SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011

KIVA – CITY HALL
3939 DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:
William Howard, Chair
Josh Weiss, Vice Chair
Carleton Cole, Commissioner
Terry Gruver, Commissioner
Donald Maxwell, Commissioner
Paul Ward, Commissioner

STAFF:
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director
Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Annie DeChance, Public Information Coordinator
Teresa Huish, Principal Transportation
Reed Kempton, Principal Transportation Planner
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Manager

2. Ethics Training

No legal representation was available. The Refresher Annual Ethics Training for 2011 will be re-agendized for the next meeting on February 17th.

3. Election of Officers

Chair Howard asked the Commission for nominations of Chair for 2011. Commissioner Maxwell nominated Vice Chair Weiss.

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4. Review of Tonight's Regular Meeting Agenda

- **Approval of November 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

No comments were received from the Commission.

- **Truck Route Ordinance Update**

Mr. Meinhart indicated that several additional public comments have been received since December; specifically from residents at McCormick Ranch, Mountain View, Via de Ventura/Doubletree, and Thunderbird Park and Redfield school areas lobbying to be added to the exceptions list.

Mr. Porell informed the Commission that all streets staff has been asked to except from the Truck Route Ordinance are currently not truck routes. The city does not typically post truck "No Truck" signs. Until the new ordinance takes place, there will be no change.

- **Mountain View/124th Street Trail**

Mr. Meinhart stated that this is the number one priority project in the Trails Master Plan to try to get linkage to Lost Dog Trailhead in the Preserve to equestrian properties south of Shea. With regard to funding, there is approximately $2 million available in the Bond 2000 account that may be used to build some high priority projects. Mr. Kempton will present this item and will address some design issues specifically in crossing Shea Boulevard, and will ask the Commission to confirm the preferred alignment that staff should focus on to move forward with this project.

Mr. Kempton addressed Commissioner Howard's and Commissioner Gruver's questions in that the only equestrian trail in this area would be on the Doubletree Trail. Currently, there is no issue with this, but certainly can be changed to a multi-use trail if requested by residents. Mr. Kempton also clarified that the comments received on the City going through people's

yards actually refer to a 40-foot roadway easement that residents have believed to be part of their yards.

- **Draft Roadway Noise Abatement Policy**

Ms. Huish will give a presentation on the draft Noise Abatement Policy and ask for input and action on this item.

- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study Update**

Mr. Meinhart stated that the consultant hired by RPTA will give a presentation on the Bus Rapid Transit Study looking at transit alternatives on the Scottsdale Road corridor and seek input from the Commission. Mr. Meinhart notified the Commission that this study will not actually go to the next step for design, due to no funding being available for future large-scale operating costs.

- **Transportation Department Budget**

Mr. Porell will give a presentation on the Transportation Capital Improvement Program budget and ask for the Commission's recommendation to move to the next step of going to the Budget Commission and City Council for approval.

No official information is available on the draft Operating Budget at this time. Mr. Meinhart will provide a brief update at the next Commission meeting in February.

- **Other Transportation Projects**

Chair Howard inquired about the Hospitality Trolley. Mr. Meinhart stated he will give a brief update at the Regular meeting and stated that this is being funded thru private contributions and the City's bed tax.

10. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Chair Howard adjourned the Study Session at 6:02 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo
Transportation Coordinator

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