

**Phoenix City Council
Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee
Summary Minutes
Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022**

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

Subcommittee Members Present
Councilwoman Debra Stark, Chair
Vice Mayor Laura Pastor
Councilwoman Betty Guardado
Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Subcommittee Members Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stark called the Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee to order at 10:07 a.m. with Vice Mayor Pastor, Councilwoman Guardado and Councilwoman O'Brien present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

Vice Mayor Pastor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Dec. 15, 2021 Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee meeting. Councilwoman Guardado seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0.

CONSENT ACTION (ITEM 2)

2. Transportation 2050 Bus Stop Manufacturing and Repair RFP

Councilwoman O'Brien made a motion to approve the consent item. Vice Mayor Pastor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0.

INFORMATION ONLY (ITEMS 3-6)

3. Citizens Transportation Commission Meetings

Information only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

4. Metro, Regional Public Transportation Authority and Maricopa Association of Governments Meetings

Information only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

5. Freeway Program Update

Vice Mayor Pastor asked staff when the freeway ramp would be installed near I-17 and Camelback Road.

Thomas Remus, the Freeway Program Coordinator, replied there was not a study for the I-17 and Camelback Road freeway ramp and noted the project had not been added to the queue.

6. Water Services Department Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2022-27

Information only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEMS 7-8)

7. Federal Infrastructure Program Update

Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua gave a staff update on the bipartisan federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Mr. Paniagua described the five-year, \$1.2 trillion spending plan and discussed the major categories of infrastructure programs. He also spoke about the City interdepartmental team working on applications for the competitive and formula grant funding. Mr. Paniagua highlighted the allocated funding amounts provided by the IIJA to City departments. He noted the Aviation department would receive formula funds as part of the \$15 billion being allocated nationwide to airports. Another \$5 billion is available in competitive airport improvement funds and another \$5 billion of competitive grant for Federal Aviation Administration projects. All of the funds will be distributed over five years. Mr. Paniagua then spoke about the \$7 billion competitive grants for low-to no-emission buses and electric charging infrastructure and \$300 million in formula funding for the Public Transit department. He also noted there would be a five-year, \$23 billion capital investment grant for Light Rail. Mr. Paniagua then spoke about funding for stormwater hazard mitigation projects and \$7.5 billion competitive funding for electric vehicle charging. He discussed the \$120 billion streets, highways, and bridges competitive and formula grants and highlighted the IIJA focus on the City's sustainability and road safety efforts. Mr. Paniagua highlighted the \$65 billion competitive broadband infrastructure and initiatives grant and lastly discussed the \$35 billion for drinking water and wastewater projects, \$8.3 billion for water resource infrastructure, and \$300 million for Colorado River drought mitigation.

Chairwoman Stark asked if IIJA funding opportunities would be extended to the Air National Guard.

Aviation Director Chad Makovsky stated Chairwoman Stark was correct. He noted the \$44 million in allocated funding combined with the \$5 billion in competitive funding would enable the Aviation Department to support the Air National Guard in expanding the aviation base.

Chairwoman Stark asked if the new IIJA would allow for additional funding to help the City close the digital divide.

Vice Mayor Pastor said the City had applied for a National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant but was unsuccessful in receiving those monies. She noted improvement areas for future grant applications and spoke about coordination efforts with the City federal lobbyist in the future.

Councilwoman Guardado stated the need to create and partner with apprenticeship programs as newer technology jobs become available in the City.

Mr. Paniagua replied there was great opportunity for apprenticeship programs in the Public Transit department and stated the City planned to reach out to labor organizations that could be included in future grant application opportunities.

Councilwoman Guardado asked if the funding from the IIJA could enhance hiring and establish childcare facilities at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Mr. Makovsky replied that the IIJA formula funding must be allocated toward the improvement of runways and taxiways, and competitive grants must only improve sustainability efforts and terminal improvements. He reiterated his commitment to the creation of a childcare facility at the airport and noted that IIJA funds make other funds within the department available to assist with the childcare facility project.

