

MINUTES

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

**5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011
7:00 PM**

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: William Sheldon, Vice Chair
James Baribault
Barbara Garland
Theodora Hackenberg
Ricki Ray
Joyce Stribling

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Allan DeFranco, Chair (Excused)
Brent Ackzen (Excused)
Jackie Doerr (Not Excused)
Opal Evans (Excused)
Manuel Padia (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director
Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director
Allan Grover, Transportation Planner
Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst
Roger Miles, Project Engineer, URS
Larry Olsen, Project Manager, Parsons

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Sheldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice Chair Sheldon called for approval of the minutes.

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

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

III. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the floor.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Sheldon called for approval of the agenda.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the May 5, 2011 Agenda of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.

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

V. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

There were no comments provided by the Commissioners or staff.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director, announced several upcoming public events for transportation projects, including the May 21 Grand Opening of the Loop 101/63rd Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge.

Commissioner Garland asked how many people attended the GO Program Open House in April. Staff responded that 32 people attended, including five CTOC members and City Councilmembers Frate and Knack.

VII. NORTHERN PARKWAY OVERVIEW

Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director, provided an overview of public involvement and project milestones for Northern Parkway since 2001.

VIII. NORTHERN PARKWAY – DESIGN CONCEPT AND PROJECT COSTS

Roger Miles, Project Engineer with URS, presented the design concept for Northern Parkway which included Parkway features in each phase, as well as projected costs and the phasing plan for funding the project.

Commissioner Garland inquired if any additional right-of-way needs to be acquired in Phase II of the project (east of Loop 101) and if so, where is the money coming from? Roger Miles responded that there may be additional right-of-way needed, but funding needs has not been identified and will need to be addressed as part of the extension of the regional sales tax for the Regional Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Hackenberg asked if Olive Avenue was also considered for the Parkway alignment? Roger Miles stated that Olive Avenue was considered for the Parkway alignment along with other potential alignments. During a public meeting on the Parkway project, citizens asked the city to consider another alignment further south to Glendale Avenue. Based on this request, the Environmental Assessment had to include a full analysis of a “southern alignment” along Glendale Avenue in addition to other alternative alignments that included Olive Avenue and Northern Avenue.

IX. NORTHERN PARKWAY – PHASE I CONSTRUCTION: SARIVAL TO DYSART

Larry Olsen, Project Manager with Parsons, reported on construction of the first phase of the Parkway project from Sarival Avenue to Dysart Road, including highway features, drainage facilities, and an update on the status of pre-construction activities.

Commissioner Stribling asked if any houses were taken for additional right-of-way for the first phase of the Parkway. Larry Olsen replied that there were a few properties acquired with existing homes, but these houses were not occupied and were dilapidated.

X. NORTHERN PARKWAY – OWNERSHIP, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE

Roger Miles, Project Engineer with URS, provided information on ownership, operation, and maintenance responsibilities for all agencies involved in this project, including estimates of maintenance cost per mile for the City over a 20-year period.

Commissioner Garland inquired why the County should not pay all construction and maintenance costs for this project. Roger Miles explained that if the County paid all costs related to this project, then the cross streets would be constructed to county standards. Then the City would need to pay the additional expense of rebuilding the cross streets to City standards at a later date when they annexed this portion of the Parkway. Also, Jamsheed Mehta, Executive Transportation Director, stated that there are lighting and landscaping features not normally included in County highway projects, so the City wants to ensure that appropriate landscaping, lighting, and maintenance tasks are included that will provide a high quality transportation facility for Glendale citizens and help attract new development along the Parkway corridor.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified by Commissioners.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Meeting times are being targeted for 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of alternating months. On June 2, 2011 at 6:00 PM, the Commission will tour the Glendale Transit Center and no meeting will be held at City Hall.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Sheldon adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

William Sheldon, Vice Chair