

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
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Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Commissioner Hardin called the meeting to order at approximately **4:05** p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chair Dan Henderson

Vice Chair John Repar

Commissioner Dean Brennan

Commissioner Sam Enoch

Commissioner David Heineking

Commissioner Donald Smith

Members Absent:

Commissioner Ron Hardin

Staff Members Present:

Ryan Peters, Strategic Initiatives Director

John Knudson, Public Works and Utilities Director

Dan Haskins, Principal Engineer Design

Jason Crampton, Transportation Planning Manager

Sasha Pachito, Transportation Planning Coordinator

Nancy Jackson, Recording Secretary/Transportation Planning Coordinator

Kevin Lair, Transportation Manager, Public Works & Utilities (call-in)

Kimberly Moon, Capital Projects Manager, Public Works & Utilities (call-in)

Others Present

Kirstin Huston, ADOT

SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Regular Meeting of November 16, 2022.**

Commissioner Smith asked about Item Number 4, the Intergovernmental Agreement, and when the public meetings will be held? Sasha Pachito stated that

it had not yet been determined. **Commissioner Smith** also asked about downtown redevelopment projects and why the open areas will be available for eighteen hours and not twenty-four. Jason Crampton responded that there needed to be some quiet time for the area. **Commissioner Brennan** made the motion to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2022, minutes. **Commissioner Smith** seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0 by **all Commission** members present.

Action Agenda

2. Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the loop 202: Price to Val Vista Widening Project

Jason Crampton, Transportation Planning Manager introduced Kirstin Huston, Project Manager, ADOT. Ms. Huston summarized the project. The lanes affected will be on route 202 between Price and Val Vista. The project includes widening exit ramps from on to two lanes, widening the overpass bridges, reconstructing eastbound Arizona Avenue on-ramp bridge over Union Pacific Railroad, resurfacing pavements, upgrading freeway and ramp lighting to LED, and adding sound walls in three locations. The project will cost approximately \$188 million programmed for FY24 and take approximately two years to complete. Right of Way Abandonments and Maintenance Limits will also be considered as part of this Agreement.

Commissioner Brennan asked if the right of way has been given back to the City of Chandler and who maintains the landscaping. Ms. Huston would need to review that information. John Knudson, Public Works and Utilities Director can provide the information requested to Commissioner Brennan.

Mr. Crampton shared that while the freeway is under construction, painting will be done on some of the overhead bridges as well as some additional updates.

Chair Henderson asked for a for a motion to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the Loop 202: Price to Val Vista widening project. **Commissioner Brennan** made the motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the Loop 202: Price to Val Vista widening project. **Commissioner Smith** seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0 by **all Commission** members present.

3. Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) and the City of Chandler to Provide Fixed Route Bus, Paratransit and RideChoice service for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Jason Crampton introduced Sasha Pachito who presented on the IGA between Valley Metro RPTA and City of Chandler. Sasha Pachito noted the increase of local funding for FY23 was due to a decrease of previously received COVID-related funding. Also noted was new revenue sources received from Valley Metro's advertisement bus wraps that will help to offset service costs.

Commissioner Smith asked is this was for fiscal year 2022-23 and if the timing was off. Mr. Crampton explained that this IGA is coming a little late to the Commission as the Transportation Policy group was working with Valley Metro on Federal issues. **Commissioner Smith** asked when did the negotiations start? Mr. Crampton responded that he has been working with Valley Metro for six months or so, a little longer than liked. Jason Crampton noted that the negotiations were able to reduce our local funding contributions about \$300,000.

Chairman Henderson asked if this is the fourth of six amendments? Mr. Crampton responded that yes, there will be two more amendments the next two years.

Commissioner Smith asked when the new proposition is supposed to appear on the ballot? Mr. Crampton responded that it was supposed to be next year, but it did not make it on the ballot. The issue may have been the length of the proposition, going from 20 years to 25 years. It may appear on the 2024 ballot.

Commissioner Brennan asked what is the fare revenue, and what happened to that? Mr. Crampton responded that the City of Phoenix collects and distributes the fare revenue based on miles operated in each jurisdiction. About 8% of the City of Chandler service cost is offset by fares.

Chairman Henderson asked how the revenue was anticipated for the bus wraps? Mr. Crampton responded that Valley Metro receives an estimate from the contractor and will then divide that amount to each jurisdiction based on amount of bus service miles in that city.

