

**Phoenix City Council
Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning (TIP) Subcommittee
Summary Minutes
Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

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

Subcommittee Members Present

Councilwoman Debra Stark (Chair)
Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington

Subcommittee Members Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Debra Stark called the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee to order at 10:11 a.m. with Councilwoman Hodge Washington and Councilwoman Laura Pastor present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

Councilwoman Hodge Washington made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning meeting. Councilwoman Pastor seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3-0.

CONSENT ACTION (ITEM 2,3,5-8)

Items 2,3,5-8 were for consent action. No presentations were planned, but staff were available to answer questions.

2. Video Surveillance System Licensing, Maintenance, and Repair Services Contract IFB 25-0536 for Award - Citywide

Consent only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

3. Request to Issue a Revenue Contract Solicitation for Taxicab Services at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – District 8

Consent only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

4. Baggage Handling Systems Operations, Maintenance, Repair, and Control System Design, Programming, and Integration Services Request to Award – District 8

This item was withdrawn. No Councilmember requested additional information.

5. Request to Increase the Meter Rates for Taxicab services at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – District 8

Consent only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

6. Regional Transit Fare Collection System Contract Amendment - Citywide

Consent only.

Councilwoman Pastor asked if this item was being amended in order to increase funds.

Public Transit Assistant Director Juanita Carver confirmed.

Councilwoman Pastor asked if the City of Phoenix oversees the fair collection system.

Ms. Carver stated the fair collection system utilizes City infrastructure, but Valley Metro has contracts for some customer service and technical elements.

Councilwoman Pastor confirmed the City of Phoenix manages the fair collection boxes on the City buses.

Ms. Carver said the contract overseeing the operation and maintenance of the fair collection system is with the City of Phoenix for the next 13 years and Valley Metro has a contract for the fair collection boxes that are on the buses, including the maintenance.

Councilwoman Pastor expressed the importance of communication between the City of Phoenix and Valley Metro to continue improving the regional transit system.

7. Approval of Phil Gordon Threatened Building Grant – Roosevelt Park Grocery – 945 E. Southern Avenue – District 8

Consent only.

8. Amend City Code – Section 36-158, Schedule I, Local Speed Limits at 15 Locations - Citywide

Consent only.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEM 9)

9. 2025 Parks and Recreation Summer Programs

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Aguilar, Assistant Director Brandie Barrett, Deputy Director Danielle Poveromo, and Aquatic Supervisor Becky Kirk presented on this item.

Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Danielle Poveromo discussed the PHXPlays Summer Camps program that will be hosted at 26 Community Centers across the City, offering children aged 6 to 12 a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, sports, and field trips. She stated the camp will operate for 8 to 10 weeks, and the schedule will align with school calendars and provide flexible registration options including daily drop-in and weekly rates. She discussed how teenagers, aged 13 to 15, can volunteer through the Phoenix Teens program to gain leadership experience. Ms. Poveromo highlighted partnerships with school districts and community food programs that will provide daily meals. She explained how parents will receive weekly newsletters in both English and Spanish to showcase upcoming activities and will be provided an end-of-program survey to offer feedback regarding their experience.

Ms.Barrett reported the City of Phoenix pools welcomed more than 267,000 visitors with 12,000 participants in swim lessons and recreation swim teams. She provided background of the 29 pools across the City including the five pools currently under renovation until this Fall. Ms. Barrett explained the City is hiring more than 400 lifeguards, 26 assistant pool managers, 17 pool managers, and 48 cashiers this summer. She discussed training and recruitment efforts to promote aquatics jobs opportunities. Ms. Barrett emphasized there will be 16 pools open all summer long, and four pools open for one month this summer.

