

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

APPROVED

HELD ON May 15, 2018

The Transportation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Lower Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

<u>TAB Members Present</u>	<u>TAB Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Kay Henry, Chairperson	Ian Murray	Sabine Ellis
Michael Book	Dave Bergner	Al Zubi
Jennifer Love	Ryan Wozniak	Ryan Hudson
Ron Wilson		Gina Nesbit
Michael Schmidt, Vice Chairperson		Erik Guderian
David Camp		Polly Bonnett
Vern Mathern		
Sam Gatton		

Chairperson Kay Henry called the May 15, 2018 Transportation Advisory Board meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Item 1. Approval of the minutes of the Transportation Advisory Board meeting held on March 20, 2018.

It was moved by Board Member Vern Mathern, seconded by Board Member Mike Schmidt, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Henry – Book – Love – Wilson – Schmidt – Camp – Mathern – Gatton

NAYS – None

Item 2. Acknowledge outgoing Board Members Kay Henry and Michael Schmidt.

Chairperson Kay Henry and Board Member Michael Schmidt announced that this would be their last board meeting.

Item 3. Acknowledge new Board Member Sam Gatton.

Board Members went around the table introducing themselves. Board Member Sam Gatton then introduced himself to the Board.

Item 4. Annual election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson Kay Henry asked if there were any nominations for Chairperson. Board Members David Camp, Ron Wilson and Michael Book were nominated. After totaling votes, it was announced that Board Member David Camp would serve as the new Chairperson.

Chairperson Kay Henry asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chairperson. Board

Members Ron Wilson and Michael Book were nominated. After totaling votes, it was announced that Board Member Ron Wilson would serve as the new Vice Chairperson.

Item 5. Items from citizens.

None.

Item 6. Hear a presentation and discuss the Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan.

Al Zubi, Supervising Engineer, and Erik Guderian, Deputy Transportation Director, introduced themselves and shared that they would be presenting information on the Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan. Mr. Zubi shared that the Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan will update the 2008 Mesa Gateway Strategic Development Plan and will account for land use and infrastructure development since 2008, forecast 2040 land use development, provide a detailed review of land use within ½ mile radius of the State Route 24 alignment, and provide a Transportation Master Plan for that area based on the updated land use.

Board Member David Camp asked who owned the land east of the study area.

Mr. Zubi shared that the land in question was part of Pinal County and Arizona State Land.

Mr. Zubi continued the presentation and shared that the goal of this plan is to provide modeling of the existing and planned street transportation systems with projected land use to prioritize future transportation projects.

Board Member Ron Wilson asked if staff is looking at the traffic coming into Mesa from the surrounding communities as well as those communities' future growth patterns.

Mr. Zubi shared that the plan will consider those factors and explained that there will be outreach efforts to surrounding communities and jurisdictions.

Mr. Guderian explained that Mesa will use the regional traffic model and a more detailed traffic model specifically focused on the study area.

Board Member David Camp asked if this plan will accommodate future expansion of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

Mr. Zubi shared that the airport has accounted for that in their own planning efforts.

Board Member David Camp noted increased traffic within the airport over the past five years.

Mr. Zubi explained that the airport should have accounted for this within their projections.

Mr. Guderian shared that Mesa will be contacting key stakeholders in the area, including the airport, ASU and DMB, to ensure their growth projections are accurately reflected in the plan.

Board Member Vern Mathern asked if staff was given budget direction for this project.

Mr. Guderian shared that this item came from the Council budget presentation last year and that staff was provided a budget to complete this project.

Board Member Sam Gatton asked if there are additional components Mesa will be looking at with this plan.

Mr. Zubi explained that land use and traffic patterns will be the primary focus of the plan.

Mr. Guderian also shared that this plan will also help to identify street network priority areas.

Board Member Vern Mathern asked how State Route 24 is funded.

Mr. Zubi explained that this is an Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) project funded by the Proposition 400 sales tax through the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG).

Chairperson Kay Henry asked if staff is considering the growth of the Town of Queen Creek.

Mr. Zubi explained that the surrounding communities and stakeholders will be considered.

Mr. Guderian also shared that the Town of Queen Creek recently completed their Transportation Master Plan.

Board Member David Camp asked how light rail will be considered in this plan.

Mr. Zubi explained that light rail is not being considered in this plan because any possible expansions to this area would be much further out in the future.

Board Member Vern Mathern asked if commuter rail is being considered.

Mr. Guderian explained that staff will note the possibility of commuter rail in the plan.

Board Member Michael Book asked if previously established streets will also be looked at in this plan or if it will only focus on new roadways.

Mr. Zubi explained that the plan will look at both.

Board Member David Camp asked what Mesa's anticipated population will be in twenty years.

Mr. Guderian explained that he does not have an accurate number for population growth, especially in the study area.

Board Member David Camp expressed concern for population growth in the study area and how it may affect the transportation system.

Mr. Guderian explained that the City of Mesa has already identified sections within the study area that are zoned commercial and office to ensure future development is not just residential.

Board Member Michael Book shared that autonomous vehicles and enhanced technology will likely mitigate some of the previously discussed traffic concerns.

Chairperson Kay Henry thanked Mr. Zubi and Mr. Guderian for the presentation.

Item 7. Hear a presentation and discuss Imagine Mesa Update.

Polly Bonnett, Executive Manager, introduced herself and shared that she would be giving an update on the Imagine Mesa campaign, and provided background on the campaign as well as the Imagine Mesa Advisory Committee who evaluated the ideas and made recommendations to City Council.

Ms. Bonnett explained that ideas were submitted under different categories including: At Play, At Home, Green Future, At Work and Innovation. Ms. Bonnett then briefly shared the top ideas for each category that were recommended to Council by the Imagine Mesa Advisory Committee and the staff responses associated with each idea.

Ms. Bonnett shared that the recommended ideas for At Play were a Sports Complex, an expanded bike and pedestrian trail system, and park features continuing the 2012 bond. She also shared that the recommended ideas for At Home were proactive Code Compliance Officers, control efforts for Feral Cats, and additional Police Officers.

Ms. Bonnett continued the presentation and shared that the recommended ideas for Green Future were an extension of the public transit system to the Superstition Springs Mall, the introduction of a composting facility, and extended bulk trash pick-up. She also shared that the recommended ideas for At Work and Innovation were an Innovation District and Technology Committee, build a STEAM center with an observatory on Las Sendas Mountain, and the creation of a Restaurant Innovation District.

Board Member David Camp asked if an observatory would still be considered in the future.

Ms. Bonnett explained that the City of Mesa does not own Las Sendas Mountain and is not able to build on the mountain; however, Mesa is looking for other ways to implement STEAM initiatives throughout Mesa.

Board Member David Camp shared that this idea originated with him and expressed his support for continued efforts to pursue a STEAM center with an observatory on Las Sendas Mountain.

Board Member David Camp asked what the intent is behind a Restaurant Innovation District.

Ms. Bonnett explained that, to the best of her knowledge, the thought behind this idea was more of a restaurant incubator for small micro-restaurant concepts to start their operation.

Ms. Bonnett continued the presentation and gave an overview of the existing City of Mesa projects that were mentioned as ideas during the Imagine Mesa campaign that the Imagine Mesa Advisory Committee supported. She also shared some details about the ideas that Imagine Mesa Advisory Committee considered Honorable Mentions.

Board Member David Camp asked what follow-up staff plans to do on submitted ideas.

Ms. Bonnett explained that she was not aware on exactly how the follow-up will occur, since she is currently no longer actively involved with the project.

Chairperson Kay Henry thanked Ms. Bonnett for the presentation.

Chairperson Kay Henry thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.