



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES  
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009  
KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL  
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Howard called the study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** William Howard, Chair  
Josh Weiss, Vice Chair  
Kelly McCall, Commissioner  
Donald Maxwell, Commissioner  
Paul Ward, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Terry Gruver, Commissioner  
Howard Suenic, Commissioner

**STAFF:** Mary O'Connor, Transportation General Manager  
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning and Transit Director  
Lorraine Protocollo, Administrative Secretary  
Annie DeChance, Public Participation & Outreach Manager  
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering and Operations Director  
Teresa Huish, Principal Transportation Planner  
Bruce Dressel, ITS Manager  
Steve Ramsey, Senior ITS Engineer

1. **Review of Regular Meeting Agenda**

- Review and Approval of Minutes

Commissioner McCall suggested that the words, "in addition to transit," be added to the last sentence of the first paragraph of item 5.

Commissioner McCall inquired whether staff was prepared to make a report on the viability of a taxi voucher program to supplement transit. Ms. O'Connor responded that staff has not been able to study that yet. If the City gets to the point where substantial cuts have to be made, it would be considered. The current program for seniors and the disabled is expensive, and does not subsidize much. There may be staff reductions in management soon, and this program requires intensive management.

Commissioner McCall noted that according to the minutes, staff agreed to look into this in response to a public comment from Dave MacDonald. She felt that the proper response should be to add a future agenda item to discuss it. Chair Howard said he did not take the comment as a staff commitment to do anything other than look at it.

Ms. O'Connor clarified that Mr. Meinhart intended to do a cost/benefit analysis to determine if it warranted further study. It would not be practical to spend staff time to study at this level of detail something staff could not recommend at this time, given the current lack of funding and management capacity. Mr. Meinhart added there are many good ideas being circulated, but not infinite resources to consider them all. Staff expects the Commission to filter the ideas it feels should take the highest priority. Chair Howard suggested a brief public statement as such during the meeting would suffice.

- Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles

Ms. O'Connor noted that representatives from APS and SRP would be available to discuss how the utilities are preparing for the emergence of plug-in hybrid vehicles, as requested by the Commission.

- Noise Abatement Policy

Ms. O'Connor said Ms Huish would make a presentation on roadway noise mitigation policies/ordinances in Scottsdale and other communities. In response to Chair Howard's inquiry, Ms. O'Connor said Scottsdale has a nuisance ordinance, but not a noise abatement policy as a separate element. Attempts have been made before, but they are very difficult to enforce. The City wants to focus mostly on noise from roadway traffic as opposed to other sources such as stereo equipment.

- Scottsdale ITS Program

Mr. Porell said staff would provide information on Scottsdale's ITS Program. A professor from ASU has been invited to next month's meeting to give an academic perspective on Scottsdale's traffic management. Staff will also provide the information necessary for the Commission to fulfill Council's request for a report in November.

Chair Howard said he understood that Council also wanted to see information on intersection improvements. Mr. Porell said staff intends to review those elements as they are identified in the CIP. Ms. O'Connor added that there are also some policy factors that affect where intersections might be widened or not.

- Transportation Department Budget Update

Ms. O'Connor noted that staff would present an update on the Transportation CIP and operational budgets. The current budget is balanced for the year, but further reductions are planned for FY09/10.

- Other Transportation Projects

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chair Howard adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

A/V Tronics, Inc.

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