



**APPROVED
SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, February 19, 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 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kerry Wilcoxon, Chair
Emmie Cardella, Vice-Chair
Robert Marmon (via Teams)
Mailen Pankiewicz
Lee Kauftheil
Bob Baker

ABSENT: Kyle Davis

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu indicated there were no written comments.

Mr. Carl Whaley spoke about his professional and educational history pertaining to transportation systems and walkability. He discussed the decrease in privately owned vehicles since 2006, opining that walking is the glue that holds transportation systems together. He felt there were numerous barriers facing pedestrians in Old Town Scottsdale and offered to lead a walking audit for that area.

Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme replied that staff conducted several walking audits as part of its Safety Plan evaluation, but it could explore doing more.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER KAUFTHEIL MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 15, 2026, TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, AND BAKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. MINUTES ARE APPROVED.

2. Appoint New Commissioner to the Paths & Trails Subcommittee

Chair Wilcoxon stated the appointment to the subcommittee would be for one year, and meetings are held the first Thursday of every other month starting in February. Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu said this appointment would fill Commissioner Kauftheil's seat, not Commissioner Marmon's.

No Commissioners expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee. Ms. Conklu said she would speak with the City Clerk to see if Commissioner Kauftheil can remain on the subcommittee. Commissioner Pankiewicz wanted more information about the commitment. Ms. Conklu responded that Paths & Trails Subcommittee agendas are similar in length to Transportation Commission agendas, and they try to keep the meetings within the same time frames as well, though discussion about paths and trails were more detailed than comparable Transportation Commission discussions. Ms. Conklu said she would also investigate whether former Commissioners could serve on the subcommittee again.

3. Scottsdale Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Update

Felicia Beltran, ADA/Title VI Compliance Coordinator, conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles or descriptions: ADA Transition Plan Requirements; Scottsdale ADA Transition Plan; Transition Plan Elements; Official Responsible for Implementation; ADA Public Notice; Standards for Accessibility; Inventory of Barriers; Development of a Geographic Information System...; dashboard snapshot; Public Participation Conducted; Timelines for ADA Transition Plan Barrier Removals; Prioritization Considerations; Funding Source Considerations; Timeline for Transition Plan Removal of all Barriers; Transition Plan Monitoring; and Next Steps.

Ms. Beltran explained that the ADA Transition Plan ensures that everyone has access to services, programs, and activities, helping ensure Scottsdale's success as a tourist destination. The key role of the Commission is to provide input on the plan and promote it to the public to hopefully obtain even more input.

Responding to Commissioner questions, Ms. Beltran stated the census does not provide statistics on what percentage of the population has some type of ADA need, but scholarly articles estimate 20 percent. She indicated that public input about ADA needs comes in many forms, including phone calls, responses to Scottsdale's notices to the public, and through direct interactions between City departments and the public.

Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme remarked that the City has a sidewalk layer on its GIS program, though it is not always up-to-date. Staff is working on a layer that would highlight areas where developers are required to install sidewalks. Ms. Beltran emphasized the importance of keeping data like that up-to-date, though there will be a requirement in the ADA Transition Plan

to interface with the GIS system, which should help.

Mr. Domme did not believe the City has light detection and ranging data showing ramps that are prone to flooding. He spoke about how ramps are brought into compliance through the pavement program. Ms. Beltran added that the GIS system will include a feature through which the public can report flooding or inaccessibility. Regarding the shape of ramps at intersections, she said ADA standards describe how to ensure physical ramps can be installed even with space constraints.

With respect to Commissioner Pankiewicz's queries, Ms. Beltran said the City follows ADA regulations by having safe, ADA-compliant alternate routes available during closures due to construction. Mr. Domme recognized there were probably times where the City could have been better about that in the past. Commissioner Pankiewicz clarified she meant more about signage guiding people to a safe path and standardization of barriers between traffic and people. Senior Traffic Engineering Manager John Hoang said the City follows the City of Phoenix's Traffic Barricade Manual, and he described how pedestrians are rerouted well in advance of any closures.

