Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
September 11, 2007

Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 7:30 a.m., at the East Valley Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility Administration Conference Room, 2050 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Don Cassano, Marcellus Lisotta, Jayson Matthews, John Minett, Judi Nelson, Kevin Olson, Amanda Ormond, Steven Saiz, David Strang, Marco Valenzuela, Joan Westlake, Corey Woods,

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Bill Haas, Catherine Mayorga, Bryan Young

City Staff Present:
Joe Clements, Greg Jordan, Gregg Kent, Amanda Nelson, Jyme Sue McLaren, RC Noderer, Marc Pearsall, Bonnie Richardson, Robert Yabes

Guests Present:
Roy Hoyt (Resident)

Jayson Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes
Kevin Olson made a motion to approve all minutes. David Strang seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved as submitted:

- Bicycle, Planning & Project Review Committee – August 8, 2007
- Transportation Commission – August 14, 2007

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comments/Appearances
There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 3 – LRT Update
Gregg Kent presented the following information:

- Testing began in Tempe.
- An occasional train will run between 56th St. and Priest Dr. on Washington St.
- The Rural and University station structure is going in.
- Testing will start in Tempe with longer runs in late winter/ early spring over the bridge.

Amanda Nelson presented the following information:

- The station area planning process began in May.
- A station area planning charette will be held at the end of October, with an open house and stakeholder sessions.
- The commission will be invited to one session specifically for commission input.

Jyme Sue McLaren presented the following information:

- Mesa is beginning a two-mile east extension study.

Agenda Item 4 – Board and Commission Guidebook and Orientation
Greg Jordan presented the following information:

- The Tempe Learning Center put together guide books for the commission, and is also sponsoring trainings.
- An e-mail with further information will be sent after the meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Regional Fare Policy
Greg Jordan presented the following information:

- The Regional Fare Policy update process has been a complex issue that has evolved over the years.
- Goals of the 2003-2004 Fare Policy were to take advantage of new technologies and eliminate transfer slips.
- The 2005 approved Fare Policy included:
  - The reduction of the $0.60 base fare to $0.50 for reduced fares to offset transfers, tickets, and tokens.
  - The introduction and ability to purchase a 1-day pass on the bus.
  - 3-day and 7-day rolling passes.
  - 31-day rolling pass to replace the monthly pass.
- Reasons for the 2007 Fare Policy update:
  - Two year delay of new regional fare collection system.
  - The last fare increase was in 1994.
  - Estimating the same pricing for the local bus and light rail.
- December 1, 2007 will launch and activate the new fare policy.

Kevin Olson made a motion to move forward and Corey Woods seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 6 – U.S. 60 Update
Jyme Sue McLaren presented the following information:

- ADOT initiated a process for improvements on the U.S. 60 that generally include the addition of one general purpose lane in each direction between Priest and McClintock Drives.

Amanda Nelson presented the following information:

- An open house will be held September 27, 2007 at the Tempe Public Library

Agenda Item 7 – FY 2007 Federal Discretionary Request Update
Robert Yabes presented the following information:

- The region didn't receive discretionary funding.
- The 2007 process focused on selecting project significance relating to Urban Partnerships.

Agenda Item 8 – City Manager Forum
Greg Jordan presented the following information:

- The former City Manager, Will Manley, retired August 2007.
- Jeff Kulaga is the Interim City Manager.
- The four candidates for City Manager are:
  o Sterling Cheatham, City Manager in Wilmington, North Carolina.
  o Shelley Hearne, Tempe's Community Relations Manager.
  o Ken Jones, Tempe's Internal Audit Manager.
  o Charles Meyer, Chief Operating Officer in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Amanda Nelson presented the following information:

- The September 20, 2007 forum is specifically for commissions and boards.
- An e-mail with further information will be sent after the meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Capital Projects Updates
Robert Yabes presented the following information:

- Bid packets are being issued for Rio Salado south bank next week.
- The issue with SRP on the Western Canal has been resolved, and final design is being re-submitted and negotiated with SRP for 2 ½ years.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items

- The Regional Paratransit Study will be brought to the commission in the next couple of months - per Greg Jordan
- Introduce discussion through the Bicycle community about shared space and making drivers drive slower - suggested by John Minett
- Flex Car presentation - suggested by Amanda Ormond
  o Judi Nelson presented the following information on Flex Car:
    ▪ There was a huge turnout for the kick off, with 200 people signing up.
    ▪ Usually $35, the first year is free.
    ▪ The gas card and keys are kept in the glove compartment.
    ▪ Gas, insurance, and maintenance are paid for.
    ▪ The fee is $8-12 per hour, depending on the vehicle.
    ▪ Cars are available as of Monday, September 17, 2007.
    ▪ 10 cars are in the inventory, and are all low emission vehicles with GPS tracking systems.
    ▪ More information can be found at: www.flexcar.com/oncampus.

Agenda Item 11 – Facility Tour

The tour was lead by RC Noderer.

Don Cassano declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m. for the East Valley Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility tour.

The Commission's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. in the City of Tempe Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth St., Garden Level West Wing.

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