

ATTACHMENT A

Phoenix City Council Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning (TIP) Subcommittee Summary Minutes February 18, 2026

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

Subcommittee Members Present
Councilwoman Debra Stark, Chair
Councilman Jim Waring
Vice Mayor 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 10:02 a.m. with Councilmembers Kevin Robinson, Jim Waring, and Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee meeting. Councilman Waring seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

CONSENT ACTION (ITEMS 2-3)

Items 2-3 were for consent action. No presentations were planned, but staff were available to answer questions.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve consent items 2-3. Vice Mayor Hodge Washington seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

2. Approval of Historic Preservation Exterior Rehabilitation Grants – District 4

3. Aviation Financial Advisory Services – District 8

INFORMATION ONLY (ITEMS 4-9)

4. Aviation Department Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2030-31 - Citywide

No presentations were planned, but staff were available to answer questions.

5. Parks & Recreation Preliminary Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2030-31 - Citywide

No presentations were planned, but staff were available to answer questions.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Martin Whitfield explained that the Parks Department submitted their 5-year program for their Capital Improvement Projects of around \$21 million.

Jerry Van Gasse expressed concern about the use of 3PI funds for a capital improvement project.

Stephen Brittle expressed concern about the proper use of 3PI funds.

Jeremy Thacker expressed concern about accountability and transparency of 3PI funds and shared his belief that more general fund dollars should go towards the Parks and Recreation Department budget.

Tim Sierakowski expressed concern about the appropriation of 3PI funds and commented on the length of his public records request to see 3PI account information.

6. Public Transit Department Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2030-31 – Citywide

No presentations were planned, but staff were available to answer questions.

7. Public Works Department Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2030-31 - Citywide

No presentations were planned, but staff were available to answer questions.

8. Street Transportation Department Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2030-31 – Citywide

No presentations were planned, but staff were available to answer questions.

9. Water Services Department Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2030-31 – Citywide

No presentations were planned, but staff were available to answer questions.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEM 10)

10. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Citywide

Parks and Recreation Director Martin Whitfield shared that the Parks and Recreation Department has been working for 18 months since September 2024 to create a new Parks Master Plan, which was last done in 1988.

Mike Svetz from PROS Consulting Inc. shared information about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, especially community engagement efforts and next steps. Mr. Svetz shared an in-depth analysis of the survey and mentioned that the park assessments included information on shade, access, functionality, and other factors. Mr. Svetz shared that around 4,500 people engaged with an interactive mapping activity and more than 1,100 statistically valid household surveys were completed.

Chairwoman Stark asked if the consultant could break down park usage by Council District.

Mike Svetz agreed that he could do cross-tabulation to break down the data by Council District.

Chairwoman Stark commented that socioeconomic factors may affect usage, and that especially for developing areas, separating the data by Council District may help to identify places where additional parks are needed.

Mike Svetz shared the reasons that people use parks, the rating of the physical condition of park facilities, and the reasons that people don't use parks, with two big reasons identified as safety and lack of restrooms.

Councilman Waring requested the consultant share data about the safety in parks by Council District. Councilman Waring also expressed interest in the specific reasons why some individuals don't use parks. Councilman Waring requested that a future agenda item be added to an upcoming Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee meeting discussing safety in parks. Councilman Waring asked if the survey captured which specific parks survey respondents used.

Mike Svetz clarified that data on specific park usage was not gathered for the 1,100 statistically valid household surveys, however the engagements with the interactive mapping activity allowed residents to leave park-specific comments distributed throughout the city.

Councilman Waring asked if each District had a statistically significant sample of responses for the interactive mapping exercise.

Mike Svetz clarified that through the social pinpoint survey there were comments on specific parks but that the statistically valid survey did not ask residents what specific parks they use.

Councilman Waring asked if information could be gathered regarding where residents live since information on what parks they visit in which Council Districts is not available.

Mike Svetz confirmed this and agreed to return to the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee to provide cross-tabulated data regarding safety by Council District.

Chairwoman Stark requested Mike Svetz come back in March or April with further data broken down by Council District and safety information requested by Councilman Waring.

Mike Svetz shared an overview of survey results for maintenance satisfaction, reasons for not attending parks programs, priorities for facilities and amenities, and what residents believe should be funded in parks. Mr. Svetz shared that residents are especially interested in funding existing facilities and amenities in parks, according to the survey results.

Councilman Waring mentioned that facilities and amenities have various costs and that having something like an indoor gym or restroom costs much more than pickleball courts. Councilman Waring inquired whether survey respondents were given a frame of reference for the costs of various facilities and amenities in parks.

Mike Svetz mentioned that there has not been a financial comparison of the costs of various park facilities and amenities, clarifying that the survey focused on identifying priority areas for parks as a foundation to help inform future conversations with the community before a cost estimate is done for a specific site.

Councilman Waring mentioned that it is important to consider the costs of various facilities and amenities.

