



APPROVED
SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2026
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilcoxon called the meeting of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kerry Wilcoxon, Chair
Emmie Cardella, Vice-Chair
Robert Marmon
Mailen Pankiewicz
Lee Kauftheil
Kyle Davis
Bob Baker

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
John Hoang, Senior Traffic Engineering Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment, nor were any written comments submitted.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Wilcoxon requested that "Chair Weller" on page 3 be changed to his reflect his proper title.

COMMISSIONER KAUFTHEIL MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 20, 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 WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, DAVIS, AND BAKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. MINUTES ARE APPROVED.

2. Approval of the Annual Transportation Commission Report

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu pointed out an error in the report, noting that nine meetings were held, not eight. She reviewed the different subjects that were addressed in the report.

Member Davis noted his attendance should reflect seven meetings, not one. Additionally, it was pointed out that Mary Ann Miller only attended eight as she did not attend the November meeting.

COMMISSIONER MARMON MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, DAVIS, AND BAKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Election of Officers

Chair Wilcoxon noted the terms for Chair and Vice-Chair are for one year.

VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA MOVED TO REAPPOINT KERRY WILCOXON AS CHAIR OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MARMON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS AMENDED BY COMMISSIONER KAUFTHEIL TO ALSO REAPPOINT EMMIE CARDELLA AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. THE MOTION CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, DAVIS, AND BAKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. 2026 Transportation Commission Meeting Schedule

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu reminded the Commission that they were required to hold nine meetings a year, but they must take action on when those meetings would be held. After a brief discussion about the timing of the Transportation Safety Plan, it was determined that meetings would not be held in March, July, or December, which Mr. Domme stated would be fine for staff.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MOVED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION NOT HOLD MEETINGS IN MARCH, JULY, OR DECEMBER. COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, DAVIS, AND BAKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Scottsdale Trolley Paint Color Change

Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Why Now; Scottsdale Trolley History; 2013 Models; 2017 Model; 2018 Model; 2020 Model; Similarities to Valley Metro Colors; Observed Impacts; Caution:

Tempe Orbits Exterior; Standardize: Identify, Wayfinding, and Marketing; Recommendation: Standard Color Palette; Base Color Design and Schedule; Blue + White; Civic Blue + White; Demin Blue + Gray; Civic Blue + Gray; All Gray; All White; Vinyl Wrap vs. Paint/Decals; and Collaboration with Scottsdale Arts.

Mr. Domme noted the City's trolley service is free while Valley Metro's system is a pay system. He said a decision will need to be made about whether to repaint old buses to match the new fleet since many of them will be approaching their end of life. He recommended against using all-white buses with wraps. He sought approval from the Commission of the standardization of the exterior paint colors as well as the blue/white/gray scheme, adding that staff would return to the Commission in February with different paint styles. He was open to suggestions about colors.

In response to Commissioner questions, he said the idea to differentiate Scottsdale's trolleys from other bus services was not based on public feedback. Ridership was trending up, he noted, and changes to routes are being considered to increase ridership. Commissioner Marmon expressed support for the gold Scottsdale decal shown during the presentation.

Commissioner Kauftheil expressed a preference for denim blue and gray. He hoped the new buses would come with racks that could accommodate three bikes. He wondered whether keeping certain bus designs on certain routes was possible. Mr. Domme said the City was currently limited by the size of its fleet, though that might be fixed when more buses were purchased. He hoped to be able to extend the life of some buses so the fleet could be expanded beyond 17 when the new buses arrived.

Commissioner Baker added his support for the denim blue and gray color scheme. Mr. Domme noted that the agreement with the vendor allows the City three paint colors. Commissioner Baker agreed with the denim blue and gray color scheme, though he wanted to keep the gold accents featured on older trolleys. Mr. Domme spoke about the challenges in maintaining wood paneling.

Responding to additional questions, Mr. Domme noted the last five buses purchased were compressed natural gas buses, and staff has not explored EV buses at this time. Member Pankiewicz wanted a color scheme that immediately identified the trolleys as belonging to Scottsdale. Mr. Domme said that was the intent of the color change. He clarified that discussions about the specific appearance of buses would take place at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the standardization and the color scheme of denim blue and gray, seconded by Commissioner Baker. Vice-Chair Cardella proposed an amendment adding white as part of the color scheme, seconded by Commissioner Marmon. After a brief discussion, it was decided to vote on the amended motion.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE SCOTTDALE TROLLEY EXTERIOR PAINT SCHEME FOR THE ENTIRE FLEET AND TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE TRADITIONAL PALETTE OF DENIM BLUE, GRAY, AND WHITE AS THE BASELINE PAINT SCHEME. COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, DAVIS, AND BAKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

6. Projects and Programs Update

Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Focal Points of the TAP; All Projects Location; Capacity Improvements; Loop 101 Completion; Aesthetics and Landscaping Improvements; Capacity and Active Transportation Improvements; Old Town Pavement Preservation; 2nd Street Roadway Improvements; Repaving and Restriping Program Improvements; Trail improvements in 2025; New Inventories; Cycle the Arts; and Local Area Infrastructure Plans.

Commissioner Kauftheil provided an example of an situation where a contractor did not repaint a marking after paving was complete. Senior Traffic Engineering Manager John Hoang stated that was intentional due to the nature of the bike detection system. He added that the City will either use both markings and signs, or neither. Commissioner Kauftheil expressed his support for markings denoting when cyclists should remain to the left of turn bays. Mr. Hoang said the City was considering different options for those areas, including bigger bike symbols.

Responding to additional questions, Mr. Domme indicated that design was being completed on the 68th Street sidewalk project, which will be followed by one more outreach effort for residents. Chair Wilcoxon thought that project was a good example of government listening to citizen requests to make a road better for them.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER KAUFTHEIL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 15, 2026, TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING. VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY VOICE VOTE. CHAIR WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, DAVIS, AND BAKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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