



SUMMARIZED MINUTES
APPROVED AS AMENDED

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Meeting Held Electronically

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 8:30 a.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Subcommittee members as noted below.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Donald Anderson, Chair – Transportation Commission
Kyle Davis, Subcommittee Member
Teresa Kim Hayes-Quale, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission
Kent Lall, Commissioner – Transportation Commission
William Levie, Subcommittee Member

STAFF: Nathan Domme, Senior Transportation Planner
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner
Kyle Lofgren, Staff Coordinator
Elaine Mercado, Project Manager
Devin Giordano
Garrett Smith, Technology Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Anderson called for modifications and approval of the minutes. A typographical correction was made.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING AS AMENDED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LALL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 5-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVIS, HAYES-QUALE LALL AND LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. APPROVAL OF THE PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

There was a clarification discussed regarding Commissioner Hayes-Quale's first meeting attendance being in the capacity of a member of the public and second meeting as an appointed member of the Committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 5-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVIS, HAYES-QUALE LALL AND LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. GRANT PROCESS

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the federal grant funding process, which is managed through the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). Two types of funding are available: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TA-MAG). A 5.7 percent local match is required, and funding is for construction. The most recent call was issued on August 2, 2021, with \$14 million available for construction projects in 2025. Agencies can apply for closeout funds on an annual basis in fall/winter. In the past, Scottsdale has successfully acquired bicycle and pedestrian funding from previous calls for projects.

The Design Assistance Program is another call for projects program issued each summer. No local match is required for this program. It provides agencies with a study and design concept utilizing a design consultant from MAG's approved on-call list.

Projects utilizing this program include:

- Downtown Pedestrian Mobility Study
- Loop 101/ CAP Canal Path Crossing
- Bicycle Station Study
- 70th Street Neighborhood Bikeway from Continental to Old Town
- Old Town Scottsdale Bicycle Master Plan

Ms. Conklu reviewed the project details for the following recent Scottsdale submittals:

- Indian Bend Wash Path (IBW) Extension: McDowell Mountain Ranch Road to Bell Road
- Central Arizona Project (CAP) Canal Path from Scottsdale Road to Northsight Boulevard

An overview was provided of the MAG project scoring, ranking, and approval process:

- Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee
- Active Transportation Committee
- Transportation Review Committee (TRC)
- Management Committee reviews the prioritized listing and approves proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) listings.
- Regional Council makes final approval of the prioritized listings and recommend proposed TIP listings.

Commissioner Lall asked about the committee structures. Ms. Conklu stated that MAG has both technical and policy committees. They typically meet monthly and each agency has a representative. Technical committees make recommendations to the Transportation Review Committee with follow-up by Management Committee and Regional Council.

Ms. Conklu stated that MAG received 17 project requests totaling more than \$38 million in federal aid. The MAG Management Committee approved the top three CMAQ projects to be funded, with the fourth ranked project to be partially funded. The CAP Canal Path project ranked third on the CMAQ list. MAG recommended that the highest ranked transportation alternatives project that was not already funded on the CMAQ list would be partially funded. For next steps, City Council will approve grant acceptance for the CAP Canal Path project and it will be added to the CIP for design and construction. The Indian Bend Wash Path project was not approved, scoring 9th and 10th on the lists.

Subcommittee Member Levie asked if the Indian Bend Wash Path project will be revised for resubmission. Ms. Conklu stated that the projects may be submitted two to three times before funding is received. Project submission materials are evaluated for optimum scoring potential

Chair Anderson asked if the City receives feedback from the committees in terms of improvement of applications. Ms. Conklu stated that the City is free to request feedback.

4. CIP UPDATE

Ms. Conklu stated the CIP Program funds bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian projects. Transportation staff currently implements projects from the 2016 Transportation Master Plan, but will transition to the Transportation Action Plan, once adopted. New project types included ADA Transition Plan and buffered bike lanes. Funding is derived from: Bonds, federal grants, regional funding and local 0.2 percent Transportation Sales Tax. On an annual basis, City Council approves the amount of funding for each program, as opposed to approving a specific project list. Funds are used for design and construction with a budget up to \$250,000. Staff evaluates and prioritizes projects throughout the year. Public outreach is implemented at the design phase. Several projects are currently in the design or construction phase. Brief updates were provided for the following projects: Priority Area 1 ADA improvements and ramps in Old Town; Camelback sidewalk from Miller to 73rd Street, and; Indian Bend Wash Path renovation. Buffered bike lanes are coordinated with the five-year paving plan. Next candidate projects will be evaluated for the potential of moving to the active list. These include new and updated ramps on Granite Reef and

Joe Foss Way; curb ramps in Priority Area 2 and 3; path restriping at various locations and Pinnacle Vista and 70th Street neighborhood trails.

Chair Anderson inquired as to the physical locations of Priority Areas 2 and 3. Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager, stated that Priority Area 2 is in the Camelback Road Corridor from 68th Street to Miller Road. Priority Area 3 is the Saguaro High School vicinity from Indian Bend to Jackrabbit, Hayden Road and Pima Road. Most projects are designed in house in conjunction with Capital Project Management staff; this provides significant savings in upfront costs. Construction is performed via on-call construction contracts or partnerships with the paving program and its contractor.

Ms. Conklu stated that staff welcomes input on the list for the current fiscal year. Transportation staff will continue to evaluate projects and move them to the active list, including working with Capital Management staff on design and construction. After the adoption of the TAP, staff will use the implementation program for ranking and prioritizing projects. She noted that this presentation topic can become an annual update to the Paths and Trails Subcommittee, if desired. Chair Anderson welcomed inclusion of the presentation as an annual update.

5. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAM STATUS

Ms. Conklu provided an update on the following projects:

- McDowell Road Bike Lanes
- Dynamite/Rio Verde Bike Lanes
- Paving Project: Restriping for bike lanes, ADA and safety improvements

Mr. Meinhardt commented that staff works with the traffic engineering department to determine which repaving and restriping projects are feasible. Concepts are in place for nearly every segment of roadway in the City that is a minor collector or above and does not already have a five to six foot bike lane.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Subcommittee members identified the following topics for future agenda items:

- Pavement restriping and bike lane safety measures
- Bike month recap
- Bicycle education program

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Commissioner Hayes-Quale and seconded by Subcommittee Member Levie, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

AYES: Chair Anderson, Subcommittee Members Davis, Hayes-Quality control, Lall and Levie and Commissioner Hayes-Quale.

NAYS: None

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