



**APPROVED**  
**SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**  
**City Hall Kiva Forum**  
**3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard**  
**Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Miller called the meeting of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mary Ann Miller, Chair  
Kerry Wilcoxon, Vice-Chair  
Emmie Cardella  
Kyle Davis  
Lee Kaufheil  
Robert Marmon  
Mailen Pankiewicz

**STAFF:** Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager  
Alison Tymkiw, Senior Director/City Engineer Transportation & Infrastructure  
Cristina Lenko, Public Information Officer  
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner  
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner  
John Hoang, Senior Traffic Engineering Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu advised that there were no members of the public who wished to speak or written comments submitted.

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Davis indicated Office Manager Kyle Lofgren was listed in the minutes, but his name should be removed.

VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON MOVED TO APPROVE APRIL 17, 2025, TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MILLER, VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON, AND COMMISSIONERS CARDELLA, DAVIS, KAUFTHEIL, MARMON, AND PANKIEWICZ VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Miller pointed out the Transportation Safety Plan is not on the agenda because a working group of stakeholders has been created for additional outreach.

## **2. Department Reorganization**

Alison Tymkiw, Senior Director over Transportation and Infrastructure, conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Transportation and Streets; Capital Project Management Department; Transportation and Infrastructure Department; and Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions (2 slides).

In response to Commissioner questions, Ms. Tymkiw said the department is not fully staffed. She listed all currently unfilled positions as well as five new positions that are being requested in the new budget cycle. No positions have been eliminated, she said, and there are no plans to do so.

## **3. Electric Bicycles and Shared-Use Path Speed Limits Study**

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Multi-Use Paths (2 slides); Growing Types of Motorized Devices; Electric Powered Devices with Functioning Pedals... (2 slides); Electric Powered Devices w/o Functioning Pedals (2 slides); Electric Powered Devices on Path; City Code Recent Updates; On-Street Network; Path Wayfinding and Regulatory Signage; Path Widening Projects; Ongoing Outreach; Scottsdale Police Department; Bicycle Safety Brochure; National Averages typical path user speeds; Speed Limits Vs Path Etiquette Signage; Next Steps: and Study & Pilot Location.

Responding to Commissioner questions, Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme confirmed the Scottsdale Police Department (SPD) is invested in the study and will participate by collecting speed data. Discussions will continue about their commitment to enforcement, without which speed limits would be ineffective. Regarding cooperation with the rest of Maricopa County, Ms. Conklu said Scottsdale attends monthly micromobility meetings with regional counterparts, and she researches cities both within and outside Arizona to review their policies regarding speed limits. Mr. Domme added that the City of Tempe recently implemented a 20-mile-per-hour speed limit on their multiuse paths.

Ms. Conklu discussed the concept of placing walking paths next to concrete paths, saying it was initially included in one project's master plan, but that may change. She did not believe that solution was better than widening paths, educating users, and providing enforcement, especially in space-challenged areas. Senior Transportation Planner Greg Davies spoke about a few small areas that have that type of arrangement, but crash data is hard to gather from any path system unless it is reported.

In response to additional queries, Ms. Conklu stated changes to the 2018 ordinance were proposed in 2021, but the City Council at that time chose not to adopt them. She noted some sidewalks in Old Town prohibit electric bikes and scooters, but that is based off an older regulation. She confirmed that electric powered devices which travel over 20 miles per hour are not allowed on paths. Regarding concerns with fast-moving devices such as electric dirt bikes, Mr. Domme assured the Commission that discussions with the SPD regarding how to enforce the speed limit are ongoing, though nothing has been finalized. Ms. Conklu remarked the bicycle safety brochure will be posted online soon. Commissioner Kauftheil requested leeway in the speed limits, noting he travels between 15 and 19 miles per hour on an acoustic bike, and that he wanted enforcement agencies to be able to tell the difference between e-bikes and bikes with internal gears.

Commissioner Kauftheil asked about the timing and breadth of the study. Mr. Domme recognized that data may need to be gathered in the fall, not just during the summer, to get a better sample size of speeds and volumes. Volumetric data will be accumulated using cameras on regular and portable poles, and a speed evaluation will be conducted by the SPD using radar. Given the small sample size, he continued, safety history will likely be compiled using EZ complaints. He said staff wants to gather a lot of information from the pilot program and other agencies before implementing anything. He anticipated collecting volumetric data for a couple of weeks, both on weekdays and weekends, though speed data will likely be gathered over a shorter period of time to not overburden the SPD. Staff would then need to evaluate the data.

Commissioner Pankiewicz felt more information is needed about enforcement before proceeding with a speed recommendation. Mr. Domme reminded her this item is only about conducting a study and providing a report to this body. At that point, a decision could be made about a potential pilot program. He shared her curiosity about how enforcement will work, though he said staff attorneys have concluded the City has legal standing to place speed limits on multiuse paths. Discussions about enforcements will come later, and the SPD's bike patrol unit is considering acquiring e-bikes as well, and they will be bound by the same speed limits. Senior Traffic Engineering Manager John Hoang remarked that another enforcement option might be utilizing warning speed limit signs as opposed to regulatory signs.

