

# MINUTES

## **CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

**5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011  
7:00 PM**

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

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Rose Jacobson (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, Assistant City Manager  
Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director  
Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director  
Bob Darr, Transportation Planning Manager  
Allan Grover, Transportation Planner  
Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice-Chair DeFranco called for approval of the minutes.

**ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the minutes of the November 4, 2010 meeting of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.**

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

III. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the floor.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-Chair DeFranco called for approval of the agenda.

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

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

V. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

As the CTOC member on the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Commissioner Ackzen attended the January meeting of the Committee and reported that preparations are underway for the annual GO Family Bike Ride, including new vendors, and the new theme for the event is “Fitness for Children”.

Commissioner Doerr thanked staff for the successful Commission Workshop held on December 11, 2010 at the Glendale Civic Center.

Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director, reported that he attended a public meeting immediately prior to this Commission meeting on the proposed 51<sup>st</sup> /Northern Avenue Intersection Improvement Project. All citizens located within a half-mile of the project were notified of the public meeting for this GO Program project. The Transportation Director stated that several businessmen at this meeting complained their businesses had already been impacted by a previous trenching project on 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue and now another street project on 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue could cause additional loss of business. Mr. Mehta explained that there were legal issues involving SRP that caused a delay in the start of this intersection project. Mr. Mehta also noted that due to the federal funding schedule for this project, the City is on borrowed time and needs to initiate this project at this time. Also, any further delay in constructing this project could present a potential city liability if the project is not finished as programmed. The legal issues with SRP have been resolved and the City can now move forward with intersection improvement projects at both 51<sup>st</sup> and Northern Avenues and at 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Camelback Road.

VI. MANAGER’S REPORT

Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director, presented a slide show on the outlook for transportation funding in the future. Dr. Johnson addressed the current status of regional funding sources and declines in revenues for freeway projects and other major highway projects in Glendale, as well as reductions in regional transit funding for Glendale. Also, the outlook for regional funding for GO Program bicycle and pedestrian projects was presented. Dr. Johnson also reported on reduced transportation sales tax collections for the GO Program over a five-year period and potential problems with other funding sources for city transportation projects.

VII. DRAFT GO PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst, provided a perspective on the financial management of the GO Program, providing information on transportation sales tax

revenues and grant revenues. Mr. Adabala summarized the GO Program revenues and expenses for 2009-2010 as well as the status of GO Program bond funds.

Commissioner Sheldon inquired about the meaning of “disposal of assets” as included in the revenue summary. Mr. Adabala stated that he would provide additional information for the Commission on this topic at a future meeting.

Commissioner Garland asked why only 85% of funding is from GO funds. Staff explained that the GO Program is wholly or partially funded with GO funds and there are other sources of funding other than the half-cent transportation sales tax. Examples of other sources include the City’s General Fund and federal funds.

**ACTION BY CTOC: Acceptance of the Glendale Onboard Transportation Program Annual Report.**

(Motion: Commissioner Sheldon; Second: Commissioner Ray; unanimously passed)

**VIII. CTOC TOURS**

Allan Grover, Transportation Planner, provided a handout of potential tours for the Commission during 2011 and asked members to identify their preferred tours. After a discussion of tour procedures, Mr. Grover presented a new format for CTOC meetings which involved having a tour every other month and a scheduled meeting on alternate months throughout the year. The Commission agreed to this new format and staff will organize a tour (with no meeting afterwards) in place of the scheduled meeting on February 3.

**IX. LOOP 101/63<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director, presented a slide show which identified this bicycle bridge as a major component of the City of Glendale Bicycle Plan and the need for this project to allow bicyclists to safely cross Loop 101 in north Glendale and provide a missing link in the existing system of bikeways and off-street pathways within Glendale. Mr. Mehta presented the Commissioners with visual graphics of the connection to adjacent streets and the bridge structure which is currently under construction.

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners suggested the following future agenda item:

- Presentation by MAG staff on Managed Lanes

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

Meeting times are being targeted for 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month. On the next scheduled meeting date of February 3, 2011, the Commission will be on a tour and there will be no meeting held at City Hall.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair DeFranco adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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Allan DeFranco, Vice-Chair