



SUMMARIZED MINUTES

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Olmsted called the regular meeting of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Steven Olmsted, Chair
Paul Ward, Vice Chair
Gary Bretz, Commissioner
Barry Graham, Commissioner
Paul Holley, Commissioner
Robert Stickles, Commissioner
Matthew Wright, Commissioner

STAFF: Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Paul Basha, Transportation Director
Madeline Clemann, Transportation Planning and Transit
Operations Manager
Phil Kercher, Traffic Engineering and Operations Manager
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner
Holly Walter, Public Information Officer
Walt Brodzinski, Right-of-Way Manager

Chair Olmsted acknowledged that this is Vice Chair Ward's last meeting after serving on the Commission for six years and presented him with a gift. Vice Chair Ward said the Commission has accomplished a lot but much remains to be done, in particular finding a sustainable fund source for capital needs.

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Study Session of the Transportation Commission – May 15, 2014
- Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission - May 15, 2014

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE STUDY SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2014 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STICKLES SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

4. **SUPER BOWL 2015**

Right-of-Way Manager Mr. Walt Brodzinski and Transportation Planning and Transit Operations Manager Ms. Madeline Clemann presented transportation and planning strategies being undertaken with regard to Super Bowl 2015.

Highlights of the discussion included:

- Comparison results of Scottsdale transportation and transit at Super Bowl 1996 and 2008 show that Downtown Scottsdale during Super Bowl 2015 is expected to be as busy as in 2008. The Transportation Department works closely with the Police Department and will focus on ground monitoring conditions. For now, City staff is being proactive in event preplanning.
- For seven days, ESPN will broadcast live from north of Fashion Square from 4:00 a.m. through late afternoon. The City will use bed tax revenue to assist Fashion Square and the Convention and Visitors Bureau with operating this event.
- The City has much more intelligent traffic management infrastructure than in 2008 and the Traffic Management Center is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week during busy times. Signal lights can be programmed specifically to event start and end times. Traffic is expected to be heavier than normal in all directions. Staff will observe closely and make adjustments as best as they can.
- Considerable discussion is taking place regarding transit connections to Super Bowl related events throughout the Valley; although, so far, no decisions have been made. Discussion has occurred on whether or not private vendors should operate the trolleys. There has also been discussion about connections between Scottsdale Fashion Center and Sky Harbor Airport, but staff feels the City should not be directly involved in this. The City is not ready and there is not enough time to prepare a high quality service. Eventually, staff hopes to have direct transit operation between Sky Harbor and Scottsdale.
- Scottsdale hosted many events at the 2008 Super Bowl. For 2015, other Valley communities are vying to host events.
- For the first time, the Pro Bowl will take place in the Valley one week before the Super Bowl; this is being taken into account during the preplanning.

- About 200,000 people were in downtown Scottsdale during Super Bowl 2008. The Phoenix Open will be taking place at the same time and that event can draw 175,000 people. Contingency plans are in place for all large events. Valley police departments have been meeting to plan the 2015 Super Bowl for over two years already. Although much of the circulation plans are outside the realm of transportation, Transportation staff can arrange to have the Scottsdale Police Department present an update on their efforts.
- Once a draft event schedule is in place, Commissioners noted it will be important to conduct public outreach to the neighborhoods adjacent to those events, especially with regard to volume of traffic and parking impacts.
- Better signage for downtown public parking is being put in place. Once the event venues are known, wayfinding will be looked at holistically.
- Resorts will be operating private shuttles to move guests to various venues.
- Valley Metro has been looking at the possibility of more frequent bus service on Route 72 during the two Super Bowl weeks; however, they are not in favor of making adjustments or adding extra service because the extra vehicle and pedestrian activity downtown makes it challenging to keep to a schedule. The Marketing Committee is discussing promoting the route because it connects with the LRT, which will be running more frequently.
- No planned road construction will be scheduled during this period.

