

MINUTES

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009
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, Chair
 Brent Ackzen
 Allan DeFranco
 John Fernandes
 Larry Kucera
 Jennifer Martino
 James Podzius
 Betsy Turner

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: James Sanders
 Daniel Smith (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
 Steve Hancock, Bicycle Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Jacobson called for approval of the minutes.

**ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the minutes of June 4, 2009 meeting of the
Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.**

(Motion: Commissioner Podzius, Second: Commissioner Kucera; 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 September 3, 2009 Agenda of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.

(Motion: Commissioner Turner; Second: Commissioner Martino; unanimously passed)

V. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

No announcements by Commissioners or staff.

VI. MANAGER’S REPORT

Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director, presented a list of upcoming City Council agenda items for transportation, including right-of-way acquisitions, amendments to the Loop 101/63rd Avenue bike bridge IGA and the Old Roma Alleyway IGA, a bid award for building demolitions along Grand Avenue, a design contract for the New River/Grand Canal/Maryland bike projects, and IGA’s with ADOT for eight projects receiving ARRA funds.

VII. DRAFT 2010-2034 GO PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Purab Adabala, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented a slide show for the 2010-2034 GO Program containing information on changes to capital projects, operations, funding and expenditures relative to last year’s 25-Year Program. Mr. Adabala explained that these changes to the GO Program were based upon previous City Council actions, cost updates, and actions needed to balance the Program.

Chair Jacobson stated that the draft GO Program of Projects report was well organized and well presented to CTOC.

Commissioner DeFranco asked what URS (the GO Program Engineering Consultant) is doing now for the city? Terry Johnson responded that URS staff is focused on Grand ROW acquisitions and finalizing the Northern Parkway EA and DCR.

Dr. Johnson also informed the Commissioners that the majority of future bonding costs are for light rail transit, Northern Parkway, and Grand Avenue.

ACTION BY CTOC: Adopt the Glendale Onboard Transportation 2010-2034 Program of Projects.

(Motion: Commissioner Podzius; Second: Commissioner Martino; unanimously passed)

VIII. GRAND AVENUE: STATUS AND REVIEW OF CONCEPT

Bob Darr, Transportation Program Manager, provided an overview of the Grand Avenue Improvement Project (43rd to 71st Avenues), including information on the design concept,

work schedule, right-of-way acquisitions, and various design issues regarding street lighting, landscaping, and fencing/walls.

Commissioner DeFranco inquired about the timeframe for businesses to address right-of-way takings. Bob Darr stated that negotiations take from 30 to 90 days. Mr. Darr also stated that 11 to 15 feet is needed for landscaping and sidewalks.

Commissioner Turner asked about opportunities for resale of properties: Mr. Darr responded that future resale of city-acquired properties appears good due to the large size of combined properties.

IX. BICYCLE PROGRAM: REVIEW OF PROJECTS

Steve Hancock, Bicycle Coordinator, presented a slide show of active bicycle/pedestrian projects currently under design, with information on the design concepts, design status, and completion dates, costs, and funding sources. Terry Johnson informed the Commission that the seven projects presented tonight originated with the city's Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Commissioner DeFranco asked if there would be any signage or lights alerting motorists before they get to the at-grade crossing at Loop 101 and 63rd Avenue? Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director, explained that a warning signal will be installed 400 feet before the signalized crossing to help ensure the safety of bicyclists.

There was a question asked about when the Loop 101/63rd Avenue bike bridge would be constructed. Steve Hancock replied that the bike bridge is scheduled for completion in November 2010.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items suggested.

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 October 1, 2009.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Rose Jacobson, Chair