



# Minutes of the TAVCO REGULAR MEETING August 20, 2025

Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held via virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 480-498-8745, 730410859#  
Unites States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 730 410 859# at Community Development Conference Lobby.

**Present:**

**Staff:**

Lane Carraway	Jeff Tamulevich – Comm Dev Director
Jim Camargo*	Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director Comm Dev
Lance Labun	Jacob Payne, Principal Planner
Stuart Mitnik	Chase Walman, Principal Transportation Planner
Peter H Schelstraete*	Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner
Desiree Walker*	Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager
Alana Billingsley*	
Joel Hunter	<b>Members Absent:</b>
*Participants attending remotely	Aaron McBride

**1) Call to Order & Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:39pm.

- 2) Public Appearances:** the Tempe Aviation Commission welcomes public comments at this time. The Commission may not respond to public comments unless the topic has been placed on the agenda. There is a three-minutes time limit per citizen.

**3) Voting of the Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion** by Commissioner Mitnik to approve Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2025; second by Commissioner Labun. Motion passed on **8-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Chair Carraway, Vice Chair Camargo, Commissioners Labun, Mitnik, Schelstraete, Walker, Billingsley and Hunter

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Commissioners McBride

- 4) City of Tempe Transportation Master Plan 2050 update ;** presentation by Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner Commissioners Business; suggestions for future agenda items.

Ms. Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner with Transportation and Sustainability Department, introduced herself. Ms. Post will be giving an update on the Transportation Master Plan 2050 (TTP 2050). The project team consists of 4 people. Ms. Post, Mr. Alex Phillips, Mr. Chase Walman and Mr. Mitchell Willard. The project

timeline consists of 3 phases, taking place over 18 months. It is currently in Phase 1. The plan efforts need to follow the goals and objectives set forth by the Circulation Chapter of the General Plan 2050.

Commissioner Mitnik asked Ms. Post if the red lines on the Active Transportation – Dockless Scooters map represented the routes of transport using the scooters? Ms. Post stated that was correct.

Commissioner Camargo asked if the transit included bus, light rail and streetcar? Ms. Post stated that is correct, it also includes Ride Choice and Dial-a-Ride.

Commissioner Mitnik asked how do you determine the need for shelter? Ms. Post stated that areas have high transit ridership and areas more vulnerable to heat. Commissioner Mitnik stated that several years ago we tried to get a bus shelter at the corner of George and Southern. They said they could not do it. Ms. Post stated she would check into it.

Commissioner Labun asked if the Traffic – Travel Time Index was a live map? Ms. Post stated yes, this is a 24-hour movement of congestion in our city. Commissioner Labun asked if the Safety – Crash Heat Map included bicycle accidents? Ms. Post stated that the map being shown does not. We do have vulnerable road users posted on our website.

Commissioner Billingsley asked if the survey results will be made public. Ms. Post stated that the survey results will be available on the same webpage.

Commissioner Labun stated the goal of promoting the proximity to the airport was regarding small air vehicles that would be electric. They would be able to transport people from the airport to anywhere in Tempe, Mesa or Scottsdale. They need landing locations and ports for the vehicles. He said that he did not see anything in the presentation about current autonomous vehicles. Ms. Post stated that Waymo's exist outside of our purview. There are statutes that limit how much we can limit them. The City has access to API data (data that the autonomous vehicles are pinging out to the world at all times). Eventually they hope to get better at working with the Waymo's and autonomous delivery devices. Commissioner Mitnik asked if the data included pay ride from Uber or Lyft? Ms. Post stated, unfortunately it does not. The City staff are trying to figure out how to get access to that type of data.

Mr. Chase Walman stated we have a lot more flexibility with the scooter data we license them. Mr. Walman said that they do not have the same leverage or opportunity to request that data from Uber or Lyft. It would be more of them volunteering it and not the City requesting it. As far as city level, those conversations have started, but have not gotten to a place yet where they are sharing it.

