

**CITY OF GLENDALE  
CITIZEN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Monday, October 1, 2012  
Transportation Planning Conference Room  
Bank of America Building, Suite 315  
5800 West Glenn Drive, Glendale, Arizona  
6:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Member Mike Wood called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Also in attendance: Brent Ackzen, Donna Williams, Bill Wilkinson, Garrett Simpson and City Transportation Services staff – Steve Hancock

Members absent: Dave Coble and Gail Hildebrant

Guests: Erik Strunk and Diane Goke

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 4, 2012 meeting were approved.

**III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No public guests were in attendance.

**IV. INTRODUCTIONS**

All members and guest introduced themselves.

**V. CONTINUANCE OR WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

No agenda items required continuance or withdrawal.

**VI. REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Brent Ackzen said that the Citizen Transportation Oversight Commission will meet on October 4, 2012.

**VII. INFORMATION ON CITY SALES TAX**

Erik Strunk, Parks and Recreation and Libraries Director, and Diane Goke, Glendale Chief Financial Officer presented information on the City of Glendale Temporary Sales Tax Increase. Erik Strunk began by noting the temporary sales tax proposed by the city would increase the old 2.2% tax rate to 2.9%. He also said the tax increase would only be effect from August 1, 2012 to August 1, 2017. He said the increase was needed because of the prolonged economic recession and the existing financial obligations leading to a \$32,000,000 deficit. He stressed that the increased revenues from sales tax are for the General Fund only and do not affect the Transportation Sales Tax. He also said that miles of streets, sewer lines, water lines were added because of the sales tax revenues in the General Fund. Eric said that if the Temporary Sales tax were to “go away,” some of the proposed reductions to city would be 250 employee positions, laying off police officers and fire fighters, closing libraries, eliminating city festivals, closing the Rose Lane Aquatics facility and shutting down the city’s TV station. Erik pointed out that, since 1993, a lot of new

infrastructure had been added to the city including one new library, 32 parks, one recreation and aquatics center, five fire stations, one police precinct and one adult center. Eric displayed a slide showing that the purchase of a \$50 item in Glendale would have a sales tax of \$1.10 under the current rate and a sales tax of \$1.45 under to temporary rate – an increase of 35 cents. Eric ended his presentation by listing websites where more information on the city’s financial situation and the temporary sales tax is available. Garrett Simpson asked how soon we would see the effects if the temporary sales tax were voted down. Erik said by the end of the calendar year. Diane Goke said some actions would have to be taken soon after the election. Garrett asked if Glendale Glitters would occur this year in there was no sales tax increase. Erik said the city was already committed to this year but there would be no Glendale Glitters next year. Donna Williams asked if a “reduction in force” would happen all at once. Diane Goke said the libraries could be closed pretty quickly meaning a reduction in library employees. Garrett asked if the Citizen Bicycle Advisory Committee would be in danger of being eliminated. Erik said probably not because it is supported by the Transportation Sales Tax and does not impact the General Fund revenues.

**VIII. BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Steve Hancock stressed that he could use the help of any committee members who could provide some of the information required by the League of American Bicyclists application form. A number of members said they could help with the application.

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Steve Hancock said the Bicycle Friendly Community application would be kept as a recurring agenda item.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was reported.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

Garrett Simpson, Vice Chair, said the next regular meeting of the Glendale Citizen Bicycle Advisory Committee would be held on **Monday, November 5, 2012, 6:30 p.m.**, in the Transportation Planning Conference Room, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 315.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Garret Simpson adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.