

Phoenix City Council
Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning (TIP) Subcommittee
Summary Minutes
November 19, 2025

City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona

Subcommittee Members Present

Councilwoman Debra Stark, Chair
Councilman Jim Waring
Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington
Councilman Kevin Robinson

Subcommittee Members Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stark called the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning (TIP) Subcommittee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Councilmembers Kevin Robinson, Kesha Hodge Washington, and Jim Waring present. Councilwoman Hodge Washington attended the meeting virtually.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1. Minutes of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee Meeting

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee meeting. Councilman Waring seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

CONSENT ACTION (ITEMS 2-7)

Items 2-7 were for consent action. No presentations were planned, but staff was available to answer questions.

Councilman Waring made a motion to approve consent items 2-7. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

2. New Facility Lease Agreement with AGI Ground, Inc. At Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

3. Access Agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. For Groundwater and Soil Vapor Well Monitoring at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

4. Request to Issue Airport Advertising Revenue Contract Solicitation

5. Designated Aviation Channeling Services Award Recommendation

6. Recommendation for Approval of Phil Gordon Threatened Building Grant – Coronado Historic District

7. Recommendation for Approval of Phil Gordon Threatened Building Grant – Dr. J. Eugene and R. Thomasena Grisby House

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEM 8)

8. 2025 Planning and Development Process Improvements Update

Planning and Development Department Director Joshua Bednarek presented this item.

Director Bednarek gave an overview on Planning and Development Department (PDD) operations, turnaround times, process improvements, and budget. Director Bednarek highlighted that customer service surveys and listening sessions have been conducted to ensure community engagement.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEM 9-10)

9. Approval of Planning and Development and Fire Prevention User Fee Increases (Phoenix City Code, Chapter 9 and Chapter 15)

Planning and Development Department Director Joshua Bednarek, Assistant Planning and Development Department Director Adam Miller, and Executive Assistant Fire Chief Tim Kreis presented this item.

Mr. Miller gave an overview of existing user fees, new user fees being proposed, and existing program fees for PDD and the Fire Department.

Chief Kreis highlighted the partnership between PDD and the Fire Department, including joint work on code adoption, building inspections, and building plan reviews.

Mr. Miller presented the department's recommended user fee increase and shared a fee comparison compared to other local Arizona cities.

Chief Kreis presented information on the Special Hazards Unit (SHU) fee, which was last increased in 2003. Chief Kreis also shared information on fire code.

Mr. Miller highlighted community engagement listening sessions that were held to gather input from the community.

John Baumer spoke in support of the fees to increase service levels and staffing levels, for better coordination and more frequent inspections by the City of Phoenix.

Chairwoman Stark thanked John Baumer for expressing support for the fee increase. Chairwoman Stark highlighted conversations she has had with developers in the community and emphasized the importance of continues improvement and ensuring the City continues to deliver high-quality service.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the item. Councilman Waring seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

10. Five-Year Plan High-Visibility Crosswalks Markings and Stop Bars

Street Transportation Director Briiana Velez and Assistant Street Transportation Director Matthew Wilson presented this item.

Director Velez shared information on high visibility crosswalk designs.

Assistant Director Matthew Wilson presented on various categories of roadways and provided a crosswalk inventory overview. Mr. Wilson also presented on their peer city survey on high visibility crosswalks and stop bars. Mr. Wilson presented four options for implementing high visibility crosswalks in Phoenix.

Director Velez recommended Option 3, a seven-year implementation plan for high-visibility crosswalks. This plan includes establishing a new citywide standard to install stop bars at all signalized and stop-controlled intersections that include crosswalks, and to install high-visibility crosswalks at all unsignalized crosswalks and select signalized intersections when replaced.

Councilman Waring asked why thermoplastic is used for striping streets.

Director Velez explained that thermoplastic is needed due to high traffic volume and its better durability, whereas paint would only last around six months.

Councilman Waring asked for information on street striping options other than thermoplastic.

Director Velez shared that the department is considering various options and shared that thermoplastic has been used for many decades.

Councilman Waring asked for staff to gather information on alternative street striping options.

Chairwoman Stark mentioned that she has discussed the creation of an organization for streets similar to Friends of Transit, Friends of the Airport, or Parks Foundation, with the Mayor's Office.

Nicole Rodriguez expressed appreciation for the staff's work on this presentation. She asked staff to consider using T2050 funds in addition to Vision Zero funding as well as

other funds. She expressed support for considering other street striping options for the local and collector roadways. She stated that she is in support of option 3.

Chairwoman Stark expressed the need for further discussion on street design.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington acknowledged community members who advocate for safer streets, expressed appreciation to staff for their research and presentation, and stated her support for option 3.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the item. Councilwoman Hodge Washington seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jerry Van Gasse expressed concerns regarding the prolonged closure of Camelback Mountain trails following storm damage in early October, and noted the limited information provided in a recent press release.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Stark adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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