



**APPROVED**

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, February 17, 2022**

**Meeting Held Electronically and Remotely**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Iacovo called the regular meeting of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Pamela Iacovo, Chair  
Don Anderson, Vice Chair  
Karen Kowal  
B. Kent Lall  
Mary Ann Miller  
Kerry Wilcoxon

**STAFF:** Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner  
Ratna Korepella, Transit Manager  
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager  
Mark Melnychenko, Transportation & Streets Director  
Kyle Lofgren, Staff Coordinator  
Phil Kercher, Traffic Engineer & Ops Manager  
Hong Huo, Principal Traffic Engineer  
Shayne Lopez, Paving Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

One written comment was received.



## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no modifications.

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF JANUARY 20, 2022 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WILCOXON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 6-0 WITH CHAIR IACOVO, VICE CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONERS KOWAL, LALL, MILLER AND WILCOXON VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **2. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRANSPORTATION CIP**

Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager, briefly reviewed the CIP prioritization process timeline. For current Transportation projects recommended for re-budget in Fiscal Year 2023, there were 16 non-Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Projects, seven of which include federal grant money. In addition, there were 22 ALCP projects. For projects recommended but not funded in Fiscal Year 21/22, there were no significant budget or timing adjustments this fiscal year. One project, the Goldwater/Highland intersection improvements, was recommended in the Five-Year plan but did not have funding available in Fiscal Year 2022. Projects recommended for new funding and, "Y" projects (programmed annually), were reviewed.

Chair commented that it is a good strategy to keep a focus on materials storage yards, particularly with the rise in material pricing.

Commissioner inquired whether the Miller Road extension is included in the CIP budget. Mr. Meinhart clarified that all of the ALCP projects, including the Hayden/Miller corridor between Pinnacle Peak and Happy Valley are included in the recommendation to City Council.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRANSPORTATION CIP BUDGET. COMMISSIONER LALL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 6-0 WITH CHAIR IACOVO, VICE CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONERS KOWAL, LALL, MILLER AND WILCOXON VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES

## **3. MILLER ROAD BRIDGE AND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT**

Jeremy Richter, Project Manager CPM, provided an overview of the project area. The project coordination is in tandem with the Flood Control District's Rawhide Wash Project. A timeline was reviewed, with the project existing in the City's long range plan since 1984. Extensive public outreach has been conducted and was outlined. A number of community concerns and design responses have been received. Topics of note include speed limits, roundabouts, traffic calming, Happy Valley Road capacity, noise and bridge profile and privacy for homes.

Mark Melnychenko, Transportation & Streets Director, stated that a significant number of comments have been received from the community, including requests for improvements and speed mitigation. The goal is to complete the project and then observe the network over a certain period of time in terms of determining any ongoing issues. Chair agreed that it is good practice

to let the facility be open and operating before further changes are made. Mr. Melnychenko added that they will adhere to the guidelines in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy.

Vice Chair asked whether the Flood Control District has begun their work. Mr. Richter stated that the Flood Control District is slightly late in their right-of-way acquisitions, however, it is anticipated that they will kick off construction activities prior to the City's project completion next spring.

Commissioner commended staff for addressing so many of the community's concerns. In response to a Commissioner question, Mr. Richter stated that the speed limit is 35 miles per hour south of Pinnacle Peak. Phil Kercher, Traffic Engineer & Operations Manager, added that previously, it had been 40 miles per hour from Deer Valley North and transitioned to 35 just south of Pinnacle Peak. There were requests from residents to consider lowering it, due to the development occurring on the west side. Based on a study conducted last year, the City has extended the 35 mile per hour speed limit farther south to Deer Valley. It transitions to higher speeds going south towards the 101.

Commissioner asked for clarification on the width of driving lanes. Mr. Richter stated that lanes will be 11 feet wide.

