

**Phoenix City Council
Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning (TIP) Subcommittee
Summary Minutes
October 15, 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 10:02 a.m. with Councilmembers Kevin Robinson and Kesha Hodge Washington present.

Councilman Jim Waring joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1. Minutes of the Transportation Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee Meeting

Councilman Kevin Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee meeting. Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3-0.

CONSENT ACTION (ITEMS 2-5)

Items 2-5 were for consent action. No presentations were planned, but staff was available to answer questions.

2. City Floodplain Management Plan Update

Chairwoman Stark requested a presentation and called for a motion to consent.

Councilman Kevin Robinson made a motion to consent. Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington second the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Revisions to Phoenix City Code Chapter 32B

4. Amended and Restated Lease 33676 with Cutter Aviation, Inc. at Phoenix Sky

5. Amend City Code – Section 36-158, Schedule I, Local Speed Limits at Nine Locations

INFORMATION ONLY (ITEM 6)

6. Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Program Webpage

Information only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEMS 7-8)

7. 2025 Parks Summer Programs - Post Season Update

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Aguilar introduced the item and the presenter Deputy Parks and Recreation Direction, Danielle Poveromo.

Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Danielle Poveromo presented the updates on the activities and successes of the summer camp. Ms. Poveromo also reported survey responses and feedback from parents.

Parks and Recreation staff member Becky Kirk presented the Aquatics Program improvements and successes. She mentioned the Parks and Recreation Department opened an additional pool and remains committed to drowning prevention by providing affordable swim lessons. Ms. Kirk also reported on efforts to improve staff retention through events and monthly check-ins.

Chairwoman Stark expressed appreciation for the summer program.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington expressed appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Department for the summer program. She thanked the department for improving the program, expanding access, and addressing challenges so that more children and families can benefit from the program. She also expressed her excitement for the opening of the Eastlake pool.

Councilman Robinson expressed appreciation to the department for keeping kids engaged and exposing them to the City of Phoenix through the program.

8. Downtown North-South Bikeway Study Update

Street Transportation Director Briiana Velez introduced the item and presenters.

Interim Deputy Street Transportation Director Leticia Vargas presented on the item. Ms. Vargas shared an overview of the presentation. She provided background information and the goal of the study.

Assistant Street Transportation Director Andy Granger presented new design concepts, impacts of new design concepts, and costs.

Street Transportation Director Briiana Velez presented recommended next steps.

Chairwoman Stark thanked the department for the presentation and introduced the first public comment speaker.

William Kubenka thanked the Street Transportation Department for their efforts and critiqued the paint protection method and provided an alternative recommendation.

Arjav Rawal spoke on his support of the plan, specifically concept one to improve access and safety. He also proposed utilizing flex posts instead of curbs along the block.

Will Greene shared his perspective on vertical protection and thanked Convention Center Director Jerry Harper for agreeing to have dialogue with the Urban Phoenix Project regarding protected bikeway extension.

Patrick McDaniel of Phoenix Community Alliance proposed stakeholder engagement, more technical information regarding traffic, and more time to complete the project.

Shawn King of the Phoenix Symphony expressed concerns about the traffic with the implementation of the bike lane.

Mika Cadiz expressed his support for the implementation of the bike lane, specifically concept A with the protected lanes, and his concern for the lack of safety without protected bike lanes.

Eshaan Sharma expressed support of the resolution for urban pedestrian safety and improved quality of life.

Nicole Sanderson of the Downtown Core Neighborhood Association expressed support for the project and expressed their want for the bike lane to be built properly for adults, children, and all individuals that utilize micromobility.

Sterling Sourk expressed his support specifically for concept one and vertical protection.

Amy Lynn Pierce of the Diamondbacks expressed appreciation for the work that has been done on the need for bike lanes but is concerned about taking down the car lanes. She urged the Committee to have more discussions about this before coming to a decision.

David Bickford expressed his support for concept one and disappointment of concept two. He expressed it is crucial to keep vertical protection.

Councilman Jim Waring stated staff do a great job at managing the traffic flow. Councilman Waring stated implementing these concepts will inconvenience individuals the City depends on for revenue.

John Demcko expressed his support for the compromise between concept one and two.

Nicole Rodriguez expressed support for the implementation of bike lanes for vulnerable users of micromobility.

