

MINUTES

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

**5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010
7:00 PM**

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Rose Jacobson, Chairperson
 Allan DeFranco, Vice-Chair
 Brent Ackzen
 Jackie Doerr
 Barbara Garland
 William Sheldon
 Ricki Ray

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Spina (Excused)
 Opal Evans

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director
 Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director
 Richard Janke, Deputy Transportation Director
 Chris Lemka, Principal Traffic Engineer
 Robert Darr, Transportation Planning Manager
 Wade Ansell, Senior Civil Engineer
 Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst
 Teresa Makinen, Consultant

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Jacobson called for approval of the minutes.

**ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2010 meeting of the
Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.**

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

III. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the floor.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Jacobson called for approval of the agenda.

ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the June 3, 2010 Agenda of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.

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

V. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Commissioner Sheldon reported his attendance at the May 19, 2010 Public Hearing held for changes to transit services by Valley Metro in Glendale. Commissioner Sheldon mentioned that there were a lot of individuals from Wickenburg in attendance to voice their concerns about potential loss of the Wickenburg Connector (RT 660). According to these individuals, the bus route services individuals who are either in need of medical attention or shop in Glendale. Commissioner Sheldon added that the comments were in support of reduced service against elimination of service.

Mr. Mehta mentioned that the Wickenburg Connector was a Maricopa County and State funded service, which according to information available after the public hearing is planned to be funded for another year.

Dr. Johnson reiterated that the services targeted for changes were the least efficient routes, i.e. costly service for a low ridership.

Chair Jacobson mentioned that she was interviewed for television channel 11 clip.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

Dr. Terry Johnson presented information regarding Northern Parkway, Grand Avenue, Transit Services, Pavement Overlay, and Traffic Signals and ITS, and Bicycle and Pedestrian project. Information provided included status of projects, funding secured including American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds and federal close-out funds.

Commissioner Doerr wanted to know why the City needs CCTV cameras and if the video feed from the cameras are monitored round the clock.

Mr. Mehta said that the CCTV cameras provide visual feedback on traffic situation during peak hours, events, incidents and any other instances when a response is needed.

Commissioner Doerr asked how staff knew when response was needed if the video feed was not monitored round the clock.

Mr. Mehta mentioned that if there was a need the staff would be contacted and could get access to the feed as needed.

Commissioner Garland asked if the Traffic Management Center (TMC) and Homeland Security coordinate efforts.

Mr. Mehta mentioned that there is coordination between both and that the video feed available at the TMC is available to the Emergency Operation Center.

VII. 67th AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Wade Ansell, Senior Civil Engineer presented information regarding the 67th Avenue Improvements project, which was recently completed.

Chair Jacobson asked Mr. Ansell to provide the cost and schedule information on the project.

Mr. Ansell mentioned that the project cost approximately \$7 million for the Camelback Road to Grand Avenue section and \$11 million for the Olive Avenue to Bell Road section. Mr. Ansell added that the project had started in 2003.

Chair Jacobson added that this should give the CTOC a fair idea of how long a project takes from start to end.

VIII. TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Chris Lemka, Principal Traffic Engineer presented information regarding a development plan approval process and mentioned various principles involved in the Traffic Impact Analysis with examples.

IX. CTOC REPRESENTATIVE ON BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Jacobson mentioned that it was customary for CTOC to be represented on the Glendale Bicycle Advisory Committee. Commissioner Jacobson asked if there was a volunteer for the representation. Commissioner Ackzen volunteered to fill in the CTOC representative position on the Glendale Bicycle Advisory Committee. There was unanimous support for Commissioner Ackzen to represent CTOC on the Glendale Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Dr. Johnson reminded CTOC that this recommendation was subject to approval from Glendale Government Services Committee.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Jacobson mentioned that a retreat would be a good idea with many new commissioners. Chair Jacobson said that the retreat should be timed after the completion of the GO Program Performance Audit, since that could also help in shaping the agenda for the retreat. Chair Jacobson added that tours probably should also be discussed at the retreat.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Meeting times are being targeted for 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2010.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Rose Jacobson, Chair