

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011

KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL 3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weiss called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Josh Weiss, Chair

Carleton Cole, Commissioner Paul Holley, Commissioner Donald Maxwell, Commissioner Steven Olmsted, Commissioner Paul Ward, Commissioner

ABSENT: Terry Gruver, Vice Chair

STAFF: Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director

Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator

Annie DeChance, Public Information Coordinator

Sarah Ferrara, Public Information Officer

Reed Kempton, Principal Transportation Planner

Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering and Operations Manager

Robin Rodgers, Capital Project Management George Williams, Senior Traffic Engineer

1. Introduction of New Transportation Commissioner Paul Holley

The Commission welcomed new Transportation Commissioner Paul Holley.

Mr. Meinhart announced that Ms. DeChance will be working in the Water Department full-time starting in September. Ms. Ferrara will be assisting the Transportation Department at 20 hours per week in an interim basis to do public outreach and media coordination. Mr. Meinhart also introduced Robin Rodgers, Project Manager for the Mountain View Trail project.

Chair Weiss announced there will be no meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled to be held September 15th.

2. Review of Tonight's Regular Meeting Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Study Session – June 16, 2011 Regular Meeting – June 16, 2011

No comments were made by the Commission.

Mountain View Trail Update

Mr. Meinhart stated that the Commission acted on this item in January recommending that staff move forward with the preferred trail alignment on 125th Street. The Commission also asked staff to look at the possibility of resolving some design issues raised by residents in the affected area. At the Regular meeting, a review of different alternatives for this project will be presented by the consultant. Staff will seek direction on design issues, and construction of a trail between Stonegate Equestrian Park and Lost Dog Wash Trailhead.

Discussion between the Commissioners and staff ensued regarding the trail boundaries and maintenance, different trail segments, and construction costs for this project. Ms. Rodgers indicated this project is at about 60% in design allowing staff to provide estimated construction costs. Mr. Kempton indicated this project has been separated into three phases without setting priorities. Segment 1 would be the easiest one to complete as it connects to existing trails in the CAP trail corridor and would solve a lot of issues related to Mountain View Road. Segment 3 would also be simple to do as everything has been worked out with the neighbors. The middle section (Segment 2), until the alignment issue of putting the trail on 125th Street versus 124th Street is resolved; will be complicated to do. Staff is confident that once the issues are resolved, this part of the project can move forward.

With regards to funding, because there will be a concrete shared use path in Segment 2, there will be other funding available other than trail funding. Currently, there are trail funds available to do Segment 1 and part of Segment 3.

• Potential ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation) Improvements

At the Regular meeting, ADOT representatives will give an update on the design process of the all purpose lane expansion project from southbound Shea to the 202 Freeway. Mr. Meinhart commented that funding in the MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) regional plan for the freeway section north of Shea is not scheduled until 2021. He also indicated that one of the issues raised during the concept design phase was whether or not direct carpool lane ramps from the freeway to the Mt. View Road overpass could be constructed. It was explained that if the freeway is widened to allow for the ramps, ADOT would need to reconstruct the large art walls in that section of freeway.

• Airpark Area Circulation Update

Mr. Meinhart indicated that Mr. Williams will provide an update on the Airpark Access Circulation study focusing on the 30% design effort by the consultant, and the final design procurement status.

Chair Weiss noted that a Scottsdale resident has submitted a petition to the City Clerk's office opposing the use of roundabouts in Scottsdale. Chair Weiss suggested that Mr. Williams emphasize extensive research regarding the use and safety of roundabouts continues to be part of staffs' continued public outreach and education efforts per the direction of the Commission. Mr. Meinhart added that Mr. Williams has also presented educational material on roundabouts not only to the community, but also to City Council. Feedback received from the community and City Council has been very positive.

Commissioner Ward suggested that future presentations address the pros and cons of the proposed plan, and point out that roads will not be closed during construction to limit impacts on business or mobility of traffic in the area. In addition, he recommended that various examples of local roundabouts be presented rather than referring to examples that are not from the region.

Draft Future Bond Project List

Mr. Meinhart commented this is an effort that is just getting underway. The City Council has appointed a Bond Task Force consisting of nine members and four alternates. The Task Force is scheduled to tentatively meet twice per month starting the week of July 25th. Mr. Porell and Mr. Meinhart are working on a draft list of priorities for transportation improvements,

which rely heavily on the Transportation Master Plan, in coordination with various Economic Vitality concepts. A final list will be presented to the Commission at a future date.

• Other Transportaton Projects

During the Regular meeting, Mr. Meinhart will briefly speak on the Indian Bend Road project that was completed about one year ago. He mentioned that the Capital Project Management area submitted a proposal to the APWA (American Public Works Association) on this project for consideration of an award in the category of transportation projects above \$5 million, but less than \$25 million.

3. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Chair Weiss adjourned the Study Session at 5:53 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo Transportation Coordinator

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