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**Minutes**  
**City of Tempe Meeting of the Transportation Commission**  
**April 14, 2026**



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Minutes of the meeting of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. via Teams and at the Tempe Transportation Center located at 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe AZ 85281.

**Members Present**

David Sokolowski	Sasha Pachito
Amanda Nelson	Chris Watts
Roy Peterson	Jacob Cox
Anthony Strait	Kendra Flory
Mark Richwine	Stevie Milne
Kelsey Files	Andrea Chalmers
Samuel Thiele	Claire Lauer

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Dawn Hocking

**City Staff Present:**

Lisette Camacho, Deputy City Manager	Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director
Eric Iwersen, Transportation & Sustainability Director	Chase Walman, Principal Transportation Planner
Cathy Hollow, Principal Civil Engineer	Sam Stevenson, Transit Manager
Lindsay Post, Senior Transportation Planner	Morgan Kennedy, Neighborhood & Community Engagement Specialist
Greg Bacon, Lieutenant	Carla Sidi, Management Assistant
Mitchell Willard, Transportation Planner	
Alex Phillips, Transportation Planner	
Sue Taaffe, Admin	

**Guests Present:**

John Federico	Paul Martin
Katie Boligitz	Hayley Weirs
Hue-Tan Jomme	Dr Deborah Salon
Carlos Lopez	Julie Smith

Commissioner Kelsey Files called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

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### **Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

Julie Smith introduced herself as the Community Relations Coordinator with Valley Metro.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Minutes**

Kelsey Files introduced the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting of the Transportation Commission and asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Jacob Cox

Second: Commissioner Kendra Flory

Decision: Approved by Commissioners:

David Sokolowski  
Amanda Nelson  
Roy Peterson  
Anthony Strait  
Mark Richwine  
Kelsey Files  
Samuel Thiele

Sasha Pachito  
Chris Watts  
Jacob Cox  
Kendra Flory  
Stevie Milne  
Andrea Chalmers  
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### **Agenda Item 3 – Phoenix – Tucson Passenger Rail Study**

Carlos Lopez with the Arizona Department of Transportation provided an update on the Phoenix to Tucson Passenger Rail project. Topics included:

- Project Context
- Foundations and Past Efforts
- Phoenix - Tucson Intercity Rail Study
  - Purpose and Scope
  - Key Tasks and Milestones
  - Stakeholder and Public Goals
  - Next Steps

Discussion included high speed rail vs Sunset line, intercity connections, track layout, reliability and frequency, demand and forecasting, current alternatives like BRT, and funding,

### **Agenda Item 4 – Reimagining Rural Road Near ASU in Tempe**

Professor Debra Salon with Arizona State University made a presentation about reimagining Rural Road near ASU. Topics included:

- Project Context
- Density
- Crashes
- Traffic Volumes
- Transit Network
- USC Example
- Reimagining Rural Road Festival Proposal

Discussion included USC project overlay, Reimagining Rural Road Festival, current use of Rural Road, and adapted streets.

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### **Agenda Item 5 - Transportation Management Association/Transportation Demand Management & Autonomous Delivery Devices**

Lindsay Post and Alex Phillips made a presentation about Transportation Management Association/Transportation Demand Management & Autonomous Delivery Devices. Topics included:

- Overview of Transportation Management Association/Transportation Demand Management
- Strategy Examples
- Feasibility of Phase I
- Phase I Recommendations
- Phase II Pilot Program
- Phase II Outcome
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Personal Delivery Devices
- Arizona Legislation related to Autonomous Vehicles

Discussion included adding more information on the website about autonomous vehicles and providing information regarding service areas and participation locations.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Department & Regional Transportation Updates**

Eric Iwersen announced that annual Board and Commission Appreciation Event is on May 1. He also thanked everyone for their support for the Open Streets event that occurred on April 12, and reminded the Commission that Bike to Work Day is April 15. He also announced that the city of Tempe won the Women’s Transportation Seminar Employer of the Year Award.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items**

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

- May 12
  - Speed Limits
  - Transit Fund Analysis Status
  - Prop 479
  - Bike Hero
- June 9
  - College Ave Traffic Calming Update (including results from the speed cushion installation)
  - City Speed Cushion Process/Traffic Calming Tools
- July 14
- August 11
  - Tempe Transportation Plan 2050
- September 8
- October 13
  - Tempe Transportation Plan 2050
- November 10
  - Annual Report
  - Tempe Transportation Plan 2050
- December 8
  - Commission Business – acknowledge outgoing commissioners
  - Transit Survey Results
- January 12
  - Commission Business – elect Chair and Vice Chair and welcome new commissioners
- TBD: 5<sup>th</sup> and Mill Crosswalk Update

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Prepared by: Sue Taaffe

Reviewed by: Eric Iwersen