SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

ONE CIVIC CENTER
ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Donald Maxwell, Commissioner

STAFF: Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director
Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Susan Conklu, Transportation Planner
Jennifer Horodyski, Traffic Engineering Analyst
Reed Kempton, Principal Transportation Planner
Phillip Kercher, Principal Traffic Engineer
George Williams, Senior Traffic Engineer

1. REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2012**

Vice Chair Gruver suggested a couple grammatical edits be made to the last bullet item at the bottom of page 4 of the Regular minutes. No edits were suggested to the minutes of the Study Session.

- **Request for Median Break on 123rd Street and Shea**

Mr. Kercher will give background information on the Shea Access Policy for consideration of a request by the Montacino at McDowell Mountain Homeowners' Association. A representative from the HOA will ask the Commission to consider an exception to the Access Policy to Shea for a median break on Shea Boulevard at 123rd Street.

- **Transportation Master Plan Update**

As staff works on getting feedback on each of the elements of the Transportation Master Plan, Ms. Conklu will present the first draft update of the Bicycle Element. Mr. Kempton discuss the Goals, Objectives, and Policies section, including discussion of effectiveness measures.

Mr. Meinhart explained that as the Commissioners have input beyond formatting or grammatical errors, they should be submitted to staff so that they can be incorporated into the following draft. The Commissioners do not have to wait until the next scheduled meeting as each section will be reviewed by the Commission on more than one occasion. Any comments submitted prior to the following meeting will be presented along with input provided by the Commission the night of the meeting.

- **Mustang Transit Center Improvements and Park-and-Ride**

Mr. Meinhart explained that the primary focus for this item is to engage the Commission in dialogue regarding phasing or non-phasing of traffic control improvements for this project. He gave a brief background on previous discussions held with Commission when Scottsdale Health Care Shea Campus was going through a rezoning process. It was indicated that one of the concerns expressed by the Commission at that time was potential traffic backup due to the proposed installation of a signal at the hospital entrance that could spill into the roundabout staff proposed next to the Mustang Library.

The recommendation of the Commission at that time was to conduct this project in two phases by constructing the on-street Transit Center improvements and the trqffic signal at the hospital driveway first, and then return to construct the roundabout if the signal did not cause any traffic backup. City staff and staff at Scottsdale Health Care are comfortable with this project moving forward in one phase at such time that the roundabout at Hayden/Northsight, once fully constructed and operable, demonstrates its effectiveness.

Mr. Williams will provide an overview of this project and explain the challenges identified if this project is constructed in two phases.

Mr. Ritchie will present some of the things he has observed at the project location and will explain why roundabouts are effective and appropriate in specific locations within Scottsdale.

- **Raintree Drive Extension Update**

Mr. Williams will provide a status update on staff activities regarding the Raintree Extension project. It was indicated that solicitation for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has begun for the entire Raintree corridor.

Due to conflict of interest, Vice Chair Gruver announced that she would recuse herself from discussion on this item.

- **Other Transportation Projects**

Mr. Meinhart highlighted on the following:

- With regards to the freeway noise wall on the 101 with regards to Commission concerns on the single color. It was commented that per a recent article in the newspaper, the only comments posted on the blog pertained to questioning if the City should spend money on noise walls. City staff has received no complaints from the public regarding the single color. Since Scottsdale Public Art staff is the curator for the wall, the Commission has the option to agendize further discussion on this issue thru the next CIP (Capital Improvement Program) process.
- In coordination with the Upper Camelback Wash project, bids have been received to include design and construction of the City's key missing link that would provide a continuous multiuse path from WestWorld to Tempe Town Lake.

- An article recognizing the City's Bike program was featured in Sunset Magazine. Scottsdale was identified as one of the "top ten 'burbs" in the west for cycling. In addition, Scottsdale was ranked 15th in the nation for cities over 95,000 population by Bicyling Magazine for its outstanding bike system.

- **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Chair Weiss adjourned the Study Session at 5:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo
Transportation Coordinator

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