

# MINUTES

## **CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

**5850 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301  
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 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  
  Allan DeFranco  
  Neva Johnson  
  Larry Kucera  
  Jennifer Martino  
  James Podzius  
  James Sanders  
  Daniel Smith  
  Betsy Turner

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:     John Fernandes (Excused)  
  Brent Ackzen

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  
  Jennifer Love, PB Americas  
  Theresa Gunn, Gunn Associates  
  Sandy Adams, Traffic Education Program Manager

### **I.       CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Chair Jacobson presented a CTOC service plaque to Commissioner Neva Johnson for nearly 5 years of service as a CTOC Commissioner. Chair Jacobson also introduced Dr. Daniel Smith as a new CTOC Commissioner.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Jacobson called for approval of the minutes.

**ACTION BY CTOC: Approval of the minutes of May 7, 2009 meeting of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.**

(Motion: Commissioner Podzius, Second: Commissioner Turner; 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 4, 2009 Agenda of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission.**

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

V. PUBLIC INPUT – COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Commissioner Turner reported on the June 1, 2009 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting by thanking Terry Johnson for his presentation on the draft Transportation Plan Update to the Committee.

VI. MANAGER’S REPORT

Terry Johnson, Deputy Transportation Director, presented a slide show on how the current economic downturn may impact transportation projects in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Dr. Johnson compared past regional sales tax revenue projections to current projections by modes. He also reviewed proposed project delays past 2026 for streets, freeways, and transit.

Dr. Johnson stated that due to reductions in transit funds, all Glendale super grid bus routes in the RTP that have not begun service will be deferred until after 2026. This could result in Glendale paying more local funds for transit projects in the future than is currently planned.

Commissioner Smith asked about the public’s awareness of these regional plan impacts. Dr. Johnson responded that the potential transit impacts are still at the staff discussion level.

VII. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (PHASE II) FOR THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Theresa Gunn presented a slide show on public comments received during the second phase of public involvement for the Transportation Plan Update. Opportunities for public input included the GO Family Bike Ride on April 19 and the 2009 GO Open House on April 29. Ongoing public input has also been obtained from four City Commissions, three community organization presentations, and an online survey.

Due to low public attendance at GO public meetings, Commissioner DeFranco asked if there are any other mechanisms for involving more of the public. Theresa Gunn replied that a citywide mailing list was utilized, as well as email notices sent by the Chamber of Commerce to members. Also, the online survey for the Plan Update has received 52 responses.

#### VIII. GLENDALE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Jennifer Love of PB Americas presented a slide show and overview of the Transportation Plan Update which included elements such as public involvement, socioeconomic conditions, goals and policies, streets, transit, alternative modes, aviation plans, and a financial plan.

Chair Jacobson asked that the Executive Summary be reformatted to separate the section on the Funding Plan (and two accompanying financial figures) from the discussion of the modes.

Commissioner Turner pointed out that the term “Alternate Modes” is incorrect and should be changed to “Alternative Modes” in the Executive Summary and in the Plan Update.

Commissioner Sanders reported that he saw a local business owner circulating a petition in downtown Glendale in support of LRT on the Glendale Avenue alignment. Dr. Sanders indicated that there could be a lack of knowledge about LRT by citizens in general and suggested there could be a special meeting or presentation on LRT to improve the public’s perception of the status of LRT within Glendale.

Commissioner Turner stated that it is great that LRT is a public concern.

Commissioner Podzius suggested a public opinion poll on LRT issues.

Dr. Johnson stated that the City Council decided at a workshop that Glendale should contact the City of Phoenix to discuss the issue of Phoenix participation in funding for a light rail extension to Glendale along Loop 101.

Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Director, pointed out that LRT is also a function locally of the Glendale Centerline Project.

Based upon working papers for the Glendale Transportation Plan Update as reviewed by the Commission and the Executive Summary as reviewed by the Commission, the following action was taken by CTOC:

**ACTION BY CTOC: Recommend that the Glendale City Council accept the updated Glendale Transportation Plan.**

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

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners requested the following agenda item:

- Status of Grand Avenue Improvement Project

X. 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 3, 2009.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

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Rose Jacobson, Chair