SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013

CITY HALL – KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM
3939 N. 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:
Gary Bretz, Commissioner
Terry Gruver, Chair
Paul Holley, Commissioner
Steven Olmsted, Vice Chair
Robert Stickles, Commissioner
Paul Ward, Commissioner
Matthew Wright, Commissioner

STAFF:
Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Paul Basha, Transportation Director
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner
Reed Kempton, Principal Transportation Planner
Phillip Kercher, Traffic Engineering and Operations Manager
Adan Martinez, Intern
Bill Moloney, Police Photo Enforcement Manager
Todd Taylor, Senior Traffic Engineer
Holly Walter, Public Information Officer
George Williams, Senior Traffic Engineer

1. INTRODUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER MATTHEW WRIGHT

Commissioners and staff welcomed new Transportation Commissioner Matthew Wright.

2. REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chair Gruver reminded Commissioners on the purpose of the Study Session. It was requested that any clarification needed on agendized items for discussion should be directed to staff during the Study Session.

Due to conflict of interest, Chair Gruver indicated she would recuse herself from discussions of the Raintree Extension/Airpark Circulation.

- **Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Gruver asked for any interest from Commissioners on filling the vacancy of Vice Chair. Commissioner Stickles nominated Commissioner Olmsted. Commissioner Olmsted accepted the nomination.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

No edits were suggested to the Study Session and Regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2013.

- **Raintree Extension/Airpark Circulation**

Mr. Williams and Ms. Jennifer Bixby of AECOM will provide an update on staff activities regarding this project. Dialogue will primarily focus on the section between 76th Place and Hayden where it is recommended that this segment of roadway be three lanes versus 5 lanes.

Staff addressed Commissioner Bretz's opposition regarding the three-lane concept for segment 2 of the Raintree Extension project. It was explained that traffic volumes and other factors do not justify five lanes for this section of roadway.

Commissioner Holley commented that at this time, he does not feel a large amount of money should be spent on improving the whole corridor from Scottsdale Road to the 101 interchange.

Commissioner Wright recognizes that the main focus of this project is to create easier access to and from, and thru the Airpark area.

Staff pointed out that presentations have been made to City Executives; however, it will be some time before this item goes to City Council. At tonight's Commission meeting, staff will ask Commissioners for their recommendation that staff continue to provide direction to the consultant on this project, which includes the three-lane concept for segment 2.

- **Photo Enforcement**

Mr. Moloney will present an update of the City's Photo Enforcement Program and new technology that will be used in Scottsdale. It was mentioned that two portable towers will be available for use at school zones in lieu of photo enforcement vans that are parked at selected school sites. This new equipment will be deployed the week of July 22nd. A Portable Tower display was set up for Commissioners to view after the Study Session.

Mr. Moloney also mentioned that the use of three dimensional radar equipment versus sensor loops will be used at all new fixed intersections to detect red light running or speeding. This new technology will reduce costs during street construction and will eliminate discrepancies as to who should absorb the costs.

- **Bicycle Facilities Alternatives**

Ms. Conklu will review bicycle facilities used by the City of Scottsdale and other bicycle friendly communities.

Relative to this subject, Chair Gruver suggested that any comments made by the Trails Subcommittee at their last meeting be mentioned in tonight's presentation.

- **Wayfinding Sign Update**

Mr. Martinez will present an update on plans to begin installation of Wayfinding Signage along the City's shared use path system.

Chair Gruver indicated that during her tenure on the Trails Subcommittee, it was suggested that the City develop more standardized specifications with regards to color, font, size, and location of signs used throughout the City.

- **Bicycle Signal Detection**

Mr. Davies will provide an update of the Bicycle signal detection implementation in Scottsdale.

- **Transportation projects/Programs Update**

Mr. Basha will provide a brief update on the Scottsdale/Thunderbird Park-and-Ride facility.

3. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Gruver adjourned the Study Session at 5:48 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo
Transportation Coordinator

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