



SUMMARIZED MINUTES

APPROVED

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
PATHS & TRAILSSUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**ONE CIVIC CENTER
AGAVE CONFERENCE ROOM
7447 E INDIAN SCHOOL RD.
SUITE 205
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

THURSDAY, February 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 5:17 p.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of subcommittee members as noted below.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lee Kauftheil, Chair – Transportation Commission
Amy Arnold, Commissioner, Parks and Recreation Commission
Sarah Hecht, Subcommittee Member (arrived at 5:27 p.m.)
Bradley Adame, Subcommittee Member

ABSENT: Robert Marmon, Vice-Chair – Transportation Commission

STAFF: Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak during public comment, and there were no written comments.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD MOVED TO APPROVE DECEMBER 4, 2025, PATHS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMITTEE MEMBER ADAME SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR KAUFTHEIL, COMMISSIONER ARNOLD, AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ADAME VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Approval of The Annual Paths & Trails Subcommittee Report

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu presented a summary of the 2025 Annual Report. The report covered all action and information agenda items and confirmed that all members completed the required ethics training before the initial meeting of the year. Ms. Conklu will verify Chair Kauftheil's attendance and update records as needed.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ADAME MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2025 ANNUAL PATHS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER ARNOLD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR KAUFTHEIL, COMMISSIONER ARNOLD, AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ADAME VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES

3. Fy26/27 Capital Improvement Plan Recommended Transportation Project List

Transportation Planning Manager, Nathan Domme conducted a slideshow presentation that provided an overview of the FY26/27 Capital Improvement Plan and the recommended transportation project list with emphasis on active transportation components, as well as how projects are prioritized and funded.

Mr. Domme reviewed slides titled Capital Improvement Plan Budget Process and New Requests – Project Types. He noted capital improvement projects (CIP) are part of the budget process and they are submitted annually for review by committees and the City Council. There are many diverse and robust projects, with 19 new transportation and infrastructure CIP requests that have gone through pre-screening within the City Managers office. He presented a slide titled Yearly Recurring Capital Accounts (Systemwide Programs) that listed six capital accounts utilized to make safety or systematic capital improvements, or quick fixes.

The next nine slides presented by Mr. Domme provided details for the projects requested. These slides were titled: Thompson Peak Parkway Bridge over Reata Pass Wash which is an existing project; Thomas Road: 56th Street to 73rd Street; Citywide Traffic Signal Rewiring; Citywide Major Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrade; Doubletree Corridor Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrades; Northsight Boulevard and Butherus Drive construction of a signalized intersection; Trolley Vehicle Purchase; and Citywide Transit Stop Renovation/Improvements.

Mr. Domme noted an additional \$7.4 million would be necessary to complete the final phase of the Thompson Peak Parkway Bridge project. The 56th Street to 73rd Street project includes sidewalk improvements on the south side as well as working with SRP to relocate poles to underground. These are the top CIP priorities.

The next five slides provided details for big new projects that are proposed for roadway widening and alignment, multiuse paths, and a roundabout, all of which are scheduled for design and cost estimates only because good cost estimates are necessary to understand the full scope of the projects. These slides were titled Dynamite Boulevard: 56th Street to Pima Road; Pinnacle Peak Road: Scottsdale Road to Pima Road; Legacy Boulevard Bridge over Reata Pass Wash; Hualapai Drive Shared Use Path: Pima Road to 95th Place; and 91st Street and Trailside View Roundabout. Senior Transportation Planner Greg Davies discussed the laydown, roll curbs, and drainage concerns on McDowell.

The slide titled Prioritization Framework outlined factors taken into consideration which were consistent with the 2022 Transportation Action Plan (TAP) and provided justification for how and why the projects were prioritized. Additionally, there is limited funding available, and some projects do not make the cut, which does not mean they are removed forever but remain on the list to be revisited the following year. Mr. Davies provided an overview of bicycle signal detection system related to citywide signal operations that will be presented and discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Domme noted individual projects are not being prioritized; rather they are put into tiers based on importance. The next four slides were titled Tier 1 – External Funding & Corridor Priorities; Tier 2 – Safety & Operations Priorities; Tier 3 – Design for Corridors & Multimodal Gaps; and Plan Alignment & Funding Considerations. It was recommended that the various funding sources discussed within the tier system be utilized and prioritized, and Tier 3 projects only be funded if funding is available. Tier 3 projects can be phased or deferred within the five-year window based on funding availability and the City Council's direction.

Committee members were given the opportunity to offer comments and pose questions. Mr. Domme presented an overview of the process for incorporating CIPs into the five-year plan, noting that inclusion is determined by available annual funding. He said the projects that were previously approved but awaiting design or construction have not yet secured these funds. Regarding the right-of-way limitations for the Thomas Road project, the City will coordinate with SRP to remove existing obstacles and relocate utility poles underground. The traffic signal rewiring initiative will be implemented over five years, with consistent funding allocated each year to replace all or most of the traffic signals within the city. It was also noted that the Doubletree Corridor traffic signal equipment remains the only equipment not currently integrated within the ITS network.