Ms.Kirk discussed the 2025 swim season opening on Memorial Day through the end of July with select pools staying open through Labor Day. She discussed partnerships with the Milwaukee Brewers, the Salt River Project, the Diamondbacks, and Presidential Pools. Ms. Kirk said this summer over 127,000 people will have an opportunity to learn to swim at 19 of the City pools. She emphasized swimming lessons will be offered to all ages at \$15 dollars for a two-week session. Ms. Kirk discussed summer swim teams, the AquaFit program, as well as the 11 splash pads opening across the City.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if registration was still open for summer programming.

Ms. Aguilar confirmed most centers still have space for summer participants.

Councilwoman Hodge-Washington asked if there was a registration deadline.

Ms. Aguilar said registration will continue to be open throughout the summer, as long as space is still available.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked about the capacity of children the City is able to serve.

Ms. Aguilar said each site has a different capacity based on their size.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked for the total overall impact.

Ms. Poveromo stated last year there were about 2,400 youth in summer programming.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if East Lake Pool was able to be open during winter months since the pool is heated. She discussed how this would also help with off-season engagement. Councilwoman Hodge-Washington asked about the selection process for the four pools that will be open for only one month during the summer.

Ms. Aguilar stated Parks and Recreation looked at geographic location, attendance, and amenities when deciding which pools will only be open for select months.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if the same reasoning is shared with the pools opening for weekends only.

Ms. Aguilar said yes. She discussed swimming lesson locations were also decided based on pool size and capacity.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked for further information regarding the Splash Pads.

Ms. Aguilar said Splash Pads will be open for the same hours as the park, and they will open on Memorial Day weekend and stay open until October 1.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their work in building stronger communities.

Chairwoman Stark shared her support for winter programming.

Councilwoman Pastor asked about the maximum capacity for summer camps.

Ms. Poveromo said there are four large community centers that can accommodate 150 participants each day.

Ms. Aguilar said maximum capacity depends on community center location.

Councilwoman Pastor asked for information regarding the maximum capacity for each of the locations. She expressed the importance of maximizing resources and creating scholarships for children to be able to participate. She expressed her support for summer camps and swimming lessons. Councilwoman Pastor also thanked the City partnerships. She asked for information regarding the four closed parks.

Ms. Aguilar said the Department is focused on hiring additional aquatic staff. She stated the pools are not able to be open without appropriate staff to oversee the pools and the Department has created training programs to help encourage staff to fill the roles needed.

Councilwoman Pastor suggested East Lake Park pool be open year-round and be the training pool for lifeguards and managers.

Chairwoman Debra Stark expressed her appreciation for the Parks and Recreation Department programming.

INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEM 8)

10. 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Code Adoption

Planning and Development Director Josh Bednarek introduced Assistant Planning and Development Director Jason Blakley and acting Building Official John-Jozef Proczka.

Mr. Blakley said the 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Code sets forth the minimum health and safety requirements for construction within the City. He expressed the importance of continually updating the code as necessary and discussed the updates in the new code. He explained the process of updating the new code including emailing stakeholders, creating a dedicated webpage, and starting a social media campaign to solicit feedback from the community.

Mr. Proczka highlighted updates of the code including the inclusive home design amendment.

Mr. Blakley discussed the implementation of the new code and the parameters around projects that have already been started prior to the determination of the new code.

Chairwoman opened the floor for public comment.

James Arthur discussed his opposition against the 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Code update, stating builders will not be able to update existing standard plans.

Darrel Christenson discussed his support for accessible housing. He stated fewer than 5% of housing is currently accessible.

Dana Kennedy discussed her support for incorporating universal design principles into new housing developments.

Dora Vasquez discussed the importance of accessible housing for aging populations.

Nicole Anderson expressed her support for the approval of the building construction code and the revised inclusive home design amendment.

Matt Johnson shared his support for the safety amendments updates.

Billy Taylor expressed his concern about the proposal to modify the ASME A71 elevator safety code and urged the City to discuss the modification with field experts.

Jessie Astensio stated his opposition to Amendment 2.7.5.1.1 of the new Building Construction Code.