Chair Wilcoxon pointed out the City has numerous abandoned driveway cuts which present barriers, and the City should consider returning unused features back to normal. He wondered whether the Arizona Department of Transportation could provide information about the number of disabled parking licenses owned by Scottsdale residents. Responding to the Chair's questions, Mr. Hoang said the City is exploring audible warnings and passive detection for rectangular rapid-flashing beacons. Ms. Beltran and Mr. Domme both indicated they had not heard about any injuries to disabled persons, only accessibility complaints. Ms. Beltran added that audible equipment was part of the self-evaluation, so staff will learn about its inventory.

Commissioner Pankiewicz spoke about the institutional barrier caused when sidewalks buckle and the equipment needed to address that. Ms. Beltran said the City follows standards for sidewalks in compliance with ADA. Mr. Domme added that the City has the ability to repair sidewalk buckling.

4. 78th Street and Gold Dust Traffic Calming Update

Senior Traffic Engineer Helayne Dominguez conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Background; Transportation Commission Meeting on 9/18/25; Location Characteristics; Intersection Characteristics; COS Guidelines...; Data Collection; Pedestrian Crossing Evaluation; Evaluation Results; and Possible Action. She noted a correction that a bicyclist was involved in the collision at 78th Street and Gold Dust Avenue, not a pedestrian.

Responding to Commissioner questions, Ms. Dominguez indicated that the pedestrian volume counted in the study included anyone crossing the street regardless of their mode of mobility. She explained the differences between speed humps, speed cushions, and speed tables. She stated the original request from the public had no mention of a crosswalk; their intent was always to have stop control at that intersection. She noted pedestrians were tracked from a Tuesday to a Thursday, allowing for two morning peak-time and two afternoon peak-time evaluations; the peak hour referenced in the study occurred on October 15. Commissioner Pankiewicz wondered whether pedestrian counts would be higher on weekends. Ms. Dominguez felt this neighborhood would have a particularly high morning peak count at this time of year, but further evaluation could be considered. Commissioner Pankiewicz thought that would be a good idea.

Chair Wilcoxon said the belief was that the road was being used as a cut-through, which prompted residents to mention it. He believed a crosswalk would not be necessary, though he encouraged the City to reevaluate traffic counts once the speed limit has been reduced and the speed cushions

installed to see if the cut-through problem was addressed. Discussion ensued about staff's recommendation and the Commission's potential motions.

Noting the intersection's score of 28, Commissioner Kauftheil expressed support for a high-visibility crosswalk. Ms. Dominguez reiterated that staff would be open to reevaluating the crossing, including consideration of weekend pedestrian volumes, once the changes had been implemented. Mr. Hoang indicated the design was nearing completion, and staff intended to conduct an after-study, so Saturday pedestrian counts could be considered at that time. Commissioner Baker expressed support for implementing the changes and then evaluating whether additional measures were needed. Commissioner Pankiewicz thought it was important to ask the community which days they saw the most foot traffic.

COMMISSIONER KAUFTHEIL MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION THAT NO ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN TREATMENT IS NEEDED AT THE INTERSECTION OF 78TH STREET AND GOLD DUST AVENUE, PROVIDED THAT A REASSESSMENT IS CONDUCTED TO SEE WHETHER AN ENHANCED CROSSWALK IS NEEDED AT THAT POINT. COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, AND BAKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Projects and Programs Update

Senior Transportation Planner Greg Davies conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: 2nd Street Roadway Improvements; Cactus Trail Enhancement Project; 68th Street Sidewalk; Indian Bend Wash Path Renovations; Dirt Road Paving; Pima Road: Via Linda to McDowell; April Bike Month; Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day; and Cycle the Arts.

Responding to Commissioner Kauftheil's suggestion to use parking spaces to separate bike lanes from vehicle traffic, Mr. Davies said the constraints on 2nd Street made that unrealistic, though removing the parking and installing a buffered bike lane could be an option. There was a plan to build a garage at Brown Avenue and 2nd Street which could alleviate parking concerns. Commissioner Kauftheil encouraged staff to continue doing projects like the Indian Bend Wash Path to mitigate washed out dirt. He expressed concern about the detours for bikes on Pima Road and wanted that aspect to be prioritized. Discussion ensued regarding the Cycle the Arts logo.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER KAUFTHEIL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026, TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING. COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR WILCOXON, VICE-CHAIR CARDELLA, AND COMMISSIONERS MARMON, PANKIEWICZ, KAUFTHEIL, 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 6:47 p.m.

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