



A G E N D A

City of Flagstaff TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

5:00 PM, Wednesday February 7th , 2018

City Hall – City Council Chambers
211 W. Aspen Avenue

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CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSION MEMBERS, voting:

Bob Kuhn, Flagstaff Unified School District-**Present**
Julie Leid-**Present**
Erika Mazza, NAIPTA-**Present**
Bob Mullen
Vacant
Gary Robbins, Chair-**Present**
Derik Spice, Vice-Chair

COMMISSION MEMBERS, non-voting:

Lt. Frank Higgins, Flagstaff Police Department
Jeff Bauman, Traffic Engineer

CITY STAFF:

Rita Severson, Recording Secretary

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within the Commission's jurisdiction that is not on this meeting's agenda. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commissioners may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

Abel Estrella approached the Commission about the barricade located in Sunnyside at 2nd Ave. and Izabel. Mr. Estrella told the Commission that this barricade was installed in 2001 and it was his understanding that it would be removed after the completion of 6th street paving because a barricade would then be installed on 6th St and Izabel. Mr. Estrella's home backs up to the barricade on 2nd Ave. and Izabel and it does restrict his ability to access the back of his home. Mr. Estrella also gave each of the Commissioners a packet for them to review it included the history of the 2nd Ave. and Izabel barricade. Mr. Estrella said that he knew the Commission did complete a public outreach and discussion regarding the 2nd Ave. and Izabel barricade in September of 2016 but unfortunately, he was unable to attend the meeting and provide his input.

Chair Robbins made a motion to have the 2nd Ave and Izabel item put on a future agenda, Commissioner Leid suggested to addend the motion to also allow time for the Commission to review the packet given to them by Mr. Estrella. Commissioner Leid also added that the item should only be a discussion item to decide if the Commission would like to reconsider the previous decision by the Commission to leave the barricade on 2nd Ave and Izabel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhn. All in favor, motion passed.

Phillip Nackard also participated in the public comment, Mr. Nackard shared with the Commission some of his ideas regarding the Lone Tree overpass and the Phoenix Ave left turn options.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of January 3, 2018

Commissioner Leid made a motion to approve the January 3, 2018 minutes as submitted, motion seconded by Commissioner Mazza, all in favor, minutes of January 3, 2018 were approved.

There was a motion to reorder the agenda to hear item III. A. New Business before II A. Old Business, all in favor to reorder the agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. City of Flagstaff – Citizens Transportation Tax Commission Update

The City of Flagstaff City Council created a new Commission – the Citizens Transportation Tax Commission. The purpose of this Commission is to create the project list and ballot language for the proposed renewal of the City's Transportation Tax in November 2018. The current Transportation Tax (Transportation Tax 2000) sunsets on June 30, 2020.

The Commission has 15 members, 14 at-large and 1 as an appointee from the Transportation Commission. The Commission started meeting in September 2017 and will continue through March 2018.

At the August 2017 Transportation Commission meeting, voting members of the commission chose Julie Leid as their representative to the newly formed Citizens Transportation Tax Commission, and Gary Robbins as alternate representative.

The CTTC has met three Mondays in a row and this meeting is an opportunity to update the Transportation Commission on the CTTC's progress and receive feedback on some of the project scoring and funding decisions that are being discussed.

Staff Recommendation: Informational Update – No Formal Action Requested, but consensus and direction from the TC back to the CTTC is requested.

David Wessel the City's FMPO Manager gave the Commission this an update on prior CTTC meetings and topics for the future meetings.

Discussion in the last three meetings included: Mutli and Intermodal, traffic volumes, congestion and level of service, transit planning, growth vs investment, streets performance, mode share by area, ridership on the Mountain Line, future conditions, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process, evaluation of projects, the 20-year plan from the RTP process and system performance with investment through the RTP. The CTTC also heard from other stakeholders regarding their needs which included NAU and their future enrollment, the City's Comprehensive Planning Program regarding the High Occupancy Housing (HOH), NAIPTA regarding their capital needs including the 5-year plan and future 20-year plan, multi modal which includes FUTS and sidewalks, the City's Engineering Section regarding continued efforts of the traffic management program and project ranking regarding job growth of retail and manufacturing improvements.

The CTTC then was tasked with each Commissioner to identify their top five projects that was then compiled into a list with the cost of the projects. The project list totaled 412 million that would needed to be reduced down to a 158-million-dollar budget and would needed to be presented to Council by March 31st.

Commissioner Leid told the Transportation Commission that she didn't participate in the submitting the top five projects during the last CTTC meeting. Since she was representing

the Transportation Commission she wanted to get from this Commission their top projects from the list.

