

# MINUTES

## **CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

**5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011  
7:00 PM**

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan DeFranco, Chair  
Vincent Abeyta  
Brent Ackzen  
James Baribault  
Jackie Doerr  
Barbara Garland  
Theodora Hackenberg  
Manuel Padia  
Ricki Ray  
Joyce Stribling

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: William Sheldon, Vice Chair (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director  
Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director  
Bob Darr, Transportation Planning Manager  
Allan Grover, Transportation Planner  
Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst  
Matt Dudley, Transit Manager

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair DeFranco called for approval of the minutes.

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

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

III. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the floor.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair DeFranco called for approval of the agenda.

**ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the September 1, 2011 Agenda of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.**

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

V. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Commissioner Ackzen reported that the Bicycle Advisory Committee met twice during the summer to review bike projects, minor revisions to the Bylaws, and participation in the Loop 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge celebration.

VI. MANAGER’S REPORT

Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director, provided a brief history of the GO Program including recommended transportation projects in both the 2001 Glendale and the 2004 Regional voter approvals of a transportation sales tax. Dr. Johnson also discussed citizen oversight, required financial documents by the Transportation Commission, and a comparison of transportation sales tax collections in Glendale and the region.

VII. DRAFT 2012-2036 GO PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented the draft 25-year Program of Projects which included highlights from the proposed capital and operations programs, proposed funding and expenditures, cost changes, and bonding needs.

Commissioner Hackenberg asked why there is no longer any LTAF funding. Staff explained that these funds were swept by the State Legislature last year to help balance the State budget.

Commissioner Hackenberg asked if the City has to go back to voters for future GO Program bond requests. Dr. Johnson explained that voters in 2001 approved a new source of transportation funding. Bonding against this source of funding does not require additional voter approval. Dr. Johnson stated that all bonding costs are from the GO Program and no other city funds are utilized. Transportation Director Jamsheed Mehta also added that voters in 2001 did not identify how much bonding would be issued and Transportation can determine bonding amounts.

Commissioner Baribault asked why there is a balance of \$37 million. Purab Adabala explained that this is because of the need to maintain a positive balance at the end of the year, as well as inclusion of a small amount for contingency.

Commissioner Hackenberg asked why the interest rates in Table 3 in the FY 2012 Financial Update (pg. B-7), covering years 2012-2036, higher than they were in the previous Financial Update (pg. B-9), covering years 2011-2035, especially considering interest rates had dropped significantly between the two years (see Table 2 of each report). Mr. Adabala responded that projections made in the new projection were based on the increase in revenues and that (as the economy decreases or improves) the interest rates can change annually.

**CTOC Action: Adoption of the Glendale Onboard Transportation 2012-2036 Program of Projects.** (Motion: Commissioner Ackzen, Second: Commissioner Garland, passed unanimously)

VIII. FUNDING SHORTFALL AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON TRANSIT SERVICES

Matt Dudley, Transit Manager, reported on reduced funding impacts on transit service, bus route changes, and what factors are considered when reducing bus service. Mr. Dudley reported that the loss of LTAF and lower regional funding will significantly reduce the level of transit service that can be provided.

Transportation Director Jamsheed Mehta stated that transportation staff apply for federal grants as often as possible, including a New Freedom grant and a JARC grant which were recently awarded to Glendale that will provide a total of \$1.5 million over the next two years to help offset the loss of regional transit funding.

Commissioner Abeyta asked about potential 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue bus route service changes. Matt Dudley responded that service changes throughout the bus system can involve frequency changes, time of day, weekend service, and route combinations with the goal of balancing overall service that will have the least impact on ridership.

Commissioner Ray asked if existing ADA service will be affected. Mr. Dudley stated that Glendale will attempt to provide basic ADA service and balanced coverage to meet local service goals.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission requested the following future agenda items:

1. Left-hand turn signals – What are different types and their operations?
2. U-Turns at intersections – Are they legal? Why are they allowed?

X. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Meeting times are being targeted for 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2011 in Room B-3 in City Hall.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair DeFranco adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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Allan DeFranco, Chair