Mike Svetz agreed that the fiscal constraints is important to consider when exploring creative options such as yoga or dancing to address the fitness and wellness program priority, by leveraging existing spaces such as senior centers.

Councilman Waring mentioned the importance of understanding the differences in pricing and providing survey respondents a frame of reference to better understand priorities.

Mike Svetz thanked Councilman Waring for the feedback for future surveys. Mr. Svetz shared information on level of service, such as current inventory, access standards,

population growth, land availability, and financial sustainability. Mr. Svetz shared some insights from a level of service analysis for Clark County, Nevada.

Councilman Waring asked for printed copies of the Clark County, Nevada level of service map.

Mike Svetz clarified that this mapping can show gaps in access or inventory to identify potential needs.

Councilman Waring requested the map be readable for City of Phoenix.

Mike Svetz shared an overview of next steps for the Master Plan, including bringing back cross-tabulated data from the statistically valid survey to the subcommittee.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington inquired whether a park assessment was done for each park in the City of Phoenix.

Mike Svetz explained that a park assessment was completed for a representative selection of parks that were geographically distributed throughout the City of Phoenix.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked for clarification that there was not an assessment for each park and requested to see the assessments for the parks in her Council District, District 8.

Director Whitfield shared that 29 parks were analyzed for the Parks Master Plan.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked to receive assessment information for all 29 parks. Vice Mayor asked whether the dots of responses for the statistically valid survey reflected where survey respondents live.

Mike Svetz confirmed that the dots indicated the physical addresses of survey respondents for the statistically valid survey, and that it represents clusters of responses.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked if the statistically valid survey is separate than the pinpoint survey.

Mike Svetz confirmed that the two surveys are different.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked how many responses there were to the pinpoint survey.

Mike Svetz said that the online website survey had over 8,000 responses, the general survey had around 7,300 responses, and the youth survey had almost 700 responses.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked if the website is still live for the pinpoint survey to see what the community is saying about each park.

Mike Svetz shared that the interactive mapping engagement allowed residents to provide comments on specific parks, and that the survey collected 4,505 direct comments for specific parks.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington commented that it would be helpful to know more about the comments made for specific parks in different areas of the City. Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked for more information about what 'lack of restrooms' entails in the survey, whether it's a complaint about the existing available facilities or the lack of facilities.

Mike Svetz commented on the importance of restroom locations and the importance of restroom availability to the visit experience and that restrooms should be placed in needed locations. Mr. Svetz mentioned that an inventory of restrooms (functional vs nonfunctional) could be completed.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington clarified that she questions whether the lack of functional doors, not functional restrooms, may lead to a response of 'lack of restrooms' in the survey.

Mike Svetz commented on the importance of the design of restrooms so that they are accessible, clean, and are not easily vandalized.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked if there is some way to capture the specific complaints related to restrooms.

Mike Svetz clarified that one of the surveys did not capture more details about the restrooms, however, that town hall meetings and online comments mentioned various issues with restrooms, including lack of functionality, location, cleanliness, safety, or poor design.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington mentioned the importance of assessing the restroom facilities throughout parks, such as restroom doors, which ties to safety. Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked whether there is more information about other agency programs that residents are using outside of the City.

Mike Svetz mentioned that two follow up questions were asked about how people learn about parks programs and how people would prefer to learn about what is offered by the Parks and Recreation Department for targeted marketing purposes. Mr. Svetz clarified that Phoenix parks stood out in regard to greater use of Phoenix programs by residents in comparison to the national average.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked if information on pool coverings was captured in the survey.

Mike Svez mentioned that a question about pool coverings was not included in the survey, however in community meetings, comments about pools and shade and access to water were made, highlighting their importance to the community.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington commented on the shade available considering it may be a barrier for use. Vice Mayor Hodge Washington commented on the public support on general repair and maintenance of parks and facilities from the survey, showing the importance of this.

Chairwoman Stark thanked staff and Mike Svez for their work on the survey to inform the creation of the Parks Master Plan.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dianne Barker commented that more T-2050 funds should be used to build a robust bus system. Ms. Barker also highlighted a recent vehicular incident with the Light Rail which required maintenance on the tracks. She additionally noted the importance of shade and signage at bus stops to make them more welcoming.

Tim Sierakowski commented on the importance of park maintenance and expressed concern about lack of communication between park users and Parks and Recreation. Mr. Sierakowski highlighted the importance of maintenance in parks and expressed concern about the use of funds.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairwoman Stark requested data by Council District for the survey.

Councilman Jim Waring requested data on safety in parks by Council District.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked about vehicle accidents on the Light Rail, both drivers and autonomous vehicles, and asked whether a visibility analysis should be conducted.

Chairwoman Stark agreed a report on Light Rail and vehicle incidents could be added to a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Stark adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Management Fellow

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