



Minutes
City of Tempe Transportation Commission
Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee
October 8, 2008

Minutes of the city of Tempe Transportation Commission Multi-modal, Planning & Project Review Committee held on Wednesday October 8, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the new location, City of Tempe Transportation Center Office, 200 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present: Rebecca Clark, Niels Koepke, Marcellus Lisotta, Judi Nelson,

Members Absent: Steve Bass, Roy Hoyt, Lucy Logan, Catherine Mayorga,
John Minett, Joan Westlake, Bryan Young,

City Staff Present: Tanya Chavez, Dawn M. Coomer, Eric Iwersen, Marc Pearsall,

Guests: Georgie Lourey

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Minutes – August 13, 2008

Minutes approved, with the word spelling 'deteriorated' correction noted.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Bike Events

Tanya Chavez informed the Committee of the following:

- Walk To School Day will commence on Wednesday October 15, Press Release included.
- The new Tour de Tempe art-info postcard for the event on Sunday October 26. The first 800 participants will receive a free T-shirt. T-BAG also updated the Committee on Tour De Fat Bike Event (October 11th)

Agenda Item 4 – College Avenue & Maple Ash/ Mitchell Park East / West Traffic Calming

Eric Iwersen informed the Committee on the following traffic calming testing updates:

- Traffic Calming testing is a work in progress as the test phase will commence until November 2008. Maple-Ash (began in September 2008), College Ave (begins October 2008); Resolving community comments and problems with existing demonstration calming features will continue, and gather data for future permanent installations. College @ Alameda and College @ Encanto improvements are known as 'simulated traffic circles'. Rebecca Clark recommended using a "yield to bikes" sign at the traffic circle locations.

Agenda 5 – Bikestation

Eric Iwersen informed the Committee that the Bikestation operations contract planning is proceeding. The city will be releasing an RFP (plus pre-submittal conference) as early as October. At a minimum, the contract will require that the bidder entity be able to operate/manage the Bikestation bike parking program located within the Tempe Transportation Center. An option for sales/vending/rentals will be open to the bidder as a part of the contract. Selection and award of the bidder will occur in December 2008 or early January 2009.

Agenda Item 6 – Light Rail Update (inc. Tempe South Corridor Study, Station Area Design)

Dawn M. Coomer informed the committee that staff was continuing with Tempe South Corridor Tier 2 study. The next round of public meetings will occur on Tuesday December 9th at Desert Breeze Community Center in Chandler (6pm-8pm) and on Wednesday December 10th at Tempe Public Library – Community Room (6pm-8pm).

Agenda Item 7 – Other Project Updates

Eric Iwersen informed the Committee on the following traffic updates:

Tempe Canal Path: project began construction in September 2008.

Rio Salado (South Bank) Path: project is under construction and anticipated to be complete December 2008, with soft opening in October 2008.

Western Canal Path: project is anticipated to begin construction on 6 miles of pathway in October 2008, however a request to lower the lighting requirements in order to lessen the light poles footprint is pending with the City.

Downstream Dam (West) Bridge at town Lake: Funding Obligation was received.

Crosscut Canal Path Update: A public meeting will occur in Oct-Nov or December.

Agenda Item 8 – Meeting Schedule

- Motion to move Multi-modal Planning & Project Review Committee meetings to every other month.
- Motion approved
- Next meeting will occur mid-December 2008

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Tempe Railroad Quiet Zone Update.
- Letter of Support for Tempe South Corridor Study from Committee (by February 2009)
- Destination Tempe – Light Rail Experience Grand Opening in Tempe (December 27-28, 2008)
- “Bike Hero” Award Update

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Marc Pearsall

Reviewed by: Tanya Chavez, Dawn M. Coomer, Eric Iwersen