



## **SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

### **CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STUDY SESSION**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014**

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Olmsted called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:17 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Steven Olmsted, Chair

**STAFF:** Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator  
Paul Basha, Transportation Director  
Walt Brodzinski, Right of Way Supervisor  
Steve Ramsey, Interim ITS Manager

#### **1. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA PACKETS**

For the past several years, PowerPoint presentations for agenda items of discussion have been routinely included in the Transportation Commission agenda packets. On a trial basis, for the past three months, PowerPoint presentations have not been part of

the packets to allow more time for staff to develop an enhanced presentation. This also avoids potential confusion when Commissioners are regularly distributed modified versions of presentations up to the day of the meeting. It is also felt that by Commissioners viewing presentations for the first time will grasp their attention for perhaps a more comprehensive discussion. Staff suggested that PowerPoint Presentations continue to not be included in the packets.

After discussion the Commission agreed that it is not mandatory to include PowerPoint presentations in the packets; however, if it is known that a PowerPoint will definitely not be revised prior to the meeting, it is fine to include it in the packet. Commissioners asked that if a PowerPoint will not be included, the Commission Report should contain more detailed information and/or graphics.

## **2. REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

No edits were suggested to the minutes of the Study Session and Regular meeting of July 17, 2014.

- **Traffic Signal Coordination and Timing Plans**

Mr. Ramsey displayed a signal controller box and mentioned that these controllers contain masses of signal timing data. There is one main central controller housed in Downtown Scottsdale that monitors each signal and allows staff to change timing parameters remotely.

At the Regular meeting, Mr. Ramsey will explain the basics of signal timing and will provide an overview of the current and future capabilities and projects in ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) deployment in Scottsdale.

- **Super Bowl 2015**

In preparation for Super Bowl 2015, Mr. Brodzinski will provide a status update on transportation strategies in Scottsdale.

- **Lagging Left-Turn Collision Reduction**

At the May Commission meeting, Ms. Jen Horodyski presented an overview of the bi-annual traffic volume and collision rate report. During that presentation, it was

highlighted that collisions in Scottsdale have declined in the past 6 years. During the Commission discussion of this fact, it was mentioned that one of the reasons for this decline is the City use of lagging left-turn arrows. During the May meeting, the Commission requested a presentation on lagging left-turn operation.

Mr. Basha noted that lagging left-turn arrows are currently used in Sierra Vista, Goodyear, Casa Grande and Gilbert. The City of Scottsdale implemented left turn arrows in 1989.

- **Paths & Trails Subcommittee Report**

Commissioner Holley will give a brief report on the last Paths & Trails Subcommittee meeting of August 19, 2014. The report will include a brief summary of discussions held regarding connectivity between Scottsdale and Fountain Hills and the Shea Boulevard path. A brief summary of the Scottsdale Road Streetscape project will also be given. Relative to future agenda items, Commissioners Bretz and Rosenberg suggested discussion on senior transportation, and that Amy St. Peter of the Maricopa Association of Governments is invited to attend.

## **2. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Holley adjourned the Study Session at 6:01 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo  
Transportation Coordinator

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