



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009
KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL
3939 DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85351**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard called the study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Terry Gruver, Commissioner
Howard Sukenic, Commissioner

STAFF: Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning and Transit Director
Teresa Huish, Principal Transportation Planner
Jennifer Bohac, Senior Traffic Engineer
Lorraine Protocollo, Admin Secretary
Madeline Clemann, Transit and Parking Program Manager

1. **Review of Regular Meeting Agenda**

- Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Project Request

Ms. Bohac noted that the Larkspur Drive request is the first petition process project to come through under the new NTMP policy. Residents submitted the request in 2008 and staff has determined that it meets all criteria.

- Proposed Transit Service Modifications

Mr. Meinhart said staff would present the Commission with a budget reduction proposal to address the city's revenue shortfalls which reduces some transit services provided by the city. Staff has collected comments through a public outreach program. The preponderance of the commentary has been related to Route 114, which serves the Basis School.

He reported that Council adopted the draft budget ceiling on May 19. If the Commission wishes to make changes to the proposal, equivalent cuts would have to be made elsewhere. In response to an inquiry from Chair Howard, Mr. Meinhart explained that Council has set a spending limit for the upcoming year. Between now and the final budget adoption in June, they can make changes within the budget, but they cannot increase the spending limit.

Commissioner Ward inquired about the reductions as a percentage of the transit budget. Ms. Clemann responded that the transit budget is effectively being reduced by 18%. Mr. Meinhart added that the reduction is consistent with the shortfall in the City's transportation sales tax revenue. Staff considered many options, and settled on reductions that would impact as few riders as possible, and have the least impact on overall system quality. Ridership data was used to determine the efficiency of each route as it related to the dollars the City of Scottsdale spent on them.

- Local Area Infrastructure Plans (LAIPS)

Mr. Meinhart said LAIPS is a component of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). One of the recommendations was to create detailed maps of how future streets, trails, water lines, sewer lines, and public infrastructure should be laid out in the metes and bounds (unsubdivided or master planned) areas of the city and review these maps with the affected property owners.

- Other Transportation Projects

Mr. Meinhart reported that Scottsdale received an Office of Highway Safety grant to conduct a public education campaign for all forms of transportation safety.

Chair Howard noted that the Coalition of Greater Scottsdale (COGS) put out a report on a recent public meeting regarding Pima Road. He noted their complaints that the meeting had been noticed improperly, and that important questions were not being answered. He requested that the Commission be informed whenever those types of meetings are held.

The Commission reviewed the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Howard adjourned the study session at 6:06 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

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