



## APPROVED SUMMARIZED MINUTES

### CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

One Civic Center  
7447 E. Indian School Road, Suite 205  
Agave Conference Room  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 8:32 a.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Subcommittee members as noted below and introductions were made.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Robert Stickles, Chair  
Gary Bretz, Commissioner, Transportation Commission  
Todd Davis, Commissioner, Parks and Recreation Commission

**ABSENT:** Michael Kuzel, Subcommittee Member  
Linda Whitehead, Subcommittee Member

**STAFF:** Madeline Clemman, Transit Manager  
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner  
Frances Cookson, Staff Representative

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Stickles confirmed that no members of the public wished to speak.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes was tabled, as those in attendance were not present for the January, 2016 meeting.

#### **4. PATHS AND TRAILS 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the report. Highlights included:

- Non-motorized projects are implemented using the 2004 Trails Master Plan as well as the 2008 Transportation Master Plan.
  - In 2009, the Trails Task Force updated the implementation portion of the 2004 Plan.
  - Any new requests are categorized as proposed.
- Funding sources include:
  - Local funding through transportation sales tax
  - Bond funds
  - Federal funds and grants
- Project updates:
  - Arizona Canal Path
    - Uses CMAQ and local funding.
    - Located at Chaparral Road to Indian Bend Wash connecting near the Silverado Golf Course.
    - Extensive public outreach efforts extended the design phase.
    - Construction has begun with anticipated completion in the fall.
    - Project includes two hot crossings at major streets as well as two bridges.
  - Shea Underpass and Path
    - Uses CMAQ and local funding.
    - Formerly called Mountain View Trails Segment 2.
    - Segments 1 and 3 were built together.
    - Includes path with dual surface, to include equestrian.
    - Currently out to bid.
    - Next steps include selecting a construction contractor and seeking City Council approval.
  - Crosscut Canal Bridge and Path
    - Uses two types of FTA funding.
    - Located south of McDowell Road.
    - Serves a neighborhood connection for those living east of the canal and south of McDowell Road.
  - WestWorld Paths and Trails Project
    - Uses CMAQ and local funding.
    - Connects WestWorld area to Greyhawk.
    - Staff most recently approved alignments and made small adjustments.

- Next steps include environmental clearance, survey of the area and moving to 30 percent design.
- Scottsdale Road Segment 6
  - Uses the remaining amounts of Bond 2000 funding.
  - Goes from Happy Valley Road to Carefree Highway.
  - A beautification project completed in short phases.
  - Intersection construction has begun.
  - Right-of-way acquisition is under way in areas where small easements are required.
  - In March, staff and designers walked through the site. Resulting insights will be incorporated into the final design.
- McDowell Road Sidewalk
  - FTA funding.
  - North side of McDowell from Scottsdale to Miller Road, across the street from SkySong.
  - Has recently passed the pre-application approval process for development review.
  - Next step includes going to bid for construction.
- Shea Road and 112th Street Sidewalk
  - Local funding.
  - South side of Shea from 112th Street to just shy of 114th Street.
  - On 112th Street from Shea to Mountain View.
  - Design is at about 30 percent.
  - Awaiting City Council approval of the 2016 CIP.
- Mustang Transit Passenger Facility
  - FTA funding.
  - Part of a much larger project.
  - Phases are separated, as path portions are easier to construct.
  - Bids opened in April.
  - Next step includes award of contract for path construction.
- Street overlays
  - Local funding as well as recently approved bond funding.
  - Ongoing through the year.
  - During street maintenance project construction, bike lanes and curb ramps are added.
  - Schedules depend on street department.
- Downtown Sidewalks
  - Local funding. Did not pass in the bond for funding.

- Included in the draft CIP for the coming fiscal year.
- If City Council approves the budget in June, design will begin after July and will be on a two-year construction schedule.
- 2nd Street Bicycle Path
  - Locally funded.
  - If City Council approves the budget, design will begin after July.
  - Connects Indian Bend Wash along 2nd Street to 68th Street.
  - A significant question is how it will go through the Civic Center area.
  - Another consideration for resolution is the lack of a traffic signal at Goldwater for 2nd Street.
- Trails
  - Local funding.
  - Federal funding for trails is only available if it is combined with another project.
  - Seven trail segments have been forwarded to the Capital Project Management Group for placement into design.
  - Next step will be to schedule construction for each segment.
- Staff will update the Subcommittee and the Transportation Commission throughout the year.

Commissioner Davis asked about whether electric/pedal bikes fall into the category of motorized vehicle. Ms. Conklu replied that they are technically not allowed in these areas. There was discussion on the various types of motorized bicycles and Segways and the need for further discussion and options going forward.

## **5. WAYFINDING SIGNAGE**

Ms. Conklu stated that the bicycle element of the 2008 Transportation Master Plan recommended wayfinding signage for paths and trails. In addition, there has been feedback from the League of American Bicyclists via the Bicycle Friendly Communities Program that wayfinding signage be added. The project began in 2011 by looking at what other communities have implemented in terms of wayfinding and whether there are existing standards and guidelines. Following this, a plan for installation of signs on Indian Bend Wash was developed. Installation of the signs began in June, 2013 and was completed by Fall 2013.

