



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES  
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION  
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 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 5:30 p.m. He welcomed Carleton Cole to the Commission, and invited those in attendance to introduce themselves.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** William Howard, Chair  
Josh Weiss, Vice Chair  
Carleton Cole, Commissioner  
Terry Gruver, Commissioner  
Howard Sukenic, Commissioner (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)  
Paul Ward, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Donald Maxwell, Commissioner

**STAFF:** Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director  
Annie DeChance, Public Participation & Outreach Manager  
Teresa Huish, Principal Transportation Planner  
Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator  
Jennifer Bohac, Senior Traffic Engineer  
Luis Santaella, Assistant City Attorney

**GUESTS:** Mary O'Connor

1. **Review of Commission Ordinance**

Chair Howard noted that the Commission tabled a decision on this item at the last meeting to allow more time for a review of the revised draft.

## 2. **Commission Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Meinhart gauged the Commission's interest in moving the start time of the regular meetings up one hour to 5:00 p.m., and adjusting the start time for the study session accordingly. The Commissioners indicated a preference for leaving the schedule as it currently is, but were willing to grant some flexibility.

## 3. **Review of Regular Meeting Agenda**

- Recognition of Mary O'Connor
- Election of Transportation Commission Officers

Chair Howard noted that the terms for Chair and Vice Chair of the Transportation Commission had expired and invited nominations for the next term. Commissioner Ward nominated William Howard to continue as Chair, and Josh Weiss to continue as Vice Chair. He expressed satisfaction with the way the meetings have been run, and specifically noted the deliberate effort to bring the public into the discussion. Commissioner Gruver seconded. There were no further nominations.

- Neighborhood Traffic Management Project (NTMP) Request

The Commission will hear the NTMP project request for Roosevelt Street from Scottsdale Road to Miller Road, presented by Jennifer Bohac.

- Noise Abatement Policy

Chair Howard said the Commission focused their effort on noise related to transportation projects, and was unable to find a way to handle mobile noise sources as there is no consistent way to make measurements. Vice Chair Weiss felt that the Commission should not tell Council that a policy on mobile noise is unachievable. Rather, the point should be made that the Commission chose to not move forward on that aspect of the policy as some Commissioners felt it was beyond the Commission's appointed task. Chair Howard noted that his conversations with police officials in other cities indicate that such ordinances are virtually impossible to enforce. Mr. Meinhart said Council is interested in hearing about the pros and cons of various alternatives in the context of a broader citywide noise ordinance.

Commissioner Ward said he does not support establishing a technology preference as part of an ordinance, as the draft policy does with rubberized asphalt. Commissioner Gruver said the first paragraph should reference specific criteria instead of saying that the ordinance applies whenever City action causes more noise.

- Commission Ordinance Revision

Mr. Santaella reviewed the latest revision to the Commission Ordinance. The ordinance allows the establishment of a Trails Subcommittee of the Transportation Commission to provide a public forum and advise on issues surrounding paths and trails. The Commission discussed how the four members would be appointed and agreed that the Subcommittee shall

consist of two Transportation Commissioners, to be appointed by the Transportation Chair, and two non-members of the Commission, appointed by the City Council to terms of three years. The Chair of the Subcommittee shall be a Transportation Commissioner selected by the Chair.

Commissioner Ward said he expected the ordinance would contain an explicit reference to the Design Standards and Policy Manual (DS&PM), as a complement to the CIP and the Transportation element of the General Plan. It would be difficult for the Commission to fulfill its role in helping to guide what the city looks like without that. Mr. Meinhart responded that the majority of the elements in the DS&PM, from a transportation perspective, come through the Commission in various forms, especially if they are significant. Commissioner Ward felt it would be difficult to set policy for a complete roadway if the Commission is not involved in the policy elements. Commissioner Gruver said an explicit reference would step beyond the Commission's authority.

Chair Howard noted that if the Design Review Board (DRB) adopts the DS&PM, the only issue is how to be consistent with it. He questioned whether it needed to be explicitly mentioned in the ordinance. Commissioner Ward responded that the intent is not to get involved in DRB business; the intent is to ensure the Commission has input on what the streets look like. Mr. Meinhart noted that this has already been described in the Transportation Master Plan. Chair Howard noted there might be instances where the Commission would want to vary from the DS&PM. Mr. Meinhart responded that the manual consists of guidelines, not mandates. Mr. Santaella suggested a compromise that would address Commissioner Ward's concern, without conflicting with the DRB's obligation.

- Other Transportation Projects

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chair Howard adjourned the study session at 6:10 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

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