Mr. Domme explained the location of the study was chosen because it featured significant bike usage on the wider path to the west and predominantly pedestrian traffic with some bikes on the east side. He mentioned other locations that were considered and encouraged the Commission to suggest other locations. Commissioner Davis recommended adding another location to the study because he feared cyclists in the proposed study area avoid the pedestrian-heavy areas.

Mr. Domme stated that the current enforcement of high-speed bikes is limited due to the size of the bike patrol unit. Ms. Conklu added that the SPD has spent time observing and providing education about the prohibition of e-bikes in canal areas. Commissioner Davis questioned the need for a speed limit given restrictions on certain vehicle types, but he expressed support for the study with the inclusion of a second area.

Commissioner Davis pointed out a discrepancy between what Ms. Conklu said about Class 1 and Class 2 electric powered bicycles being allowed on City sidewalks and what the safety brochure indicates. Ms. Conklu said she would research that, but she knew they were not allowed on unpaved paths.

Vice-Chair Wilcoxon moved to recommend the study. Commissioner Davis offered an amended

motion including a second location.

VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT STAFF CONDUCT A STUDY ON E-BIKE USAGE AND SPEED LIMITS ALONG INDIAN BEND WASH PATH BETWEEN INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD AND CHAPARRAL ROAD, AS WELL INDIAN BEND WASH PATH BETWEEN VIA LINDA AND THE 101 OVERPASS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MILLER, VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON, AND COMMISSIONERS CARDELLA, DAVIS, KAUFTHEIL, MARMON, AND PANKIEWICZ VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

#### **4. Projects and Programs Update**

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu conducted a slideshow presentation providing an overview of past activities, including:

- The Arizona Bicycling Summit
- Cycle of the Arts, which included nine stops and focused on works of art that will not be available next year
- Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day, which included five different stops

Senior Transportation Planner Greg Davies continued the presentation and provided updates on the following:

- Construction of the Los Gatos Trail
- Reconstruction of the Jomax Trail from Pima Road to the Pinnacle Peak Trailhead
- Upgrades to the Reata Wash single-track trail
- Modifications to trail connections on Scottsdale Road
- Realignment of the Ashler Hills Trail
- Upgrades to the Pinnacle Peak Trail
- Completion of the Desert Foothills neighborhood trail system

Mr. Davies indicated the total cost of this work was approximately \$420,000, which is allocated out of the Trail Improvement Program.

Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme concluded the slideshow presentation by reviewing the following transportation projects:

- Creation of a secondary, emergency access point on 77th Street
- Continuation of the preliminary design on two sections of Scottsdale Road and Pima Road
- Construction on Pima Road between Via Linda and McDowell Road
- Interchange improvements on Loop 101
- The Pavement Overlay Program, including the results of the pavement construction index (PCI) evaluation and rehabilitation options to improve PCI levels
- A survey of all area sidewalks to determine their compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Widening of the Indian Bend Wash path between Thomas Road and 2nd Street

In response to Commissioner questions, Mr. Domme indicated the ADA Transition Plan will include audible signals, and it will focus not only on transportation but on buildings as well. Senior Traffic Engineering Manager John Hoang said audible push buttons are currently being

implemented on request, and staff is evaluating how to incorporate them into rapid flashing beacons. Mr. Domme commented he could request that sidewalk conditions also be considered by the consultants for addition to the ADA Transition Plan. He added that tree limb height is part of the tree plan, but he can mention it to the consultants to help visually-impaired individuals. Mr. Hoang noted guidelines require branches to be trimmed to a minimum of seven feet, and shrubs need to be less than three feet within the right of way. Branches need to be trimmed to 12 feet on unpaved trails for equestrian use.

Regarding the 77th Street emergency access, Mr. Domme said he did not recall disc golf baskets or trees being in the way. He spoke about the goal of the emergency access route, adding that they will work with the park system to relocate any baskets if necessary. He said the type of funding will need to be swapped only on the Carefree Highway project, but the City will not know whether the funding is approved until late October. He will provide an update at that time.

In response to additional queries, Mr. Davies indicated Jomax Trail was elevated for drainage purposes, though the pictures included in the presentation were not representative of the exact location of that work. No additional asphalt was added or uncovered.

#### **5. Appoint a Paths & Trails Subcommittee Vice-Chair**

Chair Miller pointed out Vice-Chair Wilcoxon's term has expired, and a new Vice-Chair is needed. Commissioner Marmon expressed interest in the position.

VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON MOVED THAT COMMISSIONER MARMON BE APPOINTED TO THE ROLE OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER CARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MILLER, VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON, AND COMMISSIONERS CARDELLA, DAVIS, KAUFTHEIL, MARMON, AND PANKIEWICZ VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

#### **Adjournment**

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER KAUFTHEIL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY VOICE VOTE. CHAIR MILLER, VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON, AND COMMISSIONERS CARDELLA, DAVIS, KAUFTHEIL, MARMON, AND PANKIEWICZ VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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