The initial Transit Stop Renovation / Improvement Plan aimed to replace all Valley Metro / Phoenix 2005 shelters with newer models now installed along the fixed routes and used by the trolley. The final details of this plan are still under review and being discussed with Valley Metro. After some conversation on the matter, Ms. Conklu agreed to investigate the purpose of a button found in certain shelters and report back to the

Subcommittee with further details.

Most of the Hualapai Drive Shared Use Path project borders the rear wall of the subdivision, resulting in right-of-way considerations for only three homes on the far east side of the Reata Wash. Mr. Domme noted that an approved path would connect to shared use paths on Pima to Reatta and continuing to Indian Bend Wash. This project affects approximately 300 homes within the community seeking relief from traffic-related speeding issues. Mr. Davies remarked that the proposal could be presented as either an 8- or 10-foot trail option, or as an 8-foot path with a 4-foot adjacent trail. The project's design and cost estimate are funded through local sales tax. Upon receipt of a design and cost estimates, the information will be presented to the City Council to determine the most appropriate funding source.

Mr. Domme explained that an additional \$7.4 million for the Thompson Peak Bridge project will come from the 2 percent sales tax account, covering updated design and cost estimates. The remaining project cost totals \$13.7 million, and construction is still set to begin this year. Mr. Domme also showed a map outlining the project's location and configuration.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER HECT MOVED TO APPROVE ALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PRESENTED AS VIABLE CANDIDATES FOR FUNDING AND PUTTING THEM INTO THE TIERS AS RECOMMENDED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ADAME SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR KAUFHEIL, COMMISSIONER ARNOLD, AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ADAME AND MEMBER HECT VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Integrating Citywide Trail Network With Preserve And Regional Trails

Senior Transportation Planner Greg Davies presented and discussed the integration of the Citywide Trail Network using slides titled Neighborhood Trail Program History; Citywide Trail System Today; and Citywide System Integration. Mr. Davies noted trails are a big part of Scottsdale, and the City has been working on trail integration since 1965. 2004 and 2007 were significant years for the trail system in Scottsdale with the development of the Ad Hoc Trails Task Force and the neighborhood trail system.

There are currently approximately 460 miles of continuous connected trails. The neighborhood trail system has 163 miles of existing trails with another 132 miles of planned trails. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve has 217 miles of trails, and the McDowell Mountain Regional Park has 81 miles of trails. The TAP includes goals to build or rehabilitate three miles of trails per year. Scottsdale has enhanced trail management, with a maintenance program that involves homeowners associations in caring for nearby trails.

Committee members were given the opportunity to offer comments and pose questions. Mr. Davies explained the allocation of accumulated local tax funds in 2025 for neighborhood trails, addressing why these resources had not been expended in prior years.

Chair Kauftheil addressed the potential inclusion of a transit option for McDowell Mountain Regional Park to enhance accessibility for all Scottsdale residents. He also emphasized the significance of wayfinding and the need to proceed with previously discussed projects. A brief discussion followed.

5. Projects and Programs Update

Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme presented and discussed existing projects that are moving forward over the next year to four years. Key aspects of the TAP include refinement of the existing transportation system, filling existing gaps, and the effective use of existing rights-of-way. A key focal point as the paths and trails system becomes built out is how it can be refined, or whether to use what is available to improve upon and maintain existing conditions.

Mr. Domme provided an overview of funded active projects the CIP. These projects include Pima Road, McCormick Parkway Multiuse Path, Indian Bend Wash Path renovations, CAP Canal Path design, Thomas Road, 68th Street, 64th Street Wall Canal improvement, 2nd Street Streetscape improvements, 77th Street Access improvements, Scottsdale Corridor, and Scottsdale Road. Mr. Domme provided perspective on major roadway projects that included the Pima Road Corridor, Carefree Highway, and Old Town pavement preservation. Additional projects included the Alma School and Jomax Road intersection, and Thomas Peak Bridge.

Senior Transportation Planner Greg Davies provided a brief update on the Cactus Trail Enhancement Project. There is a tentative public meeting planned for March 18, 2026, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Christ's Church of the Valley to present and discuss the resident-petitioned project to the residents.

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu reported that a draft of the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan will be reviewed by the Transportation Commission in April with the final draft being presented and adopted in May. In response to Subcommittee Member Adame's question, she indicated a design assistance study was done for the Thomas Road/64th Street intersection and Indian School, and full design will begin after a full review of the recommendations is finalized. The department continues its focus on education and had the opportunity to offer bicycle classes for children in January with Parks and Rec staff. Additional classes will be offered from February through April.

The City of Scottsdale purchased foreclosed property at Hayden Road and McDonald Drive; it already owns adjacent parcels to the south. Phase 2 of wayfinding begins this fall, adding around 200 signs along Pima Path, Crosscut Canal Path, and Arizona Canal Path.

Subcommittee Member Adame shared an incident of being hit by a car at the Indian School Road / 64th Street intersection and recommended adjusting the sequencing of the lights to prevent further incidents.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Subcommittee Member Adame, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

AYES: Chair Kauftheil, Commissioner Arnold, and Subcommittee Members Adame and Hecht.

NAYS: None

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