

MINUTES

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

**5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009
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
 Brent Ackzen
 Allan DeFranco
 John Fernandes
 James Sanders
 Art Spina
 Betsy Turner

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Kucera (Excused)
 Jennifer Martino (Resigned)
 James Podzius (Excused)
 Daniel Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director
 Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director
 Bob Darr, Transportation Planning Manager
 Roger Miles, Project Manager, URS
 Allan Grover, Transportation Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Jacobson called for approval of the minutes.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the minutes of November 5, 2009 meeting of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.

(Motion: Commissioner DeFranco, Second: Commissioner Fernandes; unanimously passed)

III. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the floor.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Jacobson called for approval of the agenda.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the December 3, 2009 Agenda of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.

(Motion: Commissioner Turner; Second: Commissioner Spina; unanimously passed)

V. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

There were no comments from the Commissioners or staff.

VI. MANAGER’S REPORT

Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director, presented information on existing conditions on 71st Avenue between Glendale and Northern Avenues in response to an inquiry by Commissioner Spina at the previous CTOC meeting. Dr. Johnson stated that a scalloped street problem exists along portions of this section of 71st Avenue, however, annual Engineering Department funding for scalloped streets has been discontinued and there is no GO Program funding available to initiate another scalloped street program.

Commissioner Spina asked if a stoplight will be installed at 71st Avenue and the Northern Parkway? Mr. Johnson replied that there will be right-in/right-out turning movements at this location and a new stoplight is not part of the planned Northern Parkway.

VII. GRAND/NORTHERN PARKWAY RAMP

Roger Miles, Project Manager for URS, presented a power point on the proposed flyover ramp connecting Grand with Northern. Mr. Miles described existing conditions near the intersection of Grand and Northern Avenues, proposed intersection improvements to accommodate the flyover, and planned turning movements due to the restriction on left turns at the intersection.

Commissioner Turner inquired if a dedicated busway or other form of transit could utilize Northern Parkway. Dr. Terry Johnson explained that Glendale Avenue is the Glendale transit corridor but Northern Parkway could accommodate express bus service.

Commissioner Spina asked about the cost of the flyover ramp. Roger Miles responded that the cost is \$33 million and is not currently funded at the regional level. Dr. Johnson reminded the Commission that the Parkway from Loop 101 to Grand Avenue needs additional funding which could be part of a regional transportation sales tax extension after 2025.

VIII. ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW

Allan Grover, Transportation Planner, distributed copies of the updated Arizona Open Meeting Law to all Commissioners and presented highlights from the Law. He noted that the distribution was required by state statute.

Commissioner DeFranco asked if draft minutes can be reviewed by the public without approval by the Commission. Mr. Grover explained that draft CTOC minutes have to be available for review by the public within three days after a CTOC meeting.

Chair Jacobson inquired if this was the latest Open Meeting Law and Mr. Grover stated that the Law was last updated in 2001 and this booklet is the current Law.

Commissioner Spina asked if staff could identify how many times the CTOC minutes are viewed by the public on the city website? Mr. Grover did not know, but he agreed to look into this question.

IX. CTOC RETREAT

Commissioners were asked to discuss a suggestion for a spring retreat for CTOC and potential topics for the retreat. Chair Jacobson began by summarizing the CTOC workshop process held in 2007. A few topics were identified, including tours and becoming more familiar with transportation acronyms. Chair Jacobson suggested that a retreat should occur after a presentation on the GO Audit findings in early 2010.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Meeting times are being targeted for 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2009.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Rose Jacobson, Chair