Vice Mayor Pastor discussed the need to sequence a commitment to Vision Zero and Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP) before implementing micromobility and bike share programs.

Street Transportation Director Kini Knudson discussed the timeline for the RSAP and noted the department would return to Council in the fall for final approval. Mr. Knudson also spoke about the delay in federal funding disbursement mechanisms. He stated that the Street Transportation department would need to seek Council approval for all funding opportunities and would do so with micromobility issues.

Vice Mayor Pastor discussed the differences between micromobility and bike share programs. She reiterated the need for sequencing approval for the RSAP first and then micromobility programs.

Chairwoman Stark asked that Street Transportation staff return to the subcommittee and brief the Council on roads of regional significance.

8. General Aviation Airport Update – Phoenix Goodyear Airport

Aviation Director Chad Makovsky, Assistant Aviation Director Sarah Demory, and General Manager for the Phoenix Goodyear Airport Bradley Hagen provided a General Aviation Update of the Phoenix Goodyear Airport (GYR). Mr. Hagen gave a brief overview of the GYR and discussed key business segments, which include the maintenance, repair, and overhaul of aircraft, flight training, and business aircraft operations. He noted the operating revenues and expenditures of GYR, which were \$3,045,238 and \$2,715,402 respectively. Mr. Hagen discussed the 2018 GYR master plan and highlighted prospective taxiway and hanger construction beginning in 2022.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked if Aviation staff had a backup funding opportunity if they did not receive grant funding for the Boeing 767 (B767) aircraft parking expansion.

Mr. Hagen replied that there was no current backup plan and noted limited space at GYR to accommodate larger aircraft.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked about the outdoor storage of aircraft at GYR.

Mr. Hagen replied there were 92 large aircraft on the west side of GYR that were under the control of tenants for long term storage, maintenance, and some were pulled and stored to reduce capacity.

9. General Aviation Airport Update – Phoenix Deer Valley Airport

Aviation Director Chad Makovsky, Assistant Aviation Director Sarah Demory, General Manager for the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport Edward Faron, and Aviation Superintendent Richard Graham provided a General Aviation Update of the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (DVT). Mr. Faron discussed the key business segments at DVT, which include flight training and business aircraft operations. He also highlighted the airport revenue streams and operating expenses, which were \$3,290,024 and \$3,188,388 respectively. Mr. Faron spoke about the airport master plan and future on site construction projects, which include the creation of the Cutter Aviation hangar and police Air Support Unit (ASU) facility.

Chairwoman Stark asked staff if the proposed ASU facility and storage assisted police departments other than the City of Phoenix.

Mr. Faron replied the facility was occupied only by the City police department.

Mr. Graham continued the staff presentation and discussed the new development sites near the DVT, including the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) and the newly acquired MACK real estate Inc. sites, which would be developed into a TSMC support facility and an industrial development area.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked if Maricopa County or other law enforcement entities had facilities at DVT.

Mr. Faron replied that, while there were no designated facilities for other law enforcement agency, DVT allows those organizations to land their aircraft for fuel as needed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEM 9)

10. Small Business Financial Assistance Program

Light Rail Administrator Markus Coleman gave a staff presentation about the Light Rail Small Business Financial Assistance Program Pilot. He gave a brief history of the one-year pilot program and spoke about the financial assistance that was provided to locally-owned small- and micro-businesses. Mr. Coleman discussed the Tier 1 and Tier 2 eligibility requirements for small and micro-businesses and stated that to qualify. Mr. Coleman discussed the English and Spanish outreach strategies to small and micro-businesses' and highlighted the impact of the program so far. He stated that 58 businesses had received funding from the program, with the total assistance amount reaching \$318,424. Mr. Coleman highlighted proposed changes to the pilot program, which included an increase to \$750,000 annual revenue for Tier 1 and Tier 2 businesses and removing the Tier 2 requirement for a business to be open one year prior to the start of construction. Mr. Coleman recommended City Council extend the Light Rail Small Business Financial Assistance Program Pilot through December 2024 and to revise the eligibility criteria as recommended.

