



APPROVED
SUMMARIZED MINUTES

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE**

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 8:30 a.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Subcommittee members as noted below.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Donald Anderson, Chair – Transportation Commission
William Levie, Subcommittee Member
Kent Lall, Commissioner – Transportation Commission
Kyle Davis, Subcommittee Member

ABSENT: Teresa Kim Hayes-Quale, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF: Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager
Kyle Lofgren, Staff Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Anderson called for modifications and approval of the minutes. One correction was made.

COMMISSIONER LALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2022 MEETING AS PRESENTED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 4-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER LALL, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS DESIGN ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the program. Priority is given to projects with connectivity on the regional network and projects that increase walking and biking. The program provides concept level designs and early public outreach as well as a feasibility study. It is fully funded through MAG and utilizes their on-call consultants. No local match is required. Participation does not ensure funding for future design and construction.

For Fiscal Year 2023, Scottsdale submitted two projects, including:

- 64th Street Crossing Study at Thomas and Indian School Roads
- Central Arizona Project Canal/100th Street Path

Specific project details, scoring, approval process and next steps were reviewed. MAG's prioritized project listing includes the 64th Street Crossing Study at Thomas and Indian School Roads. Final approval of the prioritized project listing was given at the September 28, 2022 Regional Council Meeting. The Central Arizona Project Canal fell below final cutoff for available funding. The City will work with MAG to select a consultant for the 64th Street Crossing Study. Projects not selected are eligible to apply for closeout funding with a 20 percent match requirement.

Chair Anderson inquired as to the cost for the 64th Street design. Ms. Conklu said that the full cost estimate is not known at this time.

Chair Anderson referenced the 100th Street project and asked about the City's intent to move forward with MAG funding. Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager, said it is a fairly high priority project and he believes the City would attempt to find the funds necessary to get a conceptual design underway. The project could also be resubmitted to MAG next year, and as it nearly made the cut this time around, chances are good that funding would be provided.

Subcommittee Member Davis asked whether scrambles will be considered. Ms. Conklu said that Traffic Engineering has indicated that there is not sufficient volume to have scrambles. Mr. Meinhart stated that this was discussed during the initial study, however, due to operational challenges with traffic, it was not pursued.

3. THUNDERBIRD TRAIL

Ms. Conklu provided a brief background on the project, which was included in the 2022 Transportation Action Plan trail elements. It is located at the north side of Thunderbird Road from

76th Street to 83rd Street within City right-of-way. It connects to existing trails along Thunderbird Road, Northsight Park and Loop 101.

The project is in line with the following goals:

- Goal TR-1 Develop an effective and connected multi-modal transportation system with the integration of trails
- Goal TR-3 Provide improved trail connectivity within neighborhoods and access to schools and parks

A review of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the trail was provided and photographs were reviewed.

In response to a question from Chair Anderson, Ms. Conklu confirmed that there is a channel north of the trail that lies outside of the right-of-way. It is maintained by property owners to the north and there is no access from commercial onto the trail.

Ms. Conklu stated that public notification letters were issued in March and September. Staff recommends moving forward with construction of the current trail design when the City's on-call contractor has availability. The Transportation Commission will receive this update at its November 17th, 2022 meeting.

Subcommittee Member Levie asked about consideration for connecting the trails on the west and east side of Hayden. Mr. Meinhart said this has been discussed. Ramps are being constructed to improve access in the area. There must be enough demand to warrant action. The first step would be a rapid flashing beacon and crosswalk. Discussion ensued regarding specific widths and parameters of various trail locations as well as equestrian access and right-of-way details.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE MOVED TO RECOMMEND MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CURRENT TRAIL DESIGN AS IT IS AND BRING THE RECOMMENDATION FORWARD TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 4-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER LALL, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAM STATUS

Ms. Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided updates on the following programs and projects:

- Indian Bend Wash Path Renovation
- Osborn Road Complete Street
- 68 Street Complete Street: Thomas Road to Indian School Road

5. SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following topics were identified for future agenda items:

- Location for protected bike lane
- Grant overview

- Trail maintenance outreach update
- Vision Zero
- Equestrian connectivity

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Subcommittee member Davis and seconded by Subcommittee Member Levie, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

AYES: Chair Anderson, Subcommittee Member Davis, Commissioner Lall, Subcommittee Member Levie

NAYS: None

SUBMITTED BY:

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