



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES  
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 5:24 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** William Howard, Chair  
Josh Weiss, Vice Chair (arrived at 5:25 p.m.)  
Carleton Cole, Commissioner  
Terry Gruver, Commissioner  
Paul Ward, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Donald Maxwell, Commissioner  
Howard Sukenic, Commissioner

**STAFF:** Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning and Transit Director  
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering and Operations Director  
Phillip Kercher, Principal Traffic Engineer  
Kathryn Kleinschmidt, Traffic Engineering Analyst  
George Williams, Senior Traffic Engineer  
Luis Santaella, Assistant City Attorney  
Kay Cooper, Assistant City Attorney  
Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator

1. **Review of Commission Ordinance**

The Commission agreed that since the revised ordinance adequately addressed their concerns, there would be little need for lengthy discussion on this topic. They granted Mr. Santaella's request to move the item ahead of the NTMP discussion.

2. **Commission Meeting Schedule**

Due to the City's restructuring and loss of staff, Mr. Meinhart asked the Commission if they would consider starting the Commission meetings one hour earlier. After taking poll of the Commission, it would be difficult to have quorum of the Commission for the meetings. Therefore, it was decided that meeting times remain the same (5:15 p.m. Study Session followed by Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.).

### 3. Review of Regular Meeting Agenda

- Neighborhood Traffic Management Project (NTMP) Request
  - 68<sup>th</sup> Street from Shea to Turquoise

Mr. Meinhart said this project would likely draw a number of public comments. In this area, 68<sup>th</sup> Street is an inverted crown, which makes employing a standard raised median unacceptable because of drainage concerns. Ms. Kleinschmidt noted that staff has received two additional public comments since the Commission packets were distributed.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Ward on opposition to the project, Mr. Meinhart said staff believes that the project is worth doing because of the level of support it has received in relation to the opposition. Chair Howard noted there are 103 homes in the affected area, and counted 103 signatures on the petition. Ms. Kleinschmidt responded that 85 homes supported the project, which represents 83% of the affected area. All the signatures have been verified. She clarified that 17 of the signatures are actually a sign-in sheet from a previous public meeting and one signature was a duplicate on the petition.

Chair Howard noted a public comment requesting sidewalks, and inquired whether that was considered an option. Ms. Kleinschmidt responded that the lack of sidewalks is part of the character of the neighborhood, and it was not considered as an option. Properties extend to the edge of the roadway. She confirmed that the City would not need to take land to complete the NTMP project as designed. Mr. Meinhart said the cost of building sidewalks here would be very expensive. Mr. Kercher noted that the design addresses one resident's concern about having to walk in the street. Ms. Kleinschmidt noted that the location of a device on 66<sup>th</sup> Street has not been settled yet, since there are concerns that it's current location might not allow access for the horse trailers at the adjacent property. The location is being studied.

- Scottsdale Healthcare Transportation Management Plan

Mr. Meinhart explained that Scottsdale Healthcare requested a rezoning case. Staff has been collaborating on a traffic control plan for the hospital area. Staff is most interested in getting feedback on the use of roundabouts in the plan. Vice Chair Weiss said he has concerns about the transportation plan in general, if not specifically the roundabouts. Chair Howard questioned the performance of roundabouts that have reached capacity, such as one in Sedona. Mr. Williams responded that the capacity of roundabouts varies depending on the footprint and the radii. The hospital site does not present the same constraints that the site in Sedona has.

- Congestion Management Report

Mr. Meinhart said staff requests additional feedback from the Commission on the Congestion Management Report before it is finalized. In conjunction with that effort, Mr. Williams will present conceptual designs for key elements in the ring road around the Airpark. Overall, the Airpark plan ties into the City's effort to relieve congestion.

- Other Transportation Projects

Mr. Meinhart said his report would be brief. Mr. Porell noted citizen concerns about a proposed traffic control change at Westland Drive and Hayden Road. It is currently a four-way stop, and the City proposes converting it to a two-way stop.

The Commission proposed no changes to the minutes.

Mr. Santaella noted this would be his last meeting with the Commission. He introduced Kay Cooper who has been assigned to take his place. The Commission and Mr. Meinhart thanked Mr. Santaella for his assistance and hard work.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chair Howard adjourned the study session at 5:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

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