

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Olmsted called the study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gary Bretz, Commissioner

Terry Gruver, Commissioner Paul Holley, Commissioner Steven Olmsted, Chair

Robert Stickles, Commissioner

Paul Ward, Vice Chair

ABSENT: Matthew Wright, Commissioner

STAFF: Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator

Paul Basha, Transportation Director Bob Bonnette, Police Lieutenant Patrol Walt Brodzinski, Right of Way Manager

Madeline Clemann, Transportation Planning and Transit Operations Manager

Phillip Kercher, Traffic Engineering and Operations Manager

Holly Walter, Public Information Officer

1. REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Holley suggested that staff clarify the public comment noted on page 2 of the Regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2014. Staff will review the audio from last month's meeting and will return with revised minutes for approval in April.

No edits were suggested to the minutes of the Study Session of February 20, 2014.

Pedalbus Update

Mr. Basha announced that Mr. Walt Brodzinski will present an overview on the pedalbus. Lieutenant Bonnette was introduced and will help answer any questions.

State Texting While Driving Ban

This item will be presented at the request of the Commission. Commissioner Gruver feels it could be beneficial for Commissioners to understand the history of this topic as discussed by the Commission in 2010. It was noted that the Commission has not made any recommendations to Council; however, Commissioner Gruver suggested that understanding the position the Commission took at their previous discussions on this topic will be useful for the Commission should this be an item of interest in the future.

Mr. Kercher and Ms. Walter will present an overview on recent efforts by the Arizona State Legislature to approve laws to prohibit "texting while driving" and "distracted driving." Mr. Kercher noted that typically, the response in Arizona is that a no-texting-while-driving law is not needed since a distracted driving law already exists.

Draft FY 14/15 Transportation Department Operating Budget

Mr. Basha will provide a brief presentation to inform the Commission of the historic trends and few differences in next year's Transportation Department's operating budget.

SR-101: Raintree Interchange to Pima-Princess Interchange

Mr. Basha will present information on the most recent activities related to the proposed DDI (Diverging Diamond Interchange) as part of the SR-101 and Pima-Princess Interchange planned improvements. This includes a review of the request to City Council that was adopted on March 18 to support continued direct access to the properties west of SR-101 and south of Princess Drive.

Transportation Projects/Programs Update

Mr. Basha noted that the City's proposed budget for the next fiscal year was released on March 18. It was highlighted that the City intends to sell three currently owned buildings, which are too expensive for the City to maintain. These buildings are the McKnight Building, Human Resources, and the Community Design Studio. Staff occupied in the three buildings will be relocated.

Mr. Basha announced that as part of the restructuring of the organization, at least five different departments, including Transportation, will report directly to the City Manager.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Olmsted adjourned the Study Session at 5:46 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo

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