Chairwoman Stark offered Mr. Coleman help with future promotional videos.

Councilwoman Guardado asked if staff could elaborate on future outreach efforts to ensure small businesses understand this assistance was being offered by the City.

Mr. Coleman discussed efforts to meet small business owners in person. He noted canvassing events that included the Districts 7 and 8 Councilmembers and said they would also be doing application workshops in the future. Mr. Coleman also spoke about the need to continue coordination with the Community and Economic Development Department (CED) in future outreach events, as the department had a similar small business assistance program. He also mentioned the importance of promotional videos with Councilmembers.

Councilwoman Guardado asked staff to describe the timeline for the program.

Mr. Coleman replied the year-long pilot program began in March 2021 and would end in March 2022. The continuance of program would allow the program to extend through the duration of the construction.

Councilwoman Guardado asked how Transit staff could continue to partner with non-profit organizations and CED on outreach efforts to small businesses in the west side of the City before the light rail construction expands to the area. She discussed the possibility of a procedure being established to assist small businesses to help complete their application for small business financial assistance.

Mr. Coleman replied Transit staff were consistently meeting with CED staff and Valley Metro to coordinate outreach efforts. He clarified by saying Valley Metro had hired Business Assistance Coordinators that assist small businesses with the grant application process. Mr. Coleman stated that the City provides legal and technical assistance for any COVID-19 economic relief funding.

Councilwoman Guardado requested that staff return to update the Council on future program efforts.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked why there was a proposal to raise the small business annual revenue limit from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

Mr. Coleman replied this proposal is recommended by staff to include additional small and micro businesses that have revenue higher than \$500,000 but lower than \$750,000 while meeting all other Tier 1 and Tier 2 requirements.

Mr. Paniagua clarified by saying the revenue limit was identified as gross revenue and noted future businesses that fall into the proposed revenue range would also be considered small and micro businesses. He stated that the City wanted to ensure funds were available for those small businesses within that additional range.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked to have a list of businesses that were classified within the \$500,000 to \$750,000 annual gross revenue range.

Mr. Paniagua replied staff would provide a list of small businesses identified within the \$500,000 to \$750,000 annual gross revenue range.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked if Councilmember Garcia was briefed on the item.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Pastor, Mr. Coleman explained that briefings with Council members Garcia and Ansari were scheduled to take place prior to the being presented at the Council Formal meeting.

Vice Mayor Pastor explained Councilmember Garcia was very involved in providing feedback for the initial pilot.

Mr. Paniagua stated that he believed the item reflected feedback staff had received from Councilmember Garcia to capture additional small businesses along the Light Rail expansion.

Vice Mayor Pastor replied she was comfortable with moving the item forward with the expectation that Councilmember Garcia be fully briefed, as he was a subject matter expert in this area.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked why the City used gross annual revenue rather than the net profitability of a small business.

Mr. Paniagua stated that using the gross annual revenue criterion was an industry standard recommended by the Community and Economic Development Department in defining small and micro businesses. He clarified by saying the criteria for this program included a combination of annual gross revenue and number of employees.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked how many small businesses were turned away from grant funding opportunities because their gross annual revenue was more than \$500,000 but less than \$750,000.

Mr. Coleman replied he would provide that information.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked how much funding was provided to small businesses using this assistance program.

Mr. Coleman stated that \$318,000 of funding was distributed to several small businesses.

Councilwoman O'Brien stated she looked forward to receiving the list of businesses within the \$500,000 and \$750,000 gross revenue gap. She noted the importance of supporting small businesses.

Vice Mayor Pastor stated that the small business assistance program pilot was created for micro and small businesses. She requested that Mr. Paniagua and Mr. Coleman follow up with Councilwoman O'Brien to provide additional background on why this program was created, including Councilman Garcia's input.

