SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weiss called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:
Josh Weiss, Chair
Terry Gruver, Vice Chair
Paul Holley, Commissioner
Donald Maxwell, Commissioner
Steven Olmsted, Commissioner
Robert Stickles, Commissioner

ABSENT:
Paul Ward, Commissioner

STAFF:
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director
Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Walt Brodzinski, Right of Way Manager
Madeline Clemann, Transit Manager
Susan Conklu, Transportation Planner
Sarah Ferrara, Public Information Officer
Reed Kempton, Principal Transportation Planner
Phil Kercher, Principal Traffic Engineer
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Manager

1. REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chair Weiss suggested the following edits be made to the Regular meeting minutes:

- Paragraphs two and three on page 6 should be moved up to the top of the page.
- Edits to the first sentence in paragraph two of page 8 were also suggested.

No other edits were made.

- **Transit Vehicle Acquisition Plan**

Mr. Meinhart mentioned that this item is a follow-up to the October Commission meeting at which staff presented various options and considerations for acquiring replacement vehicles for the trolley routes as they approach the end of their useful life. Mr. Kelley will provide up-to-date information and seek input from the Commission at tonight's Regular meeting before public outreach is conducted to see if there are concerns in switching from a high floor vehicle to a low floor vehicle. Once public input is received, staff will plan to provide briefings to interested City Council members and also return the item to the Commission.

- **2012 Rock and Roll Marathon**

In an effort to communicate to the public, Mr. Brodzinski will give a brief overview of the 2012 Rock and Roll Marathon route as it has been modified this year.

- **Roundabout Update**

As part of staffs' efforts to provide additional information to Council for further discussion at their meeting on January 10th, Mr. Williams will present more detailed information on the use of roundabouts. In addition, staff will ask for input from the Commissioners, which will be shared with the City Council.

- **Bicycle Friendly Community Update**

At the Regular meeting, Ms. Conklu will review feedback received from the League of American Bicyclists relative to the application submitted in Summer 2010 which elevated Scottsdale from the silver to gold level as a bicycle friendly community. Staff will also seek input from the Commission on items they feel staff needs to focus on as they move forward thru the process of the Transportation Master Plan Update.

- **Transportation Master Plan Policies and Procedures**

Mr. Meinhart stated that Mr. Kempton will review the current policies and procedures of the Transportation Master Plan. Since the Policy element of the plan has many sections, Mr. Kempton will present it in two parts. The first part to be heard tonight will go up to the section on Safety. The second half of the Policy element will be presented at the Commission meeting on January 19. As this is the beginning of preliminary discussions with the Commission, staff is interested in hearing from the Commission if current or new items need to be focused on.

Chair Weiss clarified that no action will be taken at this time until after the General Plan is voted on by the public sometime in March.

- **Other Transportation Projects**

Mr. Meinhart will provide a brief update on various City projects currently in design.

Chair Weiss communicated the following:

- Suggested that a brief update regarding Hidden Hills be provided and that a "Hidden Hills Update" be agendized quarterly on the Regular agenda.
- Asked for volunteers to replace him on the Trails Subcommittee which meets quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the Transportation Library.
- Vice Chair Gruver and Chair Weiss will be meeting with the Mayor to provide an update on the work of the Transportation Commission and Trails Subcommittee.
- Chair Weiss will attend the City Council meeting on January 10th to provide comments related to the roundabout for the Hayden/Northsight project.

Mr. Meinhart mentioned the lack of resources for delivery of Commission packets and the need of possibly going to an electronic packet versus hard copy. After brief discussion between Commissioners, concurrence is to move forward with electronic

packets, with the option for Commissioners to pick up a hard copy the Friday before the meeting if they desire. Hard copies will also be available at the meeting.

- **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Chair Weiss adjourned the Study Session at 5:59 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo
Transportation Coordinator

***NOTE: These are summary action meeting minutes only. A complete copy of the audio/video recording is available at http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/Transp.asp**