

MINUTES

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

5850 West Glendale Avenue
Glendale, Arizona 85301
City Hall, Room B-3
February 5, 2015
6:00 Pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Grose, Vice Chair
Judith Padia
Jeff McAfee
Tom Schmitt
Jennifer Cameron
Roberta Podzius
Darrin Lacey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lewis Ferguson
Gus Woodman
Kevin Frei

OTHERS PRESENT: Debbie Albert, Transportation Engineer
Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst
Robert Darr, Transportation Program Manager
Patrick Sage, Transportation Planner
Michael LaBianca, HDR (audience)
Faisal Chowdhury, HDR (audience)

I. **Call to Order**

Chair Grose called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. **Oath of Office**

Chair Grose informed the two newly appointed commissioners, Commissioner Podzius and Commissioner Lacey, that Loyalty Oath forms were at their seats, and that they can sign and date and return the forms to Staff by the end the meeting.

III. **Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Grose called for approval of the minutes.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the minutes from the November 6, 2014 meeting of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.

(Motion: Commissioner Schmitt; Second: Commissioner Cameron; passed unanimously)

IV. Call to the Audience

No comments from the floor.

V. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Grose called for approval of the agenda, with the removal of Item IX: Draft GO Transportation Program Performance Audit Report (FY2009-11) which is postponed until the March 5, 2015 meeting.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the February 5, 2015 Agenda (minus Item IX) of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.

(Motion: Commissioner Schmitt; Second: Commissioner McAfee; passed unanimously)

VI. Ratification of November 6, 2014 Meeting Actions

Chair Grose called for the ratification of any documentation related to the November 6, 2014 Commission meeting where in-coming Commissioner Podzius' participation was recorded as part of the Commission's actions, to remove that participation.

ACTION BY CTOC: Ratification of November 6, 2014 Meeting Documentation to Remove then In-coming Podzius' Participation.

(Motion: Commissioner Schmitt; Second: Commissioner Cameron; passed unanimously)

VII. Public Input – Commissioners and Staff

Chair Grose provided an update on the Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) meetings held since the last CTOC meeting in November 2014. He discussed the presentation given by City staff about the New River Multi-use path. Staff presented path characteristics, construction status, schedule and project challenges. The date of the Glendale Family Bike Ride was also discussed.

Commissioner Schmitt provided an updated on a recent General Plan Steering Committee meeting, which included a discussion/exercise session regarding transportation opportunities and issues in the City.

VIII. Manager's Report

Debbie Albert, Transportation Engineer, provided the following updates:

- Northern Parkway
 - Landscaping is 90 percent complete
 - Aesthetic elements visible at the Litchfield interchange area.
- Transportation Plan Update

- The consultant solicitation/selection process is underway and that the Commission should expect to be busy with components of the transportation plan over the next year or more.
- Commissioner Schmitt suggested that “futuristic” vehicles and transportation infrastructure be looked at as part of the Plan update.
- Super Bowl Recap
 - Transit options were popular during Super Bowl related activities.
 - Photos taken on game day at transportation points of interest were presented and discussed.

IX. Draft GO Transportation Program Performance Audit Report (Fy2009-11)

This item was removed from the February 5, 2015 meeting agenda (see Item V) and postponed until the upcoming March 5, 2015 CTOC meeting.

X. Draft GO Program Annual Report

Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented the draft GO Transportation Program Annual Report for 2014.

- Commissioner Podzius initiated a discussion regarding the value of having more details for specific line items.
- Discussion also included the need to provide new members with historic documents from the voter initiative and other supporting information regarding the initial purpose and intent sales tax. Debbie Albert identified the need to provide new members with a background material that has been assembled to orient new commission members on the history of the GO transportation Program. This is a Staff action item.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval to accept the 2014 Glendale Onboard Annual Report and forward it to City Council for their consideration.

(Motion: Commissioner Schmitt; Second: Commissioner Padia; passed unanimously)

XI. West Glendale High Capacity Transit Extension Study

At the request of Commissioner Schmitt the Commission discussed a recommendation for City Council to include funds in the GO Transportation Program to study potential alternatives to extend high capacity transit from 59th Street into west Glendale. Such a study would be funded by the City of Glendale and potentially managed by Valley Metro. The discussion reached a consensus point that the City needs to take the initiative to have this study performed in the very near future, in order for Glendale to be better positioned to take advantage of future anticipated funding opportunities to design and construct such a project.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval to recommend the inclusion of funding in the GO Transportation Program to study the expansion of high capacity transit into west

Glendale from 59th Street, contingent upon City Council's selection of a locally preferred alternative to downtown Glendale.

(Motion: Commissioner Schmitt; Second: Commissioner Lacey; passed unanimously)

XII. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items identified included:

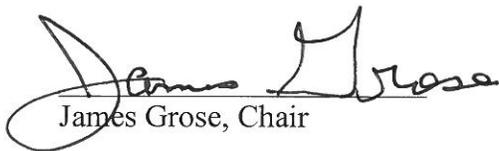
- A request for a presentation of the process undertaken by the city to increase safety (pedestrian oriented safety improvement projects for instance) in response public crashes involving pedestrian vehicle conflicts.
- A presentation discussing opportunities to install additional flashing yellow left-turn arrows to replace red light stopped left turns when a green light through phase is active for that intersection leg.

XIII. Next Meeting Time

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 5, 2015 in Room B-3 in City Hall.

XIV. Adjournment

Chair Grose adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.



James Grose, Chair

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