



SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

**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 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gary Bretz, Commissioner
Paul Holley, Vice Chair
Steven Olmsted, Chair
Steven Rosenberg, Commissioner

ABSENT: Barry Graham, Commissioner
Robert Stickles, Commissioner
Matthew Wright, Commissioner

STAFF: Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
John Bartlett, Traffic Engineer
Paul Basha, Transportation Director
Walt Brodzinski, Right-of-Way Manager
Jennifer Horodyski, Traffic Engineering Analyst
Phillip Kercher, Traffic Engineering and Operations Manager
Ratna Korepella, Principal Transit Planner
Andrew Merkley, Traffic Engineering Analyst

GUEST: Kevin McKee, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Linda Milhaven, Vice Mayor
Jeremiah Simpson, Walker Parking Consultants

Mr. McKee made an appearance and introduced himself as the new Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Mr. Basha introduced Jeremiah Simpson of Walker Parking Consultants. Mr. Simpson is in town a few days and is working on doing parking occupancy counts as part of the Downtown Parking Study.

1. **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 March 19, 2015 and the Special Meeting minutes of March 25, 2015.

- **Black Mountain Road**

At the request of a Commissioner and request of residents who reside west of 84th Street on Black Mountain Road, this is a returning item to provide an opportunity for those residents to provide comment. In addition, residents ½ mile or more north of Black Mountain Road and 84th Street also requested an opportunity to speak at tonight's meeting; however, they were not able to attend. To accommodate these residents, Transportation staff has offered to meet with them separately and will re-agendize this item if necessary.

Mr. Basha noted that this item will be a discussion of Black Mountain Road, not 84th Street.

Vice Mayor Milhaven and Vice Chair Holley commended staff on their work for this project.

- **Phoenix Transportation Sales Tax**

Mr. Basha announced that that Ms. Julie Rees, a consultant in the public relations realm will be presenting this item and will be available to answer questions. It was mentioned that Ms. Rees was the at large appointee to the citizen group that spent six months to one year discussing transportation issues in Phoenix. That committee recommended a 7/10 of \$.01 increase in sales tax for the City of Phoenix. It is anticipated that this will go before the voters in mid to late August.

- **124th Street to 128th Street / Anasazi Area Transportation Improvements**

Mr. Basha indicated this is a controversial item that has previously been discussed by the Paths & Trails Subcommittee and Transportation Commission.

Mr. Basha mentioned that the purpose of this path is to connect neighborhoods and a school to the neighborhood. It was clarified that this path is not intended to serve the preserve nor motor vehicles or school buses. Since there is a water line in the area that might need to be maintained, there may be some utility vehicles for this reason. In addition, access for emergency services is needed.

During the Regular meeting, Mr. Williams will reference three alternative alignments for the multiuse path. It was mentioned that staffs' proposed alignment does encroach to the preserve and that in discussions held regarding the pavement material for the multiuse path, staff and the Transportation Commission decided that this path needs to be paved.

Mr. Williams stated that Anasazi Elementary School located in the southeast corner of 124th Street and Cactus Road is the only school in Scottsdale that has one access. All other schools in Scottsdale have access in two directions. Mr. Williams indicated that City staff has been working with Anasazi for at least 10 years regarding construction of a multiuse path. Mr. Basha noted that the Transportation Commission and City Council voted to approve the path years ago. Since the school district has funding in this year's budget and is willing to pay at least 50% of the cost for improvements, it is being requested that improvements be expedited. Since funding in the school's budget is not guaranteed next year, they would like to have improvements constructed this summer so that they are functional at the start of the school year in the fall.

An opportunity for additional public comment will be held on April 30, at tonight's Commission meeting, and at the Development Review Board meeting and Preserve Commission meeting on May 7. The Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Scottsdale and the School District will need to go to City Council for approval and will provide additional opportunity for public input. Staff noted that the design for the proposed alignment is 95% complete; however, there is still opportunity for changes. A decision as to what alignment will be used will need to be decided after the public hearings.

Staff recommends that the entire ½ mile path be considered as one project and constructed this summer. This could occur; however, if the alignment is not changed, there are some legal and liability issues that need to be resolved. The other two segments of the project could then be constructed in the fall.

- **Arterial Street Directional Splits**

Mr. Merkely will present this item. He has done a fantastic job on his analysis and has shared his results with signal timing staff in the Public Works Department. It was noted that traffic counts were obtained before the current freeway construction, so they are an appropriate representation of the freeway being free-flowing.

- **Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Update**

Mr. John Bartlett has presented this item to the Commission several times in the past. There has not been much change since his last status report.

- **Chaparral Road Improvements**

Mr. Bartlett will present this item. Ms. Elaine Mercado, Project Manager in Capital Project Management, will be in attendance to help answer questions.

- **Paths & Trails Subcommittee Report**

Vice Chair Holley will give a brief report on the last Paths & Trails Subcommittee meeting of March 10, 2015.

- **Transportation Master Plan Policies**

Mr. Basha noted that this is the first specific topic of discussion as part of the Transportation Master Plan Update. At this time, no action will be taken. Comments are requested from the Commission for consideration in the draft plan anticipated to be approved in November 2015.

2. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Olmsted adjourned the Study Session at 5:56 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rose Arballo

Transportation Coordinator

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