

Attachment A

Phoenix City Council Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning (TIP) Subcommittee Summary Minutes Wednesday, December 18, 2024

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

Subcommittee Members Present

Vice Mayor Debra Stark (Chair)
Councilman Carlos Galindo-Elvira
Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington*

Subcommittee Members Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stark called the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee to order at 10:01 a.m. with Councilman Carlos Galindo-Elvira and Councilwoman Laura Pastor present. Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington attended the meeting at 10:22 am.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

Councilman Galindo-Elvira made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning meeting. Councilwoman Pastor seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3-0.

CONSENT ACTION (ITEM 2-5)

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

2. West Transit Facility Fixed Route Bus Service - Request for Contract Award - Citywide

Consent only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

3. New Lease Agreement with Arizona State Lottery at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport - District 8

Consent only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

4. Approval of Phil Gordon Threatened Building Grant - George H.

and Mabel M. Lutgerding Residence - 303 W. Willetta Street - District 7

Consent only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

Councilwoman Pastor acknowledged the importance of the Phil Gordon Grant to the Historic District.

5. Energy Access Target Adoption – Citywide

Consent only. No Councilmember requested additional information.

Councilwoman Pastor made a motion to approve Items 2-5. Councilman Galindo-Elvira seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3-0.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEM 6)

6. Asset Management Program Update - Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants and Remote Facilities – Citywide

Water Services Director Troy Hayes, Water Services Assistant Director Nazario Prieto, Water Services Deputy Director Darlene Helm, and Water Services Deputy Director Patty Kennedy presented on this item. Mr. Prieto, Ms. Helm, and Ms. Kennedy provided an update on the City's asset management programs for water and wastewater systems, highlighting ongoing rehabilitation, replacement, and construction projects at water treatment plants, storage reservoirs, pump stations, and wastewater facilities.

Chairwoman Stark asked about the future of the Cave Creek Reclamation Plant.

Mr. Hayes explained the long-term plans for wastewater treatment in the area, including two facilities near Cave Creek and the North Gateway Transfer Station. He noted the property for the North Gateway facility was purchased in the 1990s, and recent development activity has indicated growing demand in the region.

Chairwoman Stark asked if the City has had discussions with the City of Peoria.

Mr. Hayes stated the Water Services Department has had discussions with the City of Peoria regarding the Lake Pleasant Water Treatment Plant and will schedule future meetings.

Councilman Galindo-Elvira praised the Water Services Department for their presentation and work.

Councilwoman Pastor asked about the funding source for future water plants.

Mr. Hayes outlined a funding approach for water and wastewater infrastructure, including the use of customer rates, federal grants, and partnerships with the development community.

*Councilwoman Hodge Washington joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Councilwoman Pastor highlighted the growth in North Phoenix.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEM 7)

7. Infrastructure Funding and Financing Update – Citywide

Deputy City Manager Alan Stephenson, Planning and Development Department Deputy Director Adam Miller, and Water Services Department Deputy Director Dr. Maxwell Wilson presented this item. Mr. Miller and Dr. Wilson discussed the City's infrastructure investment needs and outlined strategies for financing improvements, including federal grants, impact fees, and community facility districts.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked about a partial sequencing strategy with the State Department.

Mr. Stephenson explained the issue has been discussed, but there has not been an official agreement on adopting a sequencing strategy. He noted the State Land Department does have limited funds.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked about the time frame for completing a fiscal impact analysis if they were to pursue a consultant's plan for identifying alternative solutions.

Mr. Miller explained the fiscal impact analysis would examine both revenue and the cost of service, with options to conduct either a macro-level study or a quick analysis for specific development proposals.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington inquired if a study should be conducted prior to making further decisions.

Mr. Stephenson clarified zoning has already been completed for most projects, and halting to conduct a study would not alter the project's trajectory but would delay economic development by holding up the projects for a fiscal impact analysis to be conducted.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if completing a fiscal impact analysis would be helpful in determining economic development priorities.

Chairwoman Stark agreed a fiscal impact analysis would be helpful to discuss.

Councilwoman Pastor emphasized the importance of learning from past experiences and stressed the need for a clear fiscal impact analysis to guide growth. She expressed a need for clarity on next steps and a framework to ensure actions align with City goals.

Mr. Miller stated staff have been reaching out to other cities to collect information regarding fiscal impact analysis studies and how they are conducted.

Councilwoman Pastor asked about impact fees.

Mr. Stephenson stated impact fees are one of the principal funding strategies to fund infrastructure in developing areas of the City. He clarified stating, under state law, infrastructure financing plans must have the data associated with what the City is charging.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked which Cities we have spoken to regarding their fiscal impact analyses.

Mr. Miller stated he has spoken with Boston and New York City whom both looked at revenue generation and cost of services in their own fiscal impact analyses.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington expressed support for a fiscal impact analysis and for developing guidelines regarding City impact.

Mr. Stephenson suggested staff work on a scope of work for the fiscal impact analysis, which would then be presented to Council, along with a timeline and potential cost.

Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington made a motion to approve moving forward with Mr. Stephenson's suggestion on Item 7, Councilwoman Pastor seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jerry Van Gasse discussed his concern with the Parks and Recreation Committee and requested the video be released alongside the minutes for future meetings.

Jessica Dobbs requested the Parks and Recreation Committee be televised and posted online.

Tim Sierakowski requested the Parks and Recreation Committee be available online to the public.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilwoman Pastor requested further information regarding traffic patterns between 19th Ave to 16th street.

Councilwoman Pastor requested a discussion about the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Stark adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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