

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
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Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Dan Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call:

Chairman Dan Henderson
Vice Chairman John Repar
Commissioner Dean Brennan
Commissioner Samuel Enoch* joined the meeting at 4:06 p.m.
Commissioner Ron Hardin
Commissioner David Heineking
Commissioner Donald Smith

Staff and Guests in attendance:

Jason Crampton, Transportation Planning Supervisor
Nancy Jackson, Transportation Planning Coordinator
Sasha Pachito, Transportation Planning Coordinator
Ryan Peters, Strategic Initiatives Director
Alexis Apodaca, Government Relations Coordinator
John Knudson, Public Works & Utilities Director
Kevin Lair, Transportation Manager
Kimberly Moon, Principal Engineer
Jennifer Honea, Public Information Officer
Chris Milner, TYLin International
Jaida Evans, XXXXX

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of Wednesday, July 21, 2021

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Repar, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of August 18, 2021, as presented. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Price/Ocotillo/Chandler Heights Shared Use Path Study:

CHRIS MILNER from TYLin International provided a presentation to the commission. He noted that the study was updated to include Chandler Heights Road in addition to Price and Ocotillo roads.

He highlighted the following:

- Alternatives Analysis + Considered Alternatives
- City of Scottsdale Input:
 - The City of Scottsdale has implemented a similar project. Feedback received from Scottsdale staff include concerns over side street and driveway crossings; landscape buffers between curb and path becoming maintenance issues; balancing maintenance issues with providing user comfort/shade is a challenge. They noted that pavement marking on path is beneficial to provide directional guidance and delineation for nighttime users.
- Chandler Heights Road Separated Bike Lane Planning Study
- Project Area Bicycle Travel Time Map – Average commute time in Maricopa County – 26 minutes. 0.8% of people living in the project area commute to work by bicycle.
- 17.9% of residents living in project area work in project area.
- 6.9% of residents living in project area interested in bicycle commuting.
- Evaluation Criteria:
 - Origination-Destination Analysis to Price Road Corridor
 - Connection to Recreational Destinations
 - Driveway Density
 - Cost
 - Compatibility with Town of Gilbert Plan

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN asked why the bike lane in the street would be kept if a shared use path would be in place.

MR. MILNER stated that there would be costs associated with removing the bike lane, however, he stated that was something that could be looked at.

Transportation Planning Supervisor JASON CRAMPTON stated that the bike lane could be left as an alternate bike path for bicyclists but that they could look into removing it.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN inquired who the stakeholders consisted of.

MR. MILNER stated that business owners, employees, and homeowner association groups were the stakeholders that were reached out to in the area.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN noted that trees/landscaping would be beneficial to the project.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPAR commended the project.

In a response to a question from CHAIRMAN HENDERSON, Mr. Milner stated he would reach out to City of Scottsdale staff to get specific information about their concerns related to maintenance.

b. Regional Transportation Plan Update:

Transportation Planning Supervisor JASON CRAMPTON provided the commission an updated on the Regional Transportation Plan. He reviewed with the commission the Plan timeline, funding plan, projected revenue, investment plan, and estimated benefits.

Mr. Crampton listed the various projects by phases, including the regional contribution for each. He noted the numbers were estimates only and subject to change throughout the life of the program.

Chandler Projects – Phase I (2026-2030)

Project	Regional Contribution
Rural/ Scottsdale Road Bus-Rapid Transit	\$136m*
Loop 202 Widening (101 to I-10)	\$64
Kyrene Rd. (202 to Chandler Bl.)	\$11m
Warner Rd. (Price Rd. to Arizona Ave.)	\$22m
Totals	\$233m

Chandler Projects – Phase II (2031-2035)

Project	Regional Contribution
Loop 101 – Frye Rd. Interchange	\$7m
McQueen Rd. (Pecos Rd. to Warner Rd.)	\$23m
Totals	\$30m

In response to questions from commissioners, MR. CRAMPTON explained that the proposed project at the Loop 101-Frye road was for traffic going north bound to get on the Loop 101 without having to go to Chandler Boulevard. He further stated that the McQueen Rd. (Pecos Rd. to Warner Rd.) project consisted of road widening and adding bike lanes.

Chandler Projects – Phase III (2036-2040)

Project	Regional Contribution
Loop 202 DHOV at Hamilton St.	\$45m
Germann Rd. (Arizona Av. to Cooper Rd.)	\$19m
Totals	\$64m

In responses to a question from Commissioner Smith, Mr. Crampton confirmed that ADOT was part of the project discussions and approval for the Loop 202 – DHOV at Hamilton St. project.

Chandler Projects – Phase IV (2041-2045)

Project	Regional Contribution
Alma School Rd. (Germann Rd. to Ocotillo Rd.)	\$12m
Alma School Rd. (Pecos Rd. to Chandler Rd.)	\$5m
Chandler Blvd. (Arizona Ave. to McQueen Rd.)	\$9m
Elliot Rd. (Price Rd. to Alma School Rd.)	\$11m
I-10 – Chandler Blvd. TI Improvements	\$7m*
Totals	\$44m

Chandler Projects – Phase V (2046-2050)

Project	Regional Contribution
Arizona Avenue Bus Rapid Transit	\$284m*
I-10 – Galveston St. DHOV	\$33m**
Ray Rd. (Alma School Rd. to McQueen Rd.)	\$15m
Warner Rd. (Arizona Ave. to McQueen Rd.)	\$10m
Totals	\$342m

Commissioner Heineking inquired if inflation was factored into the estimated funding.

MR. CRAMPTON stated that costs and revenues were based off of 2021 numbers.

In response to a question from Commissioner Heineking, Mr. Crampton explained the ability to reprioritize projects as time goes on if needed. He explained that City of Chandler staff would work with the City Council, MAG staff, committees, and eventually the Executive Committee for approval and reprioritization.

Mr. Crampton further stated that the projects highlighted were based off of the Chandler Transportation Plan. MAG then provided an analysis and worked with city staff on moving forward with development and prioritization.

5. OTHER ITEMS

a. Transportation Project Status:

Transportation Planning Supervisor JASON CRAMPTON reviewed the status report with the commission.

b. Arizona Avenue Alternatives Analysis Report:

Transportation Planning Coordinator NANCY JACKSON stated that a copy of the report was being sent to the commission members vis U.S. mail.

c. Future Agenda Items:

Commissioners requested the following future agenda items for discussion:

- Complete Streets
- Vision Zero – similar to City of Tempe initiative to reduce or eliminate bicycle deaths
- Park Strategic Master Plan – Bike and Trail Master Plan
- Lindsay Road Design
- Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety Plan
- Transportation Commission – Pedestrian/Bike Subcommittee
- MAG Active Transportation Plan
- Expansion of Intel facility – Dobson to Queen Creek – any plans to widen Queen Creek
- I-10 Widening Project Update (pertaining to Casa Grande and Chandler)
- Gila River Casino – update of conversation between Mayor and Council and Gila River Community regarding Transportation
- Electric Scooter Program Update

d. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was announced for November 17, 2021.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business before the commission, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:08 p.m.

Chairman Dan Henderson
Transportation Commission

Nancy Jackson
Transportation Planning Coordinator