Commissioner Kuhn said he would like to see the projects that open the South end of Flagstaff in the top five to help avoid Flagstaff getting shut off, Chair Robbins and Commissioner Mazza also agreed with this as a priority. Commissioner Mazza added that she supports the Lone Tree Corridor and the bridge and believes there will be opportunities with partners to help support the build out of John Wesley Powell. She continued to add that she supports the high frequency transit which can be the best way to contribute to the affordability of Flagstaff to help household reduce their need for multi vehicles and with the reduction of vehicle monthly payment it would in turn increase the households buying power for a home in Flagstaff.

Commissioner Leid told the Commission that surveys of Flagstaff voters have indicated that the voters prefer choices when voting and with that in mind maybe the ballot could include groups of projects allowing a voter to pick their preferred option. The options would include some larger projects and lower cost projects and projects that would benefit and impact the entire City and not just particular areas.

With time running out before the Commission would lose quorum they decided to work through the City's Transportation Engineer to submit a list of projects for Commissioner Leid to present to the CTTC at the next meeting which would properly represent the Transportation Commission's priorities.

B. Transportation Tax 2000 Updates

The City of Flagstaff Capital Improvements Program is continuing to refine the last few years of the Transportation Tax 2000 budget and work program. This is an update discussion on the current status of the Transportation Tax 2000 work program.

Staff Recommendation: Informational Update and Discussion – No Formal Action is Requested

Because of the lack of quorum this item wasn't discussed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. City of Flagstaff – Bike Share Program

The City of Flagstaff Sustainability program has been working with a Bike Share service provider that looks to be coming to Flagstaff this calendar year.

Staff Recommendation: Informational Update from staff – No Action Requested

David McIntire the City's Community Investment Director and Nicole Woodman the City's Sustainability Manager approached the Commission to give the details of the Bike Share Program.

Nicole Woodman shared with the Commission that the benefits for this program would include public health, traffic and parking reductions and a community identity component. The type of models available include the traditional model which would include the need for infrastructure for docking the bikes, this would require a cost to the public entities. There are also models available that wouldn't require docking stations and infrastructure which is the model that the City has chosen to do a pilot program with, this model will rely on smart technology.

David McIntire told the Commission that the pilot program also included meeting with stakeholders such as NAU, NAIPTA and the County to help create the right structure for the City of Flagstaff to get the most out of the benefits. This program will have an exclusive license with a company called SPIN. The license would allow the company to use City identified right of ways within the community where the bikes could be stationed there will be restrictions in some areas. The insurance and liability would be the responsibility of the company. The cost to the City would be inspections for bike safety and to ensure the company is conforming to the City's regulations for biking in the community. The bikes would be spread throughout the City with an estimate of 200-300 bikes to begin the pilot program. The bikes would be rented through a smart phone app like the UBER app. SPIN would be responsible for deployment and redeployment of bikes to and from areas inappropriate or areas that have a higher demand within the community. SPIN will also be collecting data for the City which would include demand, redeployment and maintenance. The bikes being supplied through SPIN are durable with efficient technology. David also shared information regarding the smart phone app and how it would work which includes the ability for the user to rate the previous users. David told the Commission that the timeline includes an update to Council on Feb 26th for their input and then a license agreement signed in March and looking to launch the pilot program in March or April.

Nicole added that after the six-month pilot the City will analyze the data and return to the stakeholders including this Commission to receive feedback from the community. After all the feedback and data are reviewed the City would then determine if the best solution would be to license several vendors or to request a QSI for one company to continue the program.

David and Nicole asked if there were any questions from the Commission.

Chair Robbins asked about the bike wars, he understood that some communities have more than one bike company within their community and that is creating a bike war, Chair Robbins asked how bike wars happen and the best way to avoid them. David said yes that has mostly happened in communities that decide not to regulate their right of

ways and allowed private companies to come in and supply the bike service. This is one of the reasons the City of Flagstaff decided to do the pilot program with an exclusive license so the City can regulate the right of ways.

Commissioner Mazza told them that she is very supportive of bike share programs and have used them in other cities, she also asked if the SPIN company will offer other rental options such as half or full day rentals instead of just the half hour increments. David said that they have meet with the local bike shops in the community and they are supportive of the SPIN license because they only offer the short-term rent, the local bike shops offer the half and full day rentals which would make the SPIN noncompetitive to them.

Commissioner Kuhn asked about the vehicle parking inventory, will there be decreased in vehicle parking to accommodate the bike parking. David said that in reality they are looking to increase the vehicle parking inventory through this program, in the downtown area there should be several areas to contain the bike parking without utilizing the vehicle parking areas.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Reports

1. Report from the Bicycle Advisory Committee:

<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=1822>

2. Report from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=1824>

B. Informational Items to/from Commissioners and Staff

1. Commissioner Discussion
2. Membership Vacancies

<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?NID=1886>

C. Next Meeting

1. **Regular Meeting: April 4, 2018**

Tentative Agenda Items:

1. Citizens Transportation Tax Commission – update

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.