Laurence Taylor stated his support for the code updates, aside from Amendment 2.7.5.1.1.

Frances Haynes discussed her disapproval of Amendment 2.7.5.1.1.

Chairwoman Stark expressed her support of the inclusive housing amendments within the new code. She noted the importance of the City continuing to work with industry experts.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked for clarification regarding the expectations surrounding current builds.

Mr. Blakley stated standard plans approved for use in a residential subdivision that received preliminary site plan approval prior to the adoption of the 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Code would be exempt from the requirements and new subdivisions past August 1 would be required to comply.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked about outreach efforts regarding the amendments.

Mr. Blakley stated outreach started in the Fall of 2024 with emails to over 600 stakeholders, launching a new informative website, and starting a social media campaign.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked for staff to elaborate about the ambiguity the City is trying to address for Amendment ASME 2.7.5.1.1.

Mr. Proczka reviewed the change of striking out the words maintenance and inspection. He explained the change was intended to clarify the previous language.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked what prompted the need for this clarification.

Mr. Proczka stated there is legal action being taken in two states with respect to the interpretation of maintenance or inspections. He stated the goal is to clarify the code as a preventative measure.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked about the intended goal for the language change.

Mr. Proczka stated the intended goal is to clarify the code and to stop interpretation arguments.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if other jurisdictions have modified their language or have had some level of inconsistency.

Mr. Proczka said other municipalities have been discussing the same interpretations.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if this issue was raised at the Development Advisory Board Subcommittee.

Mr. Proczka stated the Development Advisory Board Subcommittee received letters in support and opposition, as well as testimony. He stated the Board unanimously approved this amendment inclusion.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if the state elevator inspector was made aware of the changes.

Mr. Proczka stated the Department gave the amendments to the State on February 26 and has not heard back from the State officially.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked for confirmation if this amendment was intended to protect the workers and support their work with adequate terminology.

Mr. Proczka stated the intent is to clarify the meaning of maintenance or inspection.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked how companies can prove they are in compliance with the new code amendments.

Mr. Proczka said there are mechanisms in place to appeal to the building official to show they meet the standards in the amendment.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if the appeal would need to be taken place by a code interpretation application or a code modification.

Mr. Proczka said a code interpretation and code modification would be possible.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked for clarification regarding the extent of getting a code interpretation application or a code modification.

Mr. Proczka said the process will be equipment specific, and it is a one-time application.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked how long the approval will last.

Mr. Proczka said it will last until the Council adopts new codes in the future.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if the City collected cost comparisons regarding how much this additional compliance would cost those affected.

Mr. Proczka stated the code is only changing the interpretation of maintenance and inspection and the City did not investigate a stakeholder cost comparison.

Councilwoman Pastor discussed her personal experiences with accessible housing and stated the importance of inclusive policy. She made a motion to approve the 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Code Adoption per the May 21, 2025, memo from the

Planning and Development Department, with direction to continue working with the elevator industry on potential modifications to the proposed amendment A.17.1 section 2.7.5.1.1.

Mr. Bednarek clarified the motion is to approve the building code as presented, with the amendment to continue conversations with the elevator industry, review the language change they submitted, and report back to the Council on June 18.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked for confirmation regarding the language submitted by the elevator industry and how it differentiates from the code amendment recommended.

Mr. Bednarek stated the Department will need more time to review the language submitted by the elevator industry.

Councilwoman Pastor stated the motion gives flexibility and supports communication between the elevator industry and the Planning and Development Department.

Councilwoman Pastor made a motion to approve. Chairwoman Stark seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jerry Van Gasse discussed the fiduciary responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department and City. He discussed his discontent with the Department removing the nature trail at Piestewa Peak Park.

Tim Sierakowski discussed his disapproval of the bridge being built at Piestewa Peak Park.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked for an updated about the third street bike lane study from Roosevelt to the Rio Salado bridge.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Stark adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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