

MINUTES

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013
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: Vincent Abeyta, Chair
John Ferguson
James Grose
Theodora Hackenberg
Jeff McAfee
Joyce Stribling
Gerald Woodman

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: William Sheldon, Vice Chair (Excused)
Lewis Ferguson (Excused)
Jack Bethel (resigned from Commission)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamsheed Mehta, Executive Director, Transportation Services
Debbie Albert, Principal Engineer
Bob Darr, Transportation Planning Manager
Allan Grover, Transportation Planner
Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst
Roger Miles, URS
Wulf Grote, Valley Metro
Benjamin Limmer, Valley Metro
Opal Evans, Glendale Citizens Corp

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Abeyta called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Abeyta called for approval of the minutes.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the minutes of the September 5, 2013 meeting of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission. (Motion: Commissioner Hackenberg, Second: Commissioner Stribling; passed unanimously)

III. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the floor.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Abeyta called for approval of the agenda.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the October 3, 2013 Agenda of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission. (Motion: Commissioner Grose; Second: Commissioner Stribling; passed unanimously)

V. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Commissioner James Grose, provided an update on agenda items from the previous Glendale Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting on October 4. City Planning Director Jon Froke attended and was asked by committee members about a General Plan amendment for new bicycle parking regulations which would require bike racks and better security measures at existing shopping malls and new malls. Mr. Froke stated that he would consider this request as part of changes to city codes. Commissioner Grose also reported that the committee continued to discuss implementation of recommendations for the City to be designated a Bicycle Friendly City.

VI. MANAGER’S REPORT

Debbie Albert, Principal Engineer, provided the following update on Northern Parkway:

- Bids for the landscape project for Northern Parkway between Sarival and Dysart will be opened next week.
- Bids for the construction of the Litchfield and Reems TIs will open December 10.
- The RFP for selecting a designer for the Dysart to 111th interim improvements is expected to be advertised next week.
- Staff is following up with the County and CA office on the process for transferring the Northern Parkway right-of-way between Reems and ¼-mile west of Dysart.

VII. WEST PHOENIX/CENTRAL GLENDALE TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY

Wulf Grote and Benjamin Limmer of Valley Metro provided an update and slide show of potential LRT corridors and upcoming study activities. They provided background information on transit sales tax initiatives which included LRT projects and the future LRT system which includes construction of the Glendale extension in 2026. The goals of this planning study, preliminary study area alignments, and types of transit options were presented. Valley Metro also discussed the study process and specific factors such as employment and population density, vehicle usage, and destination centers within Glendale. The next steps are obtaining public input on Level 1 transit routes, and begin a Level 2 Analysis to evaluate types of transit service, traffic impacts, and cost and constructability of various transit options.

Commissioner Hackenberg inquired if any other alignments through downtown have been studied other than the Glendale Avenue route? Mr. Grote responded that other alignments through downtown will be evaluated as well as Glendale Avenue and

evaluation of all alignments needs to consider potential impacts on existing utilities, right-of-way acquisition, and impacts on existing neighborhoods.

Commissioner Hackenberg asked if the LRT alignment along I-10 is still being considered? Mr. Grote replied that the I-10 corridor is still being evaluated separately from this study and may become a separate corridor for LRT. He stated that the Glendale alignment is the focus of this current study and it is the highest preferred alignment due to potential ridership. Mr. Grote added that the Federal government will provide funding for LRT based primarily on potential ridership.

Commissioner Woodman asked about extending LRT service and providing new stations for college campuses, especially to Glendale Community College. He recognized colleges as having the potential for high levels of ridership.

VIII. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Opal Evans, a former CTOC member, discussed the need for emergency preparedness at the community and neighborhood levels and described the activities of the Glendale Citizens Corps. Mrs. Evans also had an assessment form with questions regarding emergency preparedness of households or individuals for the Commissioners to answer and send to her online. Transportation staff distributed this form to CTOC members after the meeting.

Commissioner Woodman asked if the information discussed by the speaker could be shared with other organizations such as an HOA? Mrs. Evans replied that her presentation tonight and her handouts are available to anyone and she is willing to speak at an HOA meeting or other community groups.

IX. GRAND AVENUE PROPERTY EXCHANGES

Roger Miles of URS presented a slide show on the history of the Grand Avenue Improvement Project, as well as information on transfer of properties between ADOT and Glendale and land value assessments. Other related project costs addressed by Mr. Miles included right-of-way needed for the underpass at 59th and Glendale, the access control walls, and other access control and beautification features. Mr. Miles stated that the information on these Grand Avenue improvements and their costs will be identified in an intergovernmental agreement with ADOT to be acted on soon by City Council.

Chair Abeyta asked what the maintenance costs are for the new walls. Staff did not have this information available, but will answer this question at the next meeting.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no suggestions for new agenda items.

Commissioner Hackenberg asked about the status of the GO Program Audit. Staff replied that the auditors are still waiting for city departments to reply to the auditor's requests for information.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Meeting times are being targeted for 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month in Room B-3 in City Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2014.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Abeyta adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Vincent Abeyta, Chair