Next steps included hiring a private consultant to examine methods for consistent design throughout the City. Last July, design concepts were presented to the Subcommittee and to the Transportation Commission, including various logos and two sets of sign packages.

Regional wayfinding signage was also being addressed by MAG, including the hiring of a consultant. MAG paid for the design portion, so that cities without funding would be included. These designs were finalized last May. Scottsdale's signage will be consistent with MAG's design in certain respects, but the City is not bound to using MAG's design. In January, 2015 an existing conditions survey was performed. There is currently no definitive system in place, with inconsistencies in design, color palette and symbols.

In response to a question from Commissioner Davis, Ms. Conklu stated that golf course warning signs are posted along all golf courses regarding the dangers of stray golf balls. Directional panels will be placed using two-inch clearview text. The area from Indian Bend to McKellips will be mapped with symbols showing different sign types and locations.

Comments received during meetings last July with the Subcommittee and Transportation Commission were used to redesign the recommended logo for Scottsdale pathways. Signage will be modified to fit each character area. Color choices and shading would be subject to technical criteria as well as what is most clear and legible for each area. The various sign types, sizes and descriptions were reviewed.

In response to a question from Commissioner Davis, Ms. Conklu stated that there are no horse only trails without bike access. All are multiuse paths.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bretz, Ms. Conklu replied that certain parks prohibit horse traffic on paths. This is governed by a separate ordinance. Non-slip surfaces suitable for horse traffic will be included in the Shea underpass project. The Soleri Bridge area also has a band of nonslip coating.

Commissioner Davis suggested the possibility of a find your trail mechanism by which someone could take a picture of one of the signs and go online to a website to locate the sign location and study the surrounding trails.

The prototypes viewed by Subcommittee members earlier were shown during Cycle the Arts, the community bike ride held on April 17th. Twelve individuals filled out comment cards. Comments included:

- This a well needed project.
- The logo is attractive.
- The design colors and sign size are attractive.
- It will be helpful to indicate destinations and mileage.

The prototypes will remain on display at One Civic Center. Two open houses have been tentatively scheduled. In addition, staff would like to have the signs onsite near the paths to show them in real context. The Parks and Recreation Commission has this

on the agenda for May 18th. The Transportation Commission will hear this update on June 16th.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bretz, Ms. Conklu stated that the onsite sign display will be set up at Chaparral Park at the south end of the lake, just northeast of the Hayden-Chaparral intersection.

Chair Stickles asked when there will be signs north and south of the initial sign placement location, noting that a large portion of Scottsdale is not urban. Ms. Conklu replied that currently they are focused on the initial area and its time frame, specifically whether it could be accomplished in one year or whether it would need to be split into two to three years. Once the updated costs for signs are available as well as the total amount needed, staff will be able to determine an overall cost for the area from McKellips to Indian Bend.

Ms. Clemman stated that during past signage programs, after the first few were completed, new ways of construction were developed, including changes in materials used. Once the process is more mechanized, a budget can be more effectively developed.

Commissioner Davis suggested the possibility of the eventual development of a Friends of the Park program, which could receive community funding for outdoor recreation needs, possibly through sponsorship of signs and other sponsorship opportunities.

Commissioner Bretz recommended look at the bed tax as a source of sign funding. Ms. Clemann stated that the bed tax currently pays for \$300,000 towards the Downtown Trolley, which represents slightly less than half of its operating costs.

Ms. Conklu stated that staff is still working with the Tourism Advisory Task Force on their biking strategy. They funded self-guided bike routes that include unique markers with text descriptions about the areas.

## **6. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS STATUS**

Ms. Clemman provided the updates. Highlights included.

- Restriping from Dixileta to 66th on Scottsdale Road is incorporated into the planned resurfacing project. Bicycle lanes were added.
- Ms. Conklu attended the American Planning Association National Conference held in Phoenix. She conducted a mobile session in the community, including a bike tour of Scottsdale's public art on April 2nd with 27 participants.
- A memorial bicycle rack was installed at the Thomas Bike Station in honor of Dr. Roberts on April 3rd. Wanting to honor the doctor, the special care unit staff

had the rack designed, manufactured and installed at the site. There was agreement that soliciting donations for bike racks and benches was a good idea.

- April was Valley Bike Month with several activities taking place.
  - Sunday, April 17th, Ms. Conklu organized the Scottsdale Cycle the Arts for its 11th year. It was an eight-mile guided ride from Scottsdale Museum of the West.
  - There were month-long commuter contests.
  - Wednesday, April 20th was Valley Bike to Work day. Thirty plus people biked to work in Scottsdale, sent photos and received Bike Month t-shirts.
- Two bus service improvements were made.
  - Route 72 now has ten-minute service from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. along the segment from Camelback Road to the Tempe Transportation Center.
  - Route 81 was changed to the west side of the Pavilions at Talking Stick, in order to more directly serve the shopping center between Pima Road and Loop 101.

Commissioner Bretz asked whether a bus rider can bring on a bike with motorized assist. Ms. Clemman replied that as long as it fits on the rack it would be permitted.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Stickles adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:  
Frances Cookson  
Staff Representative

**\*NOTE: These are summary action meeting minutes only. A complete copy of the audio/video recording is available at <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/Transp.asp>**