5. **RAINTREE DRIVE EXTENSION**

Mr. Phil Kercher, Traffic Engineering Manager, presented an update to the Airport circulation projects.

Comments are highlighted below:

- The main concern expressed by property owners at public outreach meetings has been access to their properties.
- Currently, the speed limit on Raintree Drive is 35 m.p.h. After construction, the speed limit will be 30 m.p.h. because of the limited right-of-way west of Hayden Road.
- Travel times are not expected to decrease dramatically. The Raintree Drive Extension project will make Raintree a better, more direct connection between Scottsdale Road and the Pima Freeway. Bike lanes will be installed and area transit will be improved.
- The entire project is funded regionally through the Arterial Life Cycle Program. Funds for sections 1 and 2 will be available in FY 2014/2015. Funding for section 3 will be available in FY 2015/2016.
- Project plans include a roundabout being built at the intersection of Raintree and Redfield. Another roundabout is planned to be built at Hayden Road and Raintree. Section 2 will include a roundabout at 73rd Street at the entrance to the transit center.

6. **CAMELBACK ROAD – SCOTTSDALE ROAD TO MILLER ROAD**

Transportation Director Mr. Paul Basha presented a detailed analysis of traffic operations on Camelback Road from Scottsdale Road to Miller Road, discussing past and planned Transportation Department actions.

Comments are highlighted below:

- Approximately two years ago, the neighborhood north of Camelback Road and west of Miller Road requested permit parking on their streets, and permit parking was provided on two streets.
- This neighborhood also requested a traffic signal at the intersection of 75th Street and Camelback Road. A signal analysis accomplished last fall determined it was not warranted.
- Mr. Basha indicated that a one-way loop road system was implemented in the entertainment district last fall.
- Traffic calming measures may be implemented for the one-way streets. The decision will be explored after other traffic management measures have been put into effect. Staff is hopeful that these will not be needed.
- A traffic signal warrant analysis was accomplished for the intersection of Camelback Road and Buckboard Trail. Very detailed traffic volume, pedestrian, and crash analyses were presented.
- A detailed speed limit analysis was also accomplished and presented. The prevailing speeds during most of the week suggest a speed limit of 35 miles-per-hour. However, during the late evening and early morning weekend hours, the prevailing speeds suggest a lower speed limit of 25 miles-per-hour. As a result, a variable speed limit will be installed.
- The lower variable speed limit may be used during daytime hours for special events.
- Speed awareness signs will also be used – similar to other locations in Scottsdale.

7. **PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Stickles, also Chair of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee reported the following:

- The Subcommittee's title has been changed and Mr. David Brown, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, has been added as the fifth member of the Subcommittee.
- Mr. Eric Iwerson of the City of Tempe presented what Tempe is doing to facilitate cycling. Tempe's branding is noteworthy. Public art, as well as cycling is an important component that is supported by the Mayor and City Council of Tempe.

Commissioner Holley reported the following:

- After discussion, the Subcommittee asked staff for further analysis regarding a path along Cactus Road between 124th Street and 128th Street. This is in the Master Transportation Plan and would provide access to an elementary school and the trailhead at 124th Street. Neighbors have expressed opposition. The Subcommittee felt more consideration should be given to residents located east of the path.

- The Subcommittee discussed a proposed HAWK beacon for pedestrians crossing the Arizona Canal near Scottsdale and Camelback Roads. They requested that staff conduct more analysis.

Commissioners mentioned the possibility of a self-guided bike route along the downtown bike path, which is under consideration by the Tourism Advisory Task Force.

8. **TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS/PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Mr. Basha said there was no additional information since the last meeting of the Commission.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

10. **IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- An update of the Arizona Canal multiuse path between Chaparral and Indian Bend.
- Possibility of using taxis for Ride Share in conjunction with Dial-a-Ride and Cab Connection.
- An overview of the Village-to-Village concept by Amy Saint Peter of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG).
- Presentation of Raintree Drive and Airport circulation for new Commissioners.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct, Chair Olmsted adjourned the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

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