



DRAFT MINUTES

**CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM B-3
5850 W. GLENDALE AVE.
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301**

**DECEMBER 2, 2021
6:00P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fernandes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: John Fernandes, Chair
Marie Nesfield, Vice Chair
Gary Hirsch, Commissioner
Patrick Lowry, Commissioner
Paul Marsh, Commissioner
Barbara Rose, Commissioner
Christopher Sund, Commissioner

Absent: Kelley Sandstedt, Commissioner

Also Present: Patrick Sage, Transportation Planner
Purab Adabala, Transportation Planning Administrator
Dan Cleavenger, Transportation Director
Javier Gurrola, Pavement Management Program Manager
Russ Romney, Assistant City Attorney

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - WITHDRAWALS AND CONTINUANCES

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the agenda for the December 2, 2021 Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission, as submitted.

Motioned by Commissioner Barbara Rose, seconded by Vice Chair Marie Nesfield

AYE: Chair John Fernandes
Vice Chair Marie Nesfield
Commissioner Gary Hirsch
Commissioner Patrick Lowry
Commissioner Paul Marsh

Commissioner Barbara Rose
Commissioner Christopher Sund

Passed

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioners were asked to review the draft minutes from the November 4th, 2021 CTOC meeting. Commissioner Rose noted that the descriptions provided in two bullet points under Agenda Item #7: Types of Processes appeared to be incomplete. Commissioners decided to table the action on the November 4th minutes so staff can check the accuracy of the minutes and make any necessary adjustments. The November 4th minutes will be brought back to the commissioners during an upcoming CTOC meeting for their approval action.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Sage reported that no citizen comments were received either by email or voicemail.

6. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT & RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Gurrola gave an update on the Pavement Management and Reconstruction Program (PMP) and the Arterial Reconstruction Program (ARP), which included the following information:

- FY2022 PMP Activity
- Website: www.GlendalePavementManagement.com
- PMP Hotline: 602-532-6250
- ARP Activity – Project Details provided for the following:
 - Glendale Ave. Reconstruction – 99th Ave. to El Mirage Road
 - Cactus Road Reconstruction – 51st Ave. to 59th Avenue

Chair Fernandes complimented the pavement work along 83rd Avenue and Camelback Road.

Commissioner Marsh asked if Mr. Gurrola and his team considered including bike lane stripes when conducting pavement improvement projects. Mr. Gurrola explained that he works the Traffic Engineering Department and Mr. Sage to determine where bike lanes might be added during PMP activities. Mr. Sage explained that the determination is made on a street-by-street basis. Mr. Sage noted that staff is focused on installing bike lanes where appropriate and where there was opportunity.

7. BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW

Mr. Gurrola gave a presentation on the City's FY2022 Bridge Repair Program, which included the following information:

- Glendale has 44 bridges citywide
- Bridges are regularly inspected by the ADOT Bridge Inspection Program
- The program goal is to perform actions or strategies that prevent, delay, or reduce deterioration of bridges or bridges
- Program does not include rehabilitation or replacement
- Four bridges will tentatively be repaired this fiscal year

Commissioner Rose inquired about the average life span of a bridge. Mr. Gurrola estimated the average life span as fifty years; however, offered to confirm that estimate at the next Commission meeting. Mr. Gurrola stated that there were some historic bridges in Arizona over 100 years old. Mr. Cleavenger reported, per a quick online search, that the typical life span of a bridge was fifty years, with the goal of extension to seventy-five years. Mr. Cleavenger relayed a statistic that the average life of a bridge in the U.S. was forty-three years.

Commissioner Rose asked if the ADOT inspections revealed the bridges most in need. Mr.

Gurrola replied in the positive and relayed that there was a quantitative and qualitative focus to the inspection reports.

Vice Chair Nesfield asked how ADOT determined which bridges to review. Mr. Gurrola explained that ADOT inspects all bridges within a three-month span, every three to four years. Mr. Gurrola reported that the last inspection was done in 2018.

Commissioner Marsh asked if it was legally optimal for the City to put full trust in the ADOT inspections or if there was a benefit for the City to inspect its own bridges. Commissioner Marsh commented that a lot could happen during three to four years. Mr. Gurrola stated that ADOT has the expertise and conducts bridge inspections statewide. Mr. Gurrola stated that the bridge engineers at ADOT are highly qualified and experienced to know what to look for during the inspections. Mr. Cleavenger concurred and relayed that cities would be unlikely to house this expertise on staff. Mr. Cleavenger noted that ADOT conducts inspections for all other cities in the valley and said that bridge maintenance and repair was not an issue for Glendale alone, but was also a national issue. Mr. Cleavenger relayed that bridge inspections were a specialized niche.

Commissioner Marsh asked if all 44 in Glendale were rated and if any of the bridges were in critical condition. Mr. Gurrola relayed that forty-three bridges were inspected, as the 44th bridge along Ball Park Boulevard is new and had not yet been inspected. Mr. Gurrola stated that the City was first tackling the bridges that required immediate attention. Commissioner Marsh requested the ADOT scoring of the bridges. Mr. Gurrola will work with Mr. Sage and Mr. Adabala to provide this information to the Commission.

Vice Chair Nesfield asked if the City or ADOT was responsible for the bridge over Loop 101. Mr. Gurrola stated that the bridge was fully ADOT's responsibility and was not included in Glendale's inventory of 44 bridges. Mr. Gurrola clarified that ADOT inspects the City's bridges at no cost; however, the City was responsible for paying for all repairs.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Adabala gave the Manager's Report:

- City Council Meeting Highlights: Information on how to access video highlights of City Council meetings was provided.
- Transportation Funding Update
 - MAG Closeout funding update
 - Total funding recently awarded
- MAG Project Status
 - Loop 101 Final Design
 - Loop 101 Project MAG Regional Transportation Plan

9. COMMISSION UPDATES

Commissioner Marsh reported that he viewed the broadcast of a recent Planning and Zoning meeting, during which many projects along Loop 303 were discussed. He stated that during the meeting there were comments regarding coordination with the Transportation Department and he was pleased to hear of the coordination between the two departments.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Fernandes recalled Commissioner Marsh's suggestion last month for a specific agenda item. Mr. Sage confirmed that the request for a presentation to discuss MAG's Regional Transportation Plan and the City's planning process is on the list of future agenda topics.

Commissioner Marsh suggested an agenda item on potential projects using the anticipated federal infrastructure funds.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission will be held on Thursday, January 6th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission meeting minutes of December 2, 2021 were submitted and approved this 6th day of January, 2022.

Patrick Sage
Recording Secretary