AGENDA ITEM 16

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Tempe

Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
August 12, 2008

Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, June 12, 2008, 7:30 a.m., in the Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Don Cassano, Bill Haas, Marcellus Lisotta, Jayson Matthews, Judi Nelson, Kevin Olson, Steven Saiz, Edward Smith, David Strang, Bryan Young, Joan Westlake

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Catherine Mayorga, Amanda Ormond, Marco Valenzuela

City Staff Present:
Darcie Bontems, Joe Clements, Dawn Coomer, Carlos de Leon, Dana Janofsky, Jason Hartong, Shelley Hearn, Noah Johnson, Jyme Sue McLaren, Elizabeth Mieth, Amanda Nelson, Bonnie Richardson, Elizabeth Thomas, Shelly Seyler, Robert Yabes

Guests Present:
There were no guests present.

Jayson Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes
Kevin Olson made a motion to approve all minutes. Don Cassano seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved with a change to the Transportation Commission Minutes on June 10, 2008:

- Multi-modal Planning and Project Review – June 11, 2008
- Public Involvement/Marketing Committee – July 7, 2008
- Multi-modal Planning and Project Review – July 9, 2008

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances
There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Photo Enforcement Program
Noah Johnson provided the following information:

- On October 25, 2006 a request for proposal for a new Photo Enforcement Vendor for the City of Tempe was issued.
- After a thorough review process, a contract was awarded to Redflex and signed on July 7, 2007.
- Statistics from beginning of program September 18, 2007 through end of the 2007 calendar year.
    - Two speed vans and eight fixed cameras went operational.
    - 51,292 total violations were detected and 25,309 violations were discarded due to uncontrollable/controllable factors resulting in 25,983 citations/warning notices mailed out. This represents 76% of available violations resulting in citations or warnings.
    - On average there were 1844 citations per week over a 14 week period since the inception of the program till the end of the year.
- Statistics from the first and second quarter of 2008.
    - By the end of the first quarter of 2008, 13 of the proposed 19 cameras were functioning.
    - During the first quarter, 58,602 violations were detected and 24,309 violations were discarded due to uncontrollable/controllable factors resulting in 34,293 citations/warning notices mailed out. This represents 88% of available violations resulting in citations or warnings.
    - During this first quarter, on average 2637 citations issued per week.
    - By the end of second quarter of 2008, 17 of 19 cameras were operational.
    - During the second quarter, 44,090 violations were detected and 17,867 violations were discarded due to uncontrollable/controllable factors resulting in 26,223 citations/warning notices mailed out. This represents 94% of available violations resulting in citations or warnings.
    - During this second quarter, on average 2107 citations issued per week.
- Under the previous contract with the former vender in 2006 approximately 12,000 violations were detected with only 4,457 citations issued for the year. This represents 25% of available violations resulting in citations or warnings. The new program is more efficient and effective than the previous one.
- The data shows that the speeding and red light running is decreasing due to the use of Photo Enforcement.

Agenda Item 4 - Residential Parking Permit Program
Shelly Seyler provided the following information:

- Policy 1 – Guest Permits: Every dwelling unit is entitled to one free "Visitor Parking Pass".
    - Concerns indentified: Under most circumstances, residences have driveways which may be used for guest parking if necessary beyond the one "Visitor Parking Pass" issued. There is a burden that is placed on the residents to contact Traffic Engineering where no driveway exists anytime when more that one guest is visiting.
    - Staff Recommendation: An additional Visitor permit is provided to those residents who can show that they do not have a driveway or on-site parking.

- Policy 2 – Number of permits issued per unit: Each resident of a household within the residential permit parking area to receive a vehicle permit for the vehicle.
    - Concerns Identified: Current policy allows an unlimited number of permits to be issued per household. This ultimately impacts the entire street parking.
    - Staff Recommendation: Due to limitation on enforcement, staff recommends Traffic engineering work closely with Code Enforcement on residences where it appears code violations are taking place regarding unrelated residents.
- Policy 3 – Parking within frontage of residence: Currently no policy exists that requires residents to park only within their frontage. Due to streets are public areas, not every residence has equal amount of frontage and restricting parking within frontage would be difficult to enforce.
    - Concerns Identified: Residents are parking in front of other residences within the RPP area.
    - Staff Recommendation: As indicated above, a policy which restricts parking within frontage of a residence does not exist for several reasons. Staff recommends that this practice be maintained.
- Policy 4 – Requirement that the problem exists prior to implementation: Residents within an area contact Traffic Engineering when they think a problem exists. Traffic Engineering in turn reviews concerns and if warranted, sends out petition to residents.
    - Concerns Identified: With the opening of the Light Rail there are concerns that there will be an influx of people parking in the neighborhoods close to the stations due to convenience and limited park-n-ride spaces.
    - Staff Recommendation: A proactive approach which we contact the neighborhoods that are most likely will be impacted by opening of Light Rail. If residents proceed, Traffic Engineering would guide them through the process to implement the RPP program.
- Practice 1 – Lack of Enforcement in RPP areas: Current practice is to rely on the availability of Parking Enforcement to patrol and ticket the Residential Permit Parking Areas.
    - Concerns Indentified: Due to limited staff in Parking Enforcement, the areas are no patrolled frequently.
    - It was determined that increased enforcement would be available once PD Enforcement positions are filled.

Agenda Item 5 – Proposed Bus Service Changes December 2008

Jason Hartong provided the following information:

- Route 40 on Apache/Main will extend to Sky Harbor Terminal 2 using existing Red Line routing.
- Route 56 on Priest will extend to 48th St/Chandler Blvd. in Ahwatukee.
- Route 92 on 48th St/Guadalupe would travel on Priest/Avenida del Yaqui rather then on Kyrene.
- Still under consideration is the route 30 and FLASH deviation to Rural/University Light Rail Station.
- Approved changes will take effect December 29th 2008.

Agenda Item 6 – Transportation Center and LRT Grand Opening
Jyme Sue McLaren and Shelley Hearn provided the following information:

- The tentative schedule of events for the Metro Light Rail Grand Opening:
  - On Friday, December 26, 2008 at the Tempe Transit Center there will be a Metro media preview and preview passholder day. A Metro appreciation dinner will be held at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel at 4:30 pm.
  - On Saturday, December 27, 2008 at the Operations and Maintenance Center will be the Metro Grand Opening Ceremony. There will also be Metro Station Celebrations at various locations in Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa.
- The weekend of December 27 and 28 at all the Metro stations across the valley will be free.

Agenda Item 7 – Capital Project Updates
Carlos de Leon and Bonnie Richardson provided the following information:

- The Transit Store will move into the Tempe Transportation Center on August 24, 2008 and the Transit and Light Rail will move in on August 28, 2008.
- The East Valley Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility have been awarded the LEED Gold Certification in July 2008.
- Western Canal Multi-use Path the plans are complete and a contract has been approved and construction to begin in August 2008.
- Rio Salado Multi-use Path construction is moving along okay.
- Rural and University Bus LRT Station is under contract and will be completed before Light Rail opens.
- College Ave Streetscape meeting on August 19, 2008 for preliminary design concepts.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items
Bryan Young would like an update on the Photo Enforcement Program in fourteen months.

Jayson Matthews would like an update on the Residential Parking Permit Program in fourteen months.

Jayson Matthews declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

The Commission's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. in the Hatton Hall Conference Room, 34 E. Seventh Street, Tempe, Arizona.

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