



SUMMARIZED MINUTES

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014

**CITY HALL – KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gruver called the study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gary Bretz, Commissioner (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)
Terry Gruver, Chair
Paul Holley, Commissioner
Steven Olmsted, Vice Chair
Robert Stickles, Commissioner
Paul Ward, Commissioner
Matthew Wright, Commissioner (arrived at 5:17 p.m.)

STAFF: Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Paul Basha, Transportation Director
Madeline Clemann, Transportation Planning and Transit Operations Manager
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner
Lee Guillory, Finance Director
Phillip Kercher, Traffic Engineering and Operations Manager
Evelyn Ng, Senior Transportation Planner
Jeff Nichols, City Treasurer
Monica Staats, Senior Management Analyst

1. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUNDING OPTIONS

Mr. Basha indicated that this item is to initiate discussion in the possibility of developing other funding mechanisms for Capital Improvement Projects.

Mr. Nichols and Ms. Guillory reviewed and explained various funding sources currently available in the Transportation Budget. These include the Transportation Sales Tax passed in 1989, Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), Government Obligation Bond 2000 Program, and LTAF (Local Transportation Assistance Fund). Extensive discussion ensued between staff and the Commission regarding the background and processes for each of the different funding sources. The possibility of looking at CFDs (Community Facilities Districts) as a funding source was also discussed.

Mr. Nichols highlighted that the General Fund is used to subsidize the Transportation Fund; however, with the present status and needs of the General Fund, there is no capacity to transfer monies from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund. In addition, the bond election in 2013 that failed affected the General Fund as well. There are about 12 projects that are not funded and the City needs to come up with \$12.5M per year to accomplish these projects. Commissioner Ward noted that he is very supportive of the individual projects contained in the bond election, and believes that are many more worthy projects. Commissioner Ward also stated other funding sources might be more appropriate and more acceptable to the community.

Mr. Nichols and Ms. Guillory addressed questions and concerns from Commissioners relative to the possibility of state levies on fuel for motor vehicles and possibility of increasing property or sales taxes.

2. REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- Election of Transportation Commission Officers

Relative to the election of officers for 2014, Vice Chair Olmsted expressed interest in being considered for Chair of the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Ward volunteered in being considered for Vice Chair.

- Announcement of Trails Subcommittee Chair

Commissioner Stickles expressed interest in serving another term as Chair for the Trails Subcommittee. Commissioner Holley expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Trails Subcommittee. Commissioner Bretz expressed interest in serving on the Trails Subcommittee when the opportunity presents itself.

- Approval of Meeting Minutes

No comments were received from Commissioners.

- Transportation Commission Annual Report for 2013

No comments were received from Commissioners.

- Draft FY 14/15 Transportation Department Operating Budget

Mr. Basha stated that this presentation is to initiate discussion on the draft FY 14/15 Transportation Department Operating Budget. Ms. Staats will be available to help answer

questions. More detailed information and an opportunity for input will be provided at the next Commission meeting tentatively in February.

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- City Council Strategic Plan Item – Advance Transportation

Mr. Basha will present an updated presentation that contains most of the modifications suggested by the Commission in December. He asked that the Commission provide the same level of critique as last month. Any suggestions that are not systemic, such as formatting issues, will be provided to Mr. Basha via email.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Gruver adjourned the Study Session at 6:05 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo

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