in the US
- Policy considerations

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:
- What types of policies do you plan to create since local governments don’t traditionally license vehicles?
  The policies will most likely be related to zoning changes and ordinance updates.
- Shouldn’t this effort be a regional effort since some decisions Tempe makes will impact other communities?
  There will be several opportunities to partner with other cities.
- Will there be autonomous vehicle lanes only? That topic has not been discussed at the subcommittee level.
- Autonomous vehicles for personal use will be gradual while autonomous fleet used for ridesharing will be rapid.
- This may affect Vision Zero and the definition of complete streets.

Don Cassano and Nigel A.L. Brooks expressed an interest in joining Ryan Guzy on the subcommittee.

Agenda Item 4 – Autonomous Vehicles
Bob Hazlett made a presentation regarding autonomous vehicles. Topics of the presentation included:
- Game changing trends
- Current state of travel
- Levels of automation
- Connected and autonomous vehicles
- Cost per mile, by future state
- Consumer acceptance
- Opportunities and concerns
- Timing, safety, capacity, demand and energy/emissions
- Planning process
- Real estate implications
- Impact on public transit
- Local government considerations

Agenda Item 5 – MAG Design Assistance Grants
Chase Walman presented five projects for consideration for the MAG Design Assistance Grants. Topics of the presentation included:
- Overview
- Projects for consideration
  - Tempe Canal Multi-use Path
  - El Paso Multi-use Path Extension
  - Farmer Ave Bike/Ped Bridge
  - Chain BIKEIT Blvd. Route
  - Rio North Bank – Grand Canal Connection
Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- A few commissioners expressed support for the El Paso Multi-use Path Extension, Tempe Canal Multi-use Path and Rio North Bank – Grand Canal Connection.
- Arguments were made by the Commissioners to support the least expensive design, the most complicated design or the project with the most regional impact.
- Could the Rio North Bank – Grand Canal Connection Project be phased? Yes
- If selected to receive a MAG design grant, will the project selected by the Commission be submitted for construction grants in August 2019? Yes

A motion was made to submit the El Paso Multi-use Path Extension project for a MAG Design Assistance Grant.

**Motion:** Commissioner Jeremy Browning  
**Second:** Commissioner Don Cassano  
**Decision:** Not approved

A motion was made to submit the Rio North Bank – Grand Canal Connection project for a MAG Design Assistance Grant.

**Motion:** Commissioner Brian Fellows  
**Second:** Commissioner Kevin Olson  
**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 6 – ADA Transition Plan**  
Michele Stokes made a presentation about the city’s ADA Transition Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Technology for collection and tracking
- Boundary assessments
- Findings
- Cost estimates
- Community input
- Next steps

Discussion by the Commission included the following questions and comments:

- How will infrastructure improvements be prioritized? Improvements will be prioritized based on a combination of severity of the deficiency and public comment.
- How are the curb ramps not compliant? Blind individuals need a direct path and some of our curb ramps do not provide that.
- A Commissioner stated that he likes that shade is being included in the plan.

**Agenda Item 7 – Fifth Street Streetscape**  
Tony Belleau made a presentation about the Fifth Street Streetscape project. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project limits and context
- Project history
- Community outreach 2017
- Design goals and public feedback
- Design treatments
- Design direction and traffic capacity
- Next steps
Agenda Item 8 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates
None

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items
The following future agenda items have been previously identified by the Commission or staff:

June 12
- Streetcar
- DTA Update
- Bike Boulevards
- Rio Salado + Beach Park Master Plan

July 10
August 14
- Bus System Performance Update
- Transit Security Update
- T Intersections

September 11
- Annual Report
- Alameda Drive Streetscape
- North/South Railroad Spur MUP

October 9
- Annual Report
- Orbit Saturn

November 13
- Transit Resident Survey Results
- Vision Zero

December 11
January 8
- Commission Business

February 12
- Paid Media Plan

March 12
- McClintock Drive Reconfiguration Data
- Capital Improvements Project Update

TBD: Prop 500/BRT
TBD: Ordinances Related to Bicycles and Pedestrians

Susan Conklu requested that the topic of “Repaving Streets and Transportation Master Plan Project Interface” be added to a future agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2018. The July meeting is tentatively cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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