Commissioner asked how many residents either support or oppose the project. Mr. Richter stated that he was not in immediate possession of these stats. A recap was provided at the previous Transportation Commission meeting, which summarized the virtual public meeting, where there were comments on both sides. The HOA meeting focused more on community requests. He added that he will follow up via email to provide more information on community input.

Commissioner asked whether the Flood Control District project will proceed even if the City's project does not and whether the utility relocation would still take place. Mr. Richter stated that the Flood Control District project will take place in either case. They will need to provide a levy or flood wall accommodation at the bridge location. The utility relocations are associated with the bridge and are shifting horizontally. It is possible that the Flood Control District may require a vertical realignment.

Chair commented that homes around this flood control area will benefit from the project immensely, as the goal is to remove them from a floodplain. Mr. Richter confirmed the understanding that the project will remove some residents from the floodplain by re-delineating the floodplain map in the area.

Mr. Melnychenko commented that staff held a field visit onsite with the community. This face-to-face interaction was beneficial for the project. The sense that staff received is that the community is aware the project is moving forward and understands that the City is working to address impacts.

Chair summarized that the action item would be to continue with the project while being mindful of public comments and concerns.

COMMISSIONER WILCOXON MOVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT WHILE CONTINUING TO ADDRESS CONCERNS. VICE CHAIR ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 6-0 WITH CHAIR IACOVO, VICE CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONERS KOWAL, LALL, MILLER AND WILCOXON VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

#### **4. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAM STATUS**

Mr. Melnychenko provided a brief overview of projects and programs:

- Concrete and accessibility upgrades in McCormick Ranch
- Street lighting and signal progress
- Creative partnerships
- 103 ADA ramp upgrades and sidewalk connections
- Microsurface slurry seal
- Connectivity and accessibility: Two new ramps for greenbelt path connections
- Update on streetlight projects
- Solar bollard light installation
- Traffic signal progress
- Creative partnerships

Vice Chair inquired about the location of the solar panels on the bollards. Ms. Hong Huo, Principal Traffic Engineer, stated that these are not traditional solar panels, but are built-in on the pole itself. They were installed in early January. Vice Chair commented that depending upon access to light, panels sometimes do not receive the charge required for lighting. Ms. Huo stated that the extender should provide lighting for such situations.

Commissioner asked for an update on the construction project (lane closure) on Shea eastbound on Frankl Lloyd Wright and 124th Street. Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, stated that staff would look into this and provide information subsequent to the meeting.

Commissioner inquired about the ongoing project in the area. Ms. Conklu stated that the repairs are currently in design and the project to repair those portions should begin in the fall.

Commissioner commented on the need to provide advanced notice to residents regarding the installation of ramps. Mr. Melnychenko stated that the department is looking to improve in this area, including the hiring of a new public information officer. Shayne Lopez, Paving Manager, added that in an effort to improve notification, this information is being added to the Scottsdale website's interactive map.

Chair inquired as to the cost of the light project upgrades for the section south of Indian School referenced in Mr. Melnychenko's update. Ms. Huo stated for streetlight replacement, the City's budget this year is \$200,000. The inspection for the area costs approximately \$25,000 and the first round of materials cost \$75,000. The remainder was attributed to labor.

Chair referenced adoption of the LED streetlight standards and asked what this entails. Ms. Huo said that the intent is to replace the LED luminaires, which includes the entire fixture. The new luminaires are projected to last ten years. This will assist greatly with staggering the budget costs.

#### **5. COMMISSION IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair stated that during the last meeting, there was discussion regarding a number of topics and there is still a healthy list of items for discussion. She requested that Commissioners email Mr. Melnychenko with additional topics or concerns they would like to have addressed. Mr. Melnychenko added that next month's meeting will include an update on the Prop 400 extension from MAG staff as well as options for the Goldwater improvements.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Vice Chair Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wilcoxon, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

AYES: Chair Iacovo, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioners Kowal, Lall, Miller, and Wilcoxon

NAYS: None

SUBMITTED BY:

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