

# **MINUTES**

## **CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

**5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301  
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011  
7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission (CTOC) was called to order by the Chair, Rose Jacobson. The following Commission members, staff representatives, and guests were present:

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:     Rose Jacobson, Chair  
  Allan DeFranco, Vice-Chair  
  Brent Ackzen  
  James Baribault  
  Jackie Doerr  
  Opal Evans  
  Barbara Garland  
  Manuel Padia  
  Ricki Ray  
  William Sheldon  
  Joyce Stribling

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:     None

OTHERS PRESENT:             Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director  
  Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director  
  Bob Darr, Transportation Planning Manager  
  Allan Grover, Transportation Planner  
  Steve Hancock, Bicycle Coordinator  
  Bob Hazlett, Senior Engineer, MAG  
  Lars Jacoby, Community Relations Project Manager, ADOT

### **I.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Brent Ackzen served his first term as the CTOC representative on the Citizen's Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Commissioners unanimously recommended him to be reappointed for a second two-year term. Also, Chair Jacobson welcomed Manuel Padia as a new member on the Commission representing the Ocotillo Council District.

### **I.     APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair Jacobson called for approval of the minutes.

**ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the minutes of the January 6, 2011 meeting of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.**

(Motion: Commissioner Garland, Second: Commissioner Ackzen; unanimously passed)

II. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the floor.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Jacobson called for approval of the agenda.

**ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the March 3, 2011 Agenda of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.**

(Motion: Commissioner Ackzen; Second: Commissioner Garland; unanimously passed)

IV. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

As the CTOC member on the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Commissioner Ackzen attended the February meeting of the Committee and reported that preparations for the annual GO Family Bike Ride are the focus of the Committee. This year's Bike Ride includes new vendors and the new theme for the event is "Fitness for Children".

Commissioner Ray reported on the open house she attended for the opening of the Valley Metro Mobility Center on February 23. The new Valley Metro Mobility Center is a state-of-the-art, multi-functional facility that will be used to administer new in-person ADA certification process, as well as provide travel training and access to alternative transportation programs.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director, thanked Rose Jacobson for two years of service as CTOC Chair, for her many accomplishments while serving as Chair, and for her service to the City of Glendale and its citizens. Mr. Mehta also presented her with a service plaque honoring her as a member of CTOC for over four years from January 2007 to March 2011.

Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director, presented a slide show on major active transportation projects within Glendale which included Loop 303 Freeway widening, Loop 101 Freeway HOV lanes, Grand Avenue improvements, and the Northern Parkway.

VI. LOOP 101 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Lars Jacoby, Community Relations Project Manager for ADOT, reported on the status of Loop 101 construction projects including the Loop 101 HOV lanes project and the Beardsley Road Connector project. Mr. Jacoby stated that HOV ramps at I-10 and I-17 were evaluated as part of the HOV Lanes Study, however, due to their high cost, they were not included in this project and only HOV lanes will be built.

Commissioner Doerr asked how the funding became available for the HOV lanes project. Mr. Jacoby replied that he was not sure exactly how the funding became available for the project.

Commissioner Doerr asked about the timing of the projects. Mr. Jacoby stated that the entire HOV lanes project on Loop 101 would be completed by the end of this year. Also, he informed the Commission that the U-Turn as part of the Beardsley Road Connector project is targeted for opening in May 2011.

VII. MANAGED LANES

Bob Hazlett, Senior Engineer with MAG, presented information on the concept of managed lanes which includes toll facilities and other selective pricing strategies as a way to manage traffic flow and reduce congestion. Mr. Hazlett also discussed the potential benefits of public-private partnerships (3P's) which could increase funding of transportation facilities with private financing. Mr. Hazlett stated that the Arizona Legislature has passed a bill (HB 2396) in 2009 which provide guidelines and basic requirements for public-private partnerships.

VIII. GO PROGRAM PUBLIC EVENTS

Steve Hancock, Bicycle Coordinator for Glendale, provided information on the upcoming annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on April 10 and the annual Glendale Onboard (GO) Open House on April 13. Both events are open to the public and the Open House will include displays on transportation projects in the current GO Transportation Program.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners did not suggest any future agenda items.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Meeting times are being targeted for 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of alternate months. On April 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM, the Commission will be on a tour and there will be no meeting held at City Hall.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

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Rose Jacobson, Chair