



**APPROVED AS AMENDED  
SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 8:31 a.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Subcommittee members as noted below.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Donald Anderson, Chair – Transportation Commission  
Teresa Kim Hayes-Quale, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission  
William Levie, Subcommittee Member  
Kent Lall, Commissioner – Transportation Commission

**ABSENT:** Kyle Davis, Subcommittee Member

**STAFF:** Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner  
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager  
Nathan Domme, Senior Transportation Planner  
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner  
Cristina Lenko, Public Information Officer  
Kyle Lofgren, Staff Coordinator  
Kiran Guntupalli, Principal Traffic Engineer

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## 1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Anderson called for modifications and approval of the minutes. There were no corrections.

COMMISSIONER HAYES-QUALE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2022 MEETING AS PRESENTED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 4-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER HAYES-QUALE, COMMISSIONER LALL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## 2. **TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN (TAP) IMPLEMENTATION: CORRIDORS WITH PARTIALLY REDUCED SIDEWALK WIDTHS**

Nathan Domme, Senior Transportation Planner, quoted the language for the proposed width adjustment: *"In areas where sidewalks are less likely to experience high volumes of pedestrians due to lower density and/or subdivision access restrictions, one side of four-lane and six-lane streets has a narrower sidewalk of six feet, while maintaining an eight-foot-wide sidewalk on the other side."*

The reasons for the proposed width reduction were reviewed:

Plan to reduce sidewalk widths in key locations based on:

- Use in areas with limited walking demand on the corridor
- Use in areas with limited walking demand for one side in particular
- Use for new facilities or gaps in sidewalk network

Cost Savings

- Installation savings: per mile reduction: \$100,000 savings per mile
- Significant cost savings between 6 feet and 8 feet
- Maintenance savings

Sustainability

- Reduce heat island
- Maintain natural aesthetic

Transportation Staff used several factors in determining corridors that will have reduced sidewalk width on one side of the street, including:

- Limit to current or future four or six-lane roadways
- Focus on area north of Bell Road due to lower population and employment densities
- Utilize inventory spreadsheets that identify sidewalk gaps
- Look for areas with subdivision access restrictions created by perimeter walls
- Look for areas with planned or existing trail or shared use paths along one side
- Look for connectivity to existing sidewalk or side path

Specific roadway locations for the proposed width reductions were reviewed.

Commissioner Hayes-Quale asked whether the City plans to build out the proposed sidewalks at locations where sidewalks do not currently exist. Mr. Domme stated that the proposed change will be included in the TAP for any future sidewalk installations as they arise. The City has no plans to begin immediate construction on all sidewalk areas at this time. Mr. Meinhart added that there are existing gaps in sidewalk locations, as there are limited resources to connect them all.

Subcommittee Member Levie asked whether there will be signage to direct bike riders to the eight-foot side, which is to be used as a bike path. Mr. Meinhart stated that staff is looking into the possibility of utilizing bike route signage.

In response to a question from Chair Anderson, Mr. Domme stated that the decision of which side of the street will be six feet and which side will be eight feet is determined based on density and access.

For next steps, staff will identify locations that would be eligible for the reduction in sidewalk width in the next update to the City's Design Standards & Policy Manual. The changes will also be incorporated into future capital improvement projects.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE ITEM GO FORWARD TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR REVIEW. COMMISSIONER HAYES-QUALE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 4-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER HAYES-QUALE, COMMISSIONER LALL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

### **3. OLD TOWN ADA RAMPS AND CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Domme stated that the City has been installing ADA ramps in the Old Town area throughout the past month. Priority ADA areas include:

1. Civic Center area
2. Fashion Square
3. Saguaro High School
4. Scottsdale Healthcare Shea
5. Scottsdale Healthcare Thompson Peak Priority area
6. Coronado High School

A review of Priority Area 1 locations was provided, which is bordered by Indian School Road, Osborn Road, Scottsdale Road and Miller Road. The Old Town Specific Design for ADA ramps was reviewed. Sample construction phasing photos were discussed, and next steps were outlined.

In response to a question from Chair Anderson, Mr. Domme stated the red bomanite does not meet ADA regulations and will be replaced with stamped asphalt, which is easier to maintain.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hayes-Quale, Mr. Domme stated that Priority Area 2 is Fashion Square and Priority Area 3 is Saguaro High School.

### **4. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAM STATUS**

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided updates on the following programs and projects:

- Arizona Canal Maintenance: Hayden Road to Pima Road
- Improved crossing to canal path
- Construction Projects between April 2022 and January 2023

- Osborn Road complete street
- Indian Bend Wash Path renovation
- MAG design assistance: Central Arizona Project Canal and 100th Street Path
- MAG design assistance: 64th Street Crossing Study at Thomas and Indian School

Ms. Conklu and Mr. Meinhart provided clarification to Commissioner questions on specific details of the projects.

## **5. SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following topics were identified for future agenda items:

- Updates on WestWorld
- Vision Zero in Tempe
- Raintree Road improvements

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Commissioner Hayes-Quale and seconded by Commissioner Levie, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

AYES: Chair Anderson, Commissioner Hayes-Quale, Commissioner Lall, Subcommittee Member Levie

NAYS: None

SUBMITTED BY:

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