

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

HELD ON September 20, 2016

TAB Members Present

Troy Peterson, Chairperson
Kay Henry, Vice Chairperson
Dave Bergner
Michael Book
David Camp
Jennifer Love
Ron Wilson
Mike Schmidt
Vern Mathern
Ian Murray

TAB Members Absent

Louis Stephen

Others Present

Sabine Ellis
Al Zubi
Ray Yparraguirre
Erik Guderian
Lt. Gina Nesbit
Mark Venti
Brian Shamburger

Chairperson Troy Peterson called the September 20, 2016 Transportation Advisory Board meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Item 1. Approval of the minutes of the Transportation Advisory Board meeting held on July 19, 2016.

Board Member Mike Schmidt motioned to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Ron Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Items from citizen present

None.

Item 3. Hear a presentation and discuss the City of Mesa Transportation Department Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Prioritization Plan.

Mark Venti, Senior Transportation Engineer, introduced himself, Ray Yparraguirre and Brian Shamburger from Kimley-Horn. Mr. Yparraguirre explained that the presentation this evening is a continuation of the July presentation. Mr. Yparraguirre presented the Board with information regarding pedestrian facilities in more detail. Mr. Yparraguirre discussed pedestrian signal facility features, sidewalk and curb ramp facility features, and cross streets and driveway facility features. He explained that data will be collected on each feature to assist with prioritization.

Brian Shamburger then discussed the prioritization plan, providing detailed guidance on what elements are gathered for data collection and how the data is collected. He explained that there are certain criteria that has to be met to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Mr. Shamburger covered the step required to effectively collect data,

explaining each feature that needs to be evaluated. He went on to explain that the goal of the ADA plan is to prioritize areas based on risk. He reiterated the importance of understanding current conditions in an effort to develop a plan to alleviate issues that exist in problem areas. Mr. Shamburger discussed the ways in which to gather data collection, often times requiring field inspections in addition to specific technologies. He explained that the City will need to evaluate the technology available to determine what would best suit the need. He went on to discuss the methods used to prioritize improvements based on ADA. He explained that the Department of Justice does not have a specific method of prioritization that the City is required to follow.

Mr. Venti explained that a prioritization matrix is being developed to give the City a way to pinpoint and objectively score each facility in an effort to prioritize and schedule projects that need to be completed.

Mr. Shamburger explained that the matrix includes a list of barriers and challenges and selecting those locations that need to be addressed first. The matrix provides several categories to allow for better scoring to ensure the decision being made is the best for that area. Kimley-Horn in conjunction with City of Mesa Staff will work through developing a matrix that will help score improvements and generate a prioritization list which will be included in the final Plan.

Mr. Venti explained the schedule to the Board. The second draft has been reviewed and City Staff are working with Kimley-Horn on addressing and resolving comments made. The comments will be addressed by the end of September 2016 and will be circulated to other City Staff to finalize. The Plan should be finalized by the end of October and another presentation will be made to the Board.

Board Member Dave Bergner asked what the specific criteria entailed.

Mr. Shamburger explained the specific requirements for compliance, describing the specified guidelines and standards that have been issued to guide data collection. He explained that a data collection form will be shared with the City and the information collected will be put into a database and evaluated.

Board Member David Camp asked if obstructions would be evaluated as well.

Mr. Shamburger said they would and went on to describe common obstructions one may find in the various features that protrude into the pedestrian environment.

Board Member Ron Wilson asked if asphalt conditions were evaluated as part of the inspections.

Mr. Shamburger explained that pavement condition would be evaluated along the pedestrian routes, including transitions from curb ramp to pavement, crosswalk locations, and that improvements would be suggested along with identified costs. He explained that the plan would include elements related to the entire pedestrian route.

Vice Chairperson Kay Henry asked for confirmation that new development has incorporated ADA compliant features. She went on to inquire how we are going to address complaints regarding existing features in the pedestrian route.

Mr. Venti explained the system of asset management the Transportation Department employs to track complaints as well as a series of options the public has to submit complaints through various web tools, telephone hotlines, and other departments. He went on to confirm that the Plan will help prioritize projects that need to be addressed, though there is no federally mandated timeline.

Board Member Michael Book asked how long the plan will be in place before another update is necessary.

Mr. Shamburger explained that the plan is intended to be a living document. Guidance from the federal level suggests that the plan should be updated at least every four years, however it may need to be updated as often as every year depending on what is completed.

Board Member Book inquired as to how long it would be before another network inspection would be done.

Mr. Venti explained that the City is implementing the process to satisfy the formal document requirement as outlined by the ADA. He went on to state that the other opportunity afforded as part of this process is to educate the City on how to start the process of inspection. He explained that the goal is to begin inspections at the start of the next budget year. The Plan will give the City an idea of how much it will cost to upgrade existing features and will become a living document.

Board Member Book inquired about the public comment process of the plan and whether or not public comments would be included in the original plan.

Mr. Venti and Mr. Shamburger explained the Plan will have a public involvement process and public comments would be incorporated into the plan where appropriate.

Board Member David Camp asked how complaints are being logged and how people find out about where to go and how to file a complaint.

Mr. Venti explained the existing methods of complaint filing and went on to state that a more concerted effort will be executed once the plan has been developed. Transportation Department Deputy Director Erik Guderian explained that the City's Civil Rights group is going to do a Citywide ADA transition plan update next year and the Transportation Department will partner with them on that.

Chairperson Troy Peterson thanked the Board and invited further questions. As there were none, Chairperson Peterson asked Staff to update the date on the Information Update on Recent Council Action related to the Sossaman Road speed limit change. The Agenda stated that the City Council introduced an ordinance to implement the recommendation of the July 19, 2016 Transportation Advisory Board meeting, yet the recommendation was given at the June 21, 2016 Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.