Councilman Jim Waring stated majority of residents that attend Diamondback or Suns games are drivers and implementing a bike lane would compete with the drivers who bring revenue into downtown by attending the games and events.

Mike Jehl expressed his support for improved micromobility infrastructure.

Lucas Vargas expressed his concern for non-approval of the project and encouraged the subcommittee and the Street Transportation Department to prioritize implementing the safe bike lane project.

John Walker expressed his support for the implementation of concept one to increase ridership and increase safety of bikers.

Shawn Cherian expressed his support for concept one and alternatives to driving downtown.

Chairwoman Stark asked Street Transportation staff if the study includes connection to the current third street bike corridor to the north.

Street Transportation Director Velez responded yes.

Chairwoman Stark asked if they were looking at other cities that have separated bike corridors and how they actually interface with other types of land uses.

Street Transportation Director Velez responded there is additional coordination that needs to be done.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington thanked the Street Transportation Department for the presentation, addressed the concern of further delaying this project, and asked when the Street Transportation Department anticipates implementing the next steps.

Street Transportation Director Velez stated the department will meet with their consultants and adjacent stakeholders to result in a compromised solution.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked about the funding perspective versus the timeframe perspective regarding concept one and two.

Street Transportation Director Velez stated the department is looking at a seventeen-million-dollar price tag versus a two-million-dollar price tag. She stated if the department is looking at a concept above ten million dollars, they have to consider federal grant opportunities which in turn delays implementation.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if the department is aware of any current federal grant opportunities to fund this project.

Street Transportation Director Velez stated there may be some and the department is working closely with federal partners to see what opportunities are available.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked what a traffic study would look like for the downtown area.

Street Transportation Director Velez stated the department is working with a consultant and can begin the traffic study in late spring and return to the subcommittee after summer recess.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked why the recommendation is to not include Jefferson but to move it forward in to the Connector Bridge study.

Street Transportation Director Velez stated south of Jefferson there is an existing Union Pacific Railroad crossing. She also stated there is extensive coordination and discussions that need to happen which would delay the project significantly. Ms. Velez added if the department were to modify the project limits to Jefferson, they could potentially move forward with the connection from Roosevelt to Jefferson and incorporate the section from Jefferson to Lincoln in the third street connector study.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington further shared her appreciation for the collaborative efforts of this project.

Councilman Waring further expressed throwing in more barriers downtown can present challenges for the 97 percent of people commuting downtown to enjoy the activities or traveling to the City and urged people to consider all the factors.

Chairwoman Stark stated though she agrees there are people that drive, we are seeing the younger generations not driving as much and need to take some of those factors into account.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEM 9)

9. Approval of Historic Preservation Plan – Preservation Historic PHX 2025

Deputy City Manager Amber Williamson introduced the item and presenters.

Planning and Development Director Josh Bednarek introduced the Historic Preservation Plan Update.

Helana Ruter of Planning and Development presented the comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan update. Ms. Ruter expressed the goals of the update and recommendations to the committee.

Chairwoman Stark asked if it is difficult to find applicants to be on the commission.

Ms. Ruter stated they are successful at finding applicants.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington expressed appreciation for the presentation and asked if there are any steps being taken to help ensure the neighborhoods where historic preservation is not common is included in the efforts.

Ms. Ruter stated they are looking at current surveys and survey initiatives to open up pathways toward national register designation which will allow historical districts to qualify for property tax reduction through the State and will provide greater equity in terms of having additional representation from different parts of the City.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington expressed appreciation for the emphasis on awareness and partnerships and stated she looks forward to seeing how the plan can bring more attention to the unique history in District 8 and beyond.

Councilman Robinson expressed his appreciation of historic preservation and asked why the City does not have a City affiliated historic preservation nonprofit.

Ms. Ruter stated there has not been an initiative to do that during her tenure.

Chairwoman Stark shared they were trying to implement that in the past but they could not achieve momentum.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rocky Kujala expressed his concern with the Bus Rapid Transit Corridor due to the company soliciting feedback on the project having previous lawsuits. He urged the subcommittee to reconsider.

Chairwoman Stark asked staff to reach out to the speaker to gain more information on Mr. Kujala's concern.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Stark adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Taniya Williams
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