

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
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Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Dan Henderson called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call:

Chairman Dan Henderson
Commissioner Dean Brennan
Commissioner Samuel Enoch
Commissioner Ron Hardin
Commissioner David Heineking
Commissioner Donald Smith

The following member was absent:

Vice Chairman John Repar

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
Chris Woolery, Project Manager, Kimley-Horn and Associates
Kristin Huston, ADOT Project Manager
Carlos Lopez, ADOT Project Manager
Amy Ritz, ADOT Project Manager
Ron Szwiec, AZTEC Engineering Group, Inc.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of Wednesday, November 17, 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Heineking to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021, as presented. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

None

4. ACTION AGENDA

- a. ST2001 Lindsay Road Improvements (Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway) Roadway Alignment and the Acquisition of Necessary Right-of-Way for a Four-Lane Roadway with Median

CHRIS WOOLERY, Project Manager, Kimley-Horn and Associates presented an overview of the project. He highlighted key aspects of the project and reviewed the projected project timeline.

In response to questions from COMMISSIONER SMITH, Mr. Woolery stated that relocations were not anticipated as part of the project, only strips right-of-way were to be obtained.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN asked for background information regarding Title VI as it related to the project. He questioned what would be considered a discriminatory practice in relation to this particular project, as outlined in Title VI.

JASON CRAMPTON, Transportation Planning Supervisor explained that many elements were considered to prevent discriminatory practices. He noted several examples, including the review of demographics along the route to ensure that any reductions of service were done equally and not just in areas with higher minority population; that bus shelters were equally being provided in areas; and that equal amount of public outreach was done in areas with higher minority population.

A motion was made by COMMISSIONER SMITH, seconded by COMMISSIONER HARDIN, to recommend approval of the alignment and acquisition of right-of-way for a four-lane roadway with median on Lindsay Road (Ocotillo Road to Hunt Highway). The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

b. Title VI Implementation Plan for Transit Services 2021 Update

Transportation Planning Coordinator SASHA PACHITO presented an update to the commission regarding the Title VI Implementation Plan for Transit Services.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN asked for clarification as to how an individual would know they were being discriminated against.

MS. PACHITO responded that it would be up to the individual to file a complaint, if they felt they were being discriminated against. She stated that the department had received complaints in the past. Complainants are provided contact information for Valley Metro, to file the complaint. She stated that complaints were investigated by Valley Metro and the City of Phoenix.

COMMISSIONER HEINEKING added that the Valley Metro buses had postings on them that provided information regarding Title VI and how to file a complaint.

JASON CRAMPTON, Transportation Planning Supervisor concurred. He further explained that information regarding Title VI and how to file complaints was posted at the different park and ride stations, transit centers, and Chandler City Hall.

A motion was made by COMMISSIONER BRENNAN, seconded by COMMISSIONER SMITH, to recommend approval of the Title VI Implementation Plan for Transit Services 2021 Update. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

5. BRIEFING

a. ADOT Freeway Projects Update:

Staff coordinators from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) provided project overview presentations to the commission on the following ADOT freeway projects: Loop 202 Val Vista to Price 101; I-10 from Loop 202 to SR387; and the I-10 Construction Project at the Broadway Curve.

Loop 202 Val Vista to Price 101

KRISTIN HUSTON, ADOT Project Manager and RON SZWIEC, AZTEC Engineering Group, Inc., provided an overview of the project.

Mr. Szwiec noted the following project highlights:

- Additional two General Purpose Lanes (GPLs) in each direction from SR101 to Gilbert Road

- Widening exit ramps to two lanes
- Adding one GPLs in each direction from Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive
- SR101 to Gilbert Road – 1 HOV Lane, 5 GPLs, 1 Aux Lane in both directions
- Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive – 4 GPLs and 1 Aux Lane in both directions
- Price Road – adding WB exit lane
- Dobson Road – Exit lane
- Alma School Road – adding two exit lanes
- Arizona Avenue – adding eastbound exit lane and widening westbound exit lane over Union Pacific Railroad
- Arizona Avenue – overpass to be widened
- McQueen Road – adding exit lanes
- Cooper Road – adding exit lanes
- Gilbert Road – adding exit lanes
- ADA Improvements – ADA inventory done at every crossroad/ramp terminals. various improvements taking place, including, reconstruction of sidewalks, curb ramps, gutters, replacing pedestrian push buttons, installation detectable warning strips.
- New sound barriers
- Lighting upgrades to LED
- City of Chandler may fund aesthetic accents varying from ADOT sound walls

Mr. Szwiec concluded his presentation by stating that construction start is anticipated in Fiscal Year 2025 at a programmed cost of \$180 million.

COMMISSIONER HARDIN asked if new noise barriers were part of the project.

MR. SZWIEC responded that noise barriers were part of the project. He stated that a noise study concluded that certain noise barriers be added to what is existing in the area. He stated that some complaints had been received from the new residential development in the area but that noise barrier walls would remedy the issue.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN inquired if HOV lanes would be part of the project.

MR. SZWIEC responded that HOV lanes would not be added east of Gilbert Road.

I-10 from Loop 202 to SR387

Carlos Lopez, ADOT presented an overview of the project. He noted the following:

- Bridge replacement layout to determine environmental footprint
- Geotechnical investigation complete and lab work underway
- I-10 – median widening
- Proposed Interchange Improvements
 - Wild Horse Pass Boulevard

- SR347/Queen Creek Road
- Riggs Road

Mr. Lopez stated that construction funding for Fiscal Year 2023 would be \$83 million dollars. He noted next steps for the study and affirmed continued culture coordination with the Gila River Indian Community.

In response from a question from COMMISSIONER HARDIN, Mr. Lopez explained that the interchange improvements included would include Divergent Diamond Interchanges to improve safety. He stated that they were preferred from a safety and engineering standpoint. He added that the next goal was to identify funding for the interchanges along the corridor.

In response to a question from COMMISSIONER BRENNAN, Mr. Lopez stated that ADOT would be looking into improving some of the striping within the area of the Wild Horse Pass entry to I-10 and the San Tan 202 connection.

I-10 construction project at the Broadway curve

AMY RITZ, ADOT provided an overview presentation of the project to the commission.

MS. RITZ provided the following project highlights:

- 2 HOV Lanes + 6 General purpose Lanes + Auxiliary Lanes
- New Collection-Distributor Roads
 - (EB SR143 to Baseline Road and WB Baseline Road to SR143 and 40th St)
- New Lanes on SR143 and US 60 (to connect to I-10 Improvements)
- New Pedestrian Bridges

Ms. Ritz stated that the project was currently in design and construction phase with the project anticipated to be completed by the end of 2024.

COMMISSIONER SMITH asked if any noise barriers were being instituted in the area.

MS. RITZ replied that there were some additional noise barriers as part of the project with additional information regarding the noise barriers available on the project website.

CHAIR HENDERSON and COMMISSIONER HARDIN thanked the presenters for their overview presentations and information.

6. OTHER ITEMS

- a. Transportation Project Status:
Report included with meeting materials for review.

b. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was tentatively announced for March 1, 2022. Mr. Crampton noted that the meeting was planned to be a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board and that it would focus on pedestrian related projects.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business before the commission, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Chairman Dan Henderson
Transportation Commission

Nancy Jackson
Transportation Planning Coordinator