Chairman Henderson asked for a for a motion to recommend approval of an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) and the City of Chandler to provide fixed route bus, paratransit and RideChoice service for Fiscal Year 2022-23, in an estimated amount of \$2,152,159. **Commissioner Heineking** made the motion to approve an

amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with Valley Metro. **Commissioner Brennan** seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0 by **all Commission** members present.

4. Transportation Commission 2023 meeting schedule.

Nancy Jackson provided the schedule for the Transportation Commission meeting for year 2023. In keeping with previous years, the proposed schedule is for meetings to be held on the third Wednesday of every other month, starting at 4:00pm.

Commissioner Brennan stated that he would like to see the opportunity for the public to attend the meeting and asked if one or two of the meetings could start later than 4pm and asked if that was a possibility. Mr. Crampton said that some of the meeting times could be moved to a later time frame when creating future agendas, or if the Commission wants to revise the schedule at this time, that can also be done.

Commissioner Repar recommend that the dates be set and vary the time by future action.

Commissioner Brennan stated that he is fine with leaving the schedule as is with the understanding that we provide opportunity for changing the meeting times.

Chair Henderson asked for a for a motion to approve the Transportation Commission meeting schedule for 2023. **Commissioner Repar** made the motion to approve the 2023 Transportation Commission schedule with the modification to move the March 15, 2023 date to March 8, 2023. **Commissioner Smith** seconded the motion with the change. **Commissioner Brennan** stated for the last 2.5 years he has provided topics for the meetings and so far they have not been discussed.

Motion passed 6-0 by **all Commission** members present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Transportation Project Status

Mr. Crampton reviewed the Project Status with the **Commission** providing brief updates. Jason Crampton introduced Daniel Haskins, Principle Engineer, who shared information about two new items that will update the traffic cameras at different intersections.

During Mr. Crampton's summary of bike and pedestrian projects, **Commissioner Brennan** asked if there would be a citizens advisory committee established. Jason Crampton said there would not be a committee established, but the public outreach plan has not been established yet. **Commissioner Brennan** stated that he personally thinks the public needs to be involved as much as possible.

Commissioner Brennan asked if the federally funded projects are subject to Title VI? Mr. Haskins replied that they are subject to Title VI. Ms. Kimberly Moon, Capital Project Manager, supplemented Mr. Haskins response and verified that public meetings also fall under title VI and those requirements are included in the projects. **Commissioner Brennan** asked if the Transportation Commission was invited to all those meetings. Kim Moon responded that most of the current construction projects are already under way and the public meetings have already occurred. **Commissioner Brennan** asked if there was supposed to be a public meeting once design was completed and if there would be any additional public meetings offered for Lindsey Road? Kim Moon responded that there is often a public meeting held before construction begins, but not required. There were no additional public meetings planned at this time.

CALENDAR

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023

MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Heineking asked how Transit on Demand was doing. Jason Crampton responded that things are going well, and we were at capacity with the free fare. Once a fare was introduced in October, we saw a small dip in ridership that seems to be bouncing back. **Commissioner Heineking** asked if ridership was mostly school students. Jason replied that at this time half of the trip comes from students going to and from schools. Jason Crampton also noted that the other half of trips still involve a large number of students using the service for non-school related trips.

Commissioner Repar asked how the scooter program was going. Mr. Crampton responded that the program was going well. A new vendor with sit-down seating should be available near year-end.

Commissioner Brennan asked about Arizona Avenue from Elliott to the Western canal and when it would be resurfaced. John Knudson, Public Works and Utilities Director responded that there is a 3-yr schedule that is followed, and it is likely due

for servicing. John Knudson will review the schedule and get back to Commissioner Brennen.

Another issue mentioned by **Commissioner Brennan** was an alley area that needed repaving. John Knudson responded that milling and oil are used, not actual paving. The program is funded through air quality mitigation. John Knudson will look into the area in question and provide feedback.

Commissioner Brennan referenced back to the Lindsay Road public meeting, stating that he was not invited due to concerns about saying something that might confuse the discussion. Has there been a change in policy? Jason Crampton clarified that if Commissioners want to attend public meeting, we request that Commissioner be more of an observer at these meetings.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Dan Henderson, Chairman

Nancy Jackson, City of Chandler