Councilwoman O'Brien moved to approve the staff recommendation. Vice Mayor Pastor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

11. Consideration of Citizen Petition Related to Waste Receptacles Around the Human Services Campus

Item 11 was discussed in combination with Items 12 and 13.

12. Consideration of Citizen Petition Related to Restrooms Around the Human Services Campus

Item 12 was discussed in combination with Items 11 and 13.

13.Consideration of Citizen Petition Related to Street Cleanups Around the Human Services Campus

Item 13 was discussed in combination with Items 11 and 12.

Deputy City Manager Gina Montes gave a staff presentation regarding three citizen petitions related to waste receptacles, restrooms, and street cleanups around the Human Services Campus. Ms. Montes discussed the first citizen petition, which requested the City install additional waste receptacles near the Human Services Campus. She discussed the current locations of the waste receptacles and described the collection and cleaning processes for those waste receptacles. Ms. Montes also noted the City was in the process of purchasing two secured receptacles and was working closely with the Human Services Campus on the effort. Ms. Montes then discussed the second citizen petition that requested the city provide all day open restrooms in the area near the Human Services Campus for individuals experiencing homelessness. She noted that public restrooms had been open all day starting in December 2021. Ms. Montes also stated the Sprung structure to be installed at the Human Services Campus would provide additional restroom availability. Ms. Montes moved to the final Citizen Petition that requested the City halt and restructure the weekly street cleanups around the Human Services Campus. She discussed the schedule of the current street cleaning efforts, which take place each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Ms. Montes noted that City workers and contractors remove debris from encampments in the right-of-way starting at 8:00 a.m. and provide notifications at 6:00 a.m.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked when staff notified homeless individuals near the Human Services Campus about street cleanups.

Ms. Montes replied individuals were notified every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:00 a.m. about the street cleanup.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked how outreach groups notified individuals experiencing homelessness near the Human Services Campus about a street cleaning event.

Ms. Montes replied outreach teams from Community Bridges Inc. conducts the notification each morning there is a street cleanup.

Chairwoman Stark asked if individuals experiencing homelessness were aware that standard street cleanings occur each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday near the Human Services Campus.

Ms. Montes replied the Councilwoman was correct and noted that people were aware of the Monday, Wednesday, Friday street cleaning schedule.

Chairwoman Stark asked if there were existing signs in the area describing the reoccurring street cleanings.

Ms. Montes replied there were no current signs, but staff was working with the Street Transportation Department to fabricate and install signs in the area.

Councilwoman O'Brien stated she would like to know when the signs were placed in the area.

Vice Mayor Pastor suggested signage be posted in the area near the Human Service Campus as soon as possible.

Ms. Montes also shared the recommendations from a workgroup discussion that included increasing waste receptacles, creating 300 storage bins, and opening 24-hour restrooms near the Human Services Campus Brian Garcia Welcome Center.

Marysa Leyva spoke about how the increase of street cleaning to three times a week had been disruptive.

Brandon Valentin noted their frustration for submitting a citizen petition to address the issues surrounding the Human Services Campus.

Elizabeth Venable discussed the need for additional bathrooms for people experiencing homelessness near the Human Services Campus. She discussed barriers around needing an entrance ID to enter the facility to use the restroom. Ms. Venable also noted that these issues were not only affecting individuals experiencing homelessness around the Human Services Campus, but individuals across the City.

Faith Kearns expressed frustration regarding the issues surrounding the Human Services Campus and stated that additional waste receptacles would be useful around the Campus.

Frank Urban noted his appreciation for opening all day restrooms near the Human Service Campus and requested additional dumpsters and restrooms nearby. He noted his frustration for the disposal of personal items during street cleanings near the Human Services Campus and stated the City must retain it for 90 days before dispensing it.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked how many total eight-yard garbage bins were located near the Human Services Campus.