Commissioner Billingsley stated that she is a flight attendant and gets to visit many airports throughout the country. Although the light rail has made it easier for people to access the airport it is still very far behind most other big city airports. She thinks about how there is not a safe way to access the airport on your bike or scooter. Commissioner Billingsley sees an opportunity for the City of Phoenix to do so along the riverbed towards the East Economy where people could link up with the Skytrain and possibly have a scooter port where they can drop off their scooters or bike lockers. She currently sees people accessing the airport on their bike riding along State Route 143 or 44<sup>th</sup> Street and it is very dangerous.

Ms. Post stated that she and Mr. Walman are on the Rio Reimagined Transportation Committee where they talk with the other cities along the Rio Reimagine Corridor to discuss how active transportation can improve. That is a topic they can bring up at the next meeting.

Commissioner Mitnik asked if bikes were allowed on the Skytrain? Ms. Post stated she has not seen that but there is no provision to restrain them.

Commissioner Schelstraete stated he has a comment regarding the air taxis. Other cities have started this program. Joby and Archer are the 2 main companies that have been providing those services. Do we have someone at the City of Tempe monitor our state legislation as to those types of services so that we know we can have them? Ms. Post stated that we have Mr. Jonathan Shuffield who is our lobbyist. Commissioner Mitnik stated he does not believe there are any air taxi services anywhere here. There are 3 main reasons for helicopters flying, emergency medical services, police, SRP and news. Commissioner Billingsley stated that New York does have helicopter transportation to LaGuardia, JFK and Newark Airport from Manhattan. Commissioner Schelstraete stated that his concern was that we try to get ahead of that if there is legislative action proposed that cuts the cities out of having input on the use of air taxis.

**5) Commissioners' Business;** suggestions for future agenda items.

Commissioner Mitnik asked how many of the Commission members were able to tune into air traffic control? Commissioner Camargo stated he has but not recently. Commissioner Mitnik recommends all Commission members take some time and tune into the Biltmore sector.

Commissioner Mitnik asked if we still have an open discussion on time and place? Mr. Payne stated they can discuss now during Commissioner's Business. Commissioner Camargo stated that he brought up the topic at the last meeting. Maybe it's worthwhile to have a discussion about the time and date, to get more feedback about how this time and date is working. Chair Carraway asked if the Commission would like to discuss this topic. Commissioner Camargo stated he was ok with the time. Commissioner Schelstraete stated the time and day was good. Commissioner Walker stated she was fine and prefers 5:30pm. Commissioner Billingsley stated that she is ok with the time and dates.

Commissioner Mitnik would like to see the results of My. Payne's findings on the complaints regarding Sky Harbor's noise. Commissioner Labun stated he would be willing to provide the Commission with an update on drones and Urban Air Mobility (UAM) technologies at the next TAVCO meeting. Commissioner Walker asked if the helicopters that she occasionally sees are police helicopters at 5am with a search light. Mr. Payne stated that they are likely police. Commissioner Billingsley would like to recommend some type of recognition for Oddvar for the years of service on the Commission.

**6) Staff updates and announcements:**

Mr. Jacob Payne stated that Mr. Jordan Feld from Sky Harbor will have an update in October. Since the October meeting was canceled, the Commission can expect to hear from him in November. At that time, Mr. Payne will be giving the Quarter 3 Phoenix east Compliance Review. In the last meeting it was brought up about the complaints we received through both Tempe 311 and what the City sees through Sky Harbors Casper Complaint interface. Mr. Payne has reached out to the Tempe resident who complains through our services, but has not heard back from them yet. Mr. Payne stated that he can have the Chair involved in any discussions we have with that resident. The information that Mr. Payne is able to retrieve through Phoenix does not have contact information for those people. He said this is something he can see if Sky Harbor is able to provide but does not think that will be likely. Casper is a third party.

Chair Carraway stated that the issues need to be resolved one way or another. Commissioner Mitnik asked, do we know if Phoenix has an active contact program for complaints. Mr. Payne stated he was not sure.

Mr. Payne stated that due to faith-based holidays in October the TAVCO Meeting will be canceled.

**7) Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**8) Adjournment**

**Motion** by Commissioner Schelstraete to adjourn; second by Commissioner Billingsley. Motion passed on **8-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Chair Carraway, Vice Chair Camargo, Commissioners Labun, Mitnik, Schelstraete, Walker, Billingsley and Hunter

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Commissioners McBride