
Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission June 10, 2008

Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 7:30 a.m., at the Hatton Hall Conference Room, 34 E. Seventh Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Bill Haas, Jayson Matthews, Catherine Mayorga, Judi Nelson, Kevin Olson, Steven Saiz, Edward Smith, David Strang, Corey Woods, Bryan Young

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Don Cassano, Marcellus Lisotta, Amanda Ormond, Marco Valenzuela, Joan Westlake

City Staff Present:

Darcie Bontems, Joe Clements, Dawn Coomer, Carlos de Leon, Dana Janofsky, Greg Jordan, Gregg Kent, Glenn Kephart, Jyme Sue McLaren, Amanda Nelson, Bonnie Richardson, Shelly Seyler, Sue Taaffe, Robert Yabes

Guests Present:

Richard Abbott, Savannah Abbott, Karen Bielak (ASU), Mary Ann Cahail, Lee Duncan, Greg Ellison, Wolf Grote (METRO), Shero Holland, Roy Hoyt, Bill Justus (NTNA), Darlene Justus (NTNA), Walter Malinowshi, Laura Mello, Kathy Mooney (South West Airlines), Leona Morales (ASU), Ken Perron, Bruce Rosen, Shereen Saurey (ASU), Marc Soronson (METRO), Barbara Stockford (Court Reporter), Darlene Tussing

Jayson Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Catherine Mayorga made a motion to approve all minutes. Corey Woods seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved with a change to the Multi-modal committee minutes attendee name Rebecca to Rebecca Clark:

- Transportation Commission Minutes – May 13, 2008
- Multi-modal Planning and Project Review – May 14, 2008

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

Greg Ellison (resident) proposed the Commission consider limiting the number of permits allowed to residents living in residential permit parking neighborhoods to three per household. There is currently no limit.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed Bus Service Changes December 2008

Greg Jordan and Sue Taaffe provided the following information:

- Transit is proposing numerous bus route changes to integrate the bus system with light rail.
- The City of Tempe is administering a public involvement process spanning May – September 2008 to obtain as much public participation as possible in the development of these changes.
- Marketing is communicating the proposal via water bill inserts, the City of Tempe web site, Arizona Republic articles, posters on buses, Phoenix open house, and Press releases.
- There will first be a public comment period from May 27th to June 24th, and a public hearing on June 10th 2008.
- Staff will review public comments between June 25th and July 21st followed by a second public comment period between July 22nd and August 19th.
- City staff will review additional comments August 20th through September 3rd and a presentation of the final changes will take place at the September 9th 2008 Transportation Commission meeting.
- Approved changes will take effect December 29th 2008.

Jayson Matthews opened the floor for public comment on item three only. Barbara Stockford (court reporter) recorded public comments to be available by June 30th 2008.

Agenda Item 4 – Tempe South High Capacity Corridor Study Update

Marc Soronson with Valley Metro provided the following information:

- There will be public hearings held on June 10 2008 as well as June 11 2008 to present the Tempe South High Capacity Corridor study
- Tempe and Chandler are working with METRO in coordination with the FTA on a two year study to analyze potential high capacity transit improvements.
- The tier one evaluation process is designed to eliminate alternatives that do not meet the project goals and is nearly complete.
- Tier two will consists of alternatives recommended for further study.
- Tier two is analysis is expected to occur over the summer and into the fall, with public meetings expected before the end of 2008.

Agenda Item 5 – Residential Parking Permit Program

Tabled agenda item five until the August 12th 2008 Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Statewide Transportation Investment Strategy

Tabled agenda item six until the August 12th 2008 Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Capital Project Updates

Tabled agenda item seven until the August 12th 2008 Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were proposed.

Jayson Matthews declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05a.m.

The Commission's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

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