SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012

KIVA – CITY HALL
3939 DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gruver called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Terry Gruver, Chair
Gary Bretz, Commissioner
Donald Maxwell, Vice Chair
Steven Olmsted, Commissioner
Robert Stickles, Commissioner
Paul Ward, Commissioner

ABSENT: Paul Holley, Commissioner

STAFF: Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director
Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Reed Kempton, Principal Transportation Planner
Todd Taylor, Senior Traffic Engineer

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER GARY BRETZ

Mr. Meinhart introduced new Transportation Commissioner Gary Bretz.

2. REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **Election of Vice Chair**

Commissioners Olmsted and Maxwell expressed interest in being nominated for Vice Chair. The term of the new Vice Chair will be in effect thru the next election to be held at the Commission's first meeting in 2013.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

No edits were suggested to the Study Session and Regular Meeting minutes of June 21, 2012.

- **Flashing Yellow Left Turn Signals**

Mr. Taylor will give an overview on intersections that are operating with flashing left turn arrows in the City of Scottsdale. Due to positive results in the use of flashing left turn arrows, it is now the City's intent to consider this type of traffic signal, if appropriate, as part of the operating procedures at specific intersections.

- **Path Wayfinding Signage**

As part of the 2008 Transportation Master Plan, it was recommended that a wayfinding signage plan for paths and trails be developed. The purpose is to make it easier for emergency vehicles to respond to people and provide users with various signage along the path that indicates where they are, where they can connect to, etc. Signage at various identified path locations will be installed over the next few months.

- **Transit Vehicle Acquisition Update**

Mr. Kelley will present an update on the status of acquisition for the City's replacement trolleys and buses. Mr. Kelley will explain that in the interim, RPTA will be providing some 40-foot buses that are a bit larger than the current vehicles being used. The interim buses will be wrapped using similar colors to the trolleys so that riders do not confuse the vehicles with Valley Metro buses.

- **Transportation Master Plan Update**

Mr. Kempton will review draft 2 of the Policy Element in which the format has been simplified to make the document easier to follow and understand. He will further explain how the added goals and policies relate to each element. At the Regular meeting, Mr. Kempton will seek input from the Commission regarding the new format. In addition, he will ask for input on any specific goals or policies that need to be reworded, added, or deleted.

Relative to Policy 11 of the draft Policy Element, staff addressed Commissioner Bretz's concern regarding the installation of roundabouts and safety of blind pedestrians at roundabouts. Commissioner Stickles feels that wording should be revised stating that roundabouts will be considered in place of a traffic signal or stop sign when appropriate. This could perhaps clarify that a roundabout will not automatically be installed at newly constructed intersections. Further discussion on this issue will be held during the Regular meeting.

- **Other Transportation Projects/Programs**

An update on some of the City's trails construction projects will be provided by Mr. Meinhart.

- **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Chair Gruver adjourned the Study Session at 5:54 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo
Transportation Coordinator

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