Ms. Montes replied there were six eight-yard garbage bins.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked if staff could place larger bins near the Human Services Campus.

Ms. Montes replied staff could consider the addition of larger bins.

Vice Mayor Pastor stated that if staff could not add larger garbage bins, she would like to double the number of eight-yard bins near the Human Services Campus. She asked if cost was a limiting factor for the number of eight-yard bins near the Campus.

Ms. Montes stated the addition of eight-yard bins were restricted by the locations available to place the bins. She stated she would look into the cost.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked about the timeline for updating Council on the placement of larger garbage bins.

Ms. Montes replied staff could return soon and noted there was a similar Citizen Petition being discussed at the next TIP Subcommittee and she would be able to update Council at that time.

Vice Mayor Pastor stated the locked garbage bins shown in the presentation appeared small and asked how many trash pickups the City conducts per week.

Ms. Montes noted the Human Services Campus conducted two area cleanups each day and, as part of the pilot program, she was coordinating closely with Human Services Campus staff to also conduct trash pickup.

Vice Mayor Pastor said she would like enough new locked bins located at a smaller distance from one another to have trash put in the bins with garbage pickup often.

Ms. Montes stated the test bins would be serviced twice daily to determine whether to add additional bins. She stated the purpose was to determine if the locked bins work well for the area.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked staff to clarify whether the Human Services Campus staff would pick up trash from garbage bins nearby.

Ms. Montes replied the Human Services Campus staff were required to conduct cleanup around the campus twice a day. She said staff was working in coordination to conduct trash pickup from existing bins twice a day.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked staff to clarify if the locked trash bins were the pilot bins.

Ms. Montes replied that Councilwoman O'Brien was correct and noted that the eight-yard green bins were existing bins in the area.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked about how much trash either bin could hold at capacity.

Deputy Public Works Director Jesse Duarte replied the small, locked bins could hold 90 gallons of garbage and the larger green bins held eight yards of garbage.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked how many smaller garbage bins were needed to fill one of the larger garbage bins.

Mr. Duarte replied four to six small garbage bins would fill one larger garbage bin.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked what a person would have to do to have their CASS ID restricted.

Ms. Montes stated she would need to get additional information to answer that question. She also clarified that the campus ID was not needed to utilize the restrooms.

Chairwoman Stark asked how staff assisted individuals with disabilities to move locations for street cleanings.

Ms. Montes replied that staff accommodates them and works around individuals that were unable to move.

Chairwoman Stark spoke about the Denver, Colorado portable restroom program and asked if staff had ever considered a similar program.

Ms. Montes stated staff was looking at all options and stated that additional bathrooms would be available through the Sprung structure.

Chairwoman Stark asked if staff could use ARPA funding for portable restroom options.

Ms. Montes stated the City was currently using ARPA funds for that purpose and would have to consider security issues.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked about the timeline of each of the items discussed.

Ms. Montes noted the complexity of the issues and stated staff would do their best to complete the items discussed and stated new restrooms would be installed before the end of February. She stated she would provide specific timelines to Councilmembers.

Mr. Duarte clarified that City staff conduct garbage pickup six days a week and stated the garbage bins had never been overflowing. He also noted that larger containers for trash would not be able to be used due to safety and spacing issues.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked if staff could add additional eight-yard bins.

Mr. Duarte stated that he could work with staff to strategically place eight-yard bins in the area.

Vice Mayor Pastor discussed the complexity of the items.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked staff to confirm that the City picks up trash bins six days a week near the campus and that bins were not at capacity.

Mr. Duarte stated that was correct.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked what the key issue was if capacity was not an issue.

Mr. Duarte stated the issue was the distance between each bin.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked how far away each trash bin was from one another.

Mr. Duarte stated the trash bins were 50 to 100 yards from one another.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Light Rail Small Business Financial Assistance Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Stark adjourned the meeting at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cooper Payne
Management Intern