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SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER
7447 E. INDIAN SCHOOL RD., 2nd FLOOR, SUITE 205
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weiss called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Terry Gruver, Vice Chair

STAFF: Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director
Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Walt Brodzinski, Right of Way Manager
Madeline Clemann, Transit Manager
Sarah Ferrara, Public Information Officer
Reed Kempton, Principal Transportation Planner
Rod Ramos, Street Operations Director
Steve Ramsey, Senior Traffic Engineer

1. TOUR OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER (TMC)

Chair Weiss provided background information on previous discussions with the Commission about three years ago in which monies were dedicated to the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). Since then, due to budget constraints, funding for advancing the ITS System has been a challenge. It is hoped that this presentation will result in continued discussions focusing on the need of additional funding for future expansion of the City's Traffic Management Center.

Mr. Dressel introduced ITS team staff--Street Operations Director Rod Ramos and Senior Traffic Engineer Steve Ramsey. Mr. Dressel provided a brief overview of the current capabilities and concepts of ongoing and planned expansion of the ITS System. It was highlighted that Scottsdale's current ITS program is one of the most advanced and efficient ITS centers in the State of Arizona.

Mr. Ramsey provided a demonstration on the methods used by City staff to time traffic signals, alter timing to meet real-time demand, and provide signal progression along the City's arterial street system. He indicated that cameras placed on all major arterials of Scottsdale are controlled by the City's Traffic Management Center. In addition, variable message signs and media coverage with local radio stations, ADOT, etc. are utilized to control traffic congestion or to allow emergency vehicles in and out of emergency areas in a timely manner.

2. REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Paragraph two on page four of the Study Session should be corrected to read that Commissioner Holley, not Commissioner Stickles, made the comments as noted.

- **Neighborhood Street Vendor Ordinance**

Mr. Meinhart clarified that this item is primarily a tax and license issue, but overlaps with transportation since it involves trucks on our City's streets. As the Tax and License Department does not have a board or Commission, this allows citizens to provide input and the Commission to comment on any safety and/or mobility issues.

At the Regular meeting, Mr. Brodzinski will present on how this ordinance is related to transportation.

- **Express Bus Service Update**

Mr. Meinhart explained that the region is looking at reshaping bus service on the current express route system in which three of those routes (510, 511, and 512) serve Scottsdale. Based on the City of Phoenix's limited resources, they are proposing to eliminate Route 510. Staff has looked at alternatives for riders who rely on this service and that there is an option that the City can agree to eliminate this route or fund the route entirely to continue service. Mr. Meinhart explained that the express route system is supported by Proposition 400 funding that is shared regionally.

- **Transportation Master Plan Update**

Mr. Kempton will present background information regarding contentious items on the Street Classification Plan and seek additional feedback from the Commission, specifically on Villa Monterey and Chaparral Road. Mr. Meinhart mentioned that at this time a preliminary vote of the General Plan resulted in failing 51% to 49% and that 1,800 ballots have yet to be counted. He suggests doing outreach on how the Transportation Master Plan can be linked with the General Plan update process.

- **Transportation Operating Budget**

It was indicated that during the Regular meeting, Mr. Meinhart will briefly review the handout provided to the Commissioners showing the most current FY 12/13 draft Transportation Fund operating budget as of March 2, 2012. Mr. Meinhart pointed out that the largest increase in the budget would be in the Public Works Department due to an anticipated increase in fuel and electric costs. Mr. Meinhart commented that revenues reamin positive at this time.

- **Other Transportation Projects**

Mr. Meinhart advised the Commission that copies of State and Federal bills were provided in their packets in response to a request at their February meeting for more information on legislative issues.

- **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Chair Weiss adjourned the Study Session at 6:06 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo
Transportation Coordinator

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