

**Phoenix City Council  
Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning (TIP) Subcommittee  
Summary Minutes  
April 15, 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 Debra Stark called the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning (TIP) Subcommittee meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with Councilman Kevin Robinson, Councilman 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**

Councilman Waring made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee meeting. Vice Mayor Hodge Washington seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

**CONSENT ACTION (ITEMS 2-7)**

Items 2-7 were for consent action. No presentations were planned, but staff was available to answer questions.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington made a motion to approve consent items 2-7. Councilman Waring seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

**2. Amend City Code – Section 36-158, Schedule I, Local Speed Limits at 13 Locations**

**3. Request to Issue RFP – North and South Fixed-Route Transit (Bus) Service Operations**

**4. Request to Issue RFP – Bus Operations Control Center (OCC) and Data Collection Services**

**5. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Assessment for Arizona Municipal Water User Association**

**6. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Assessment for Water Industry Research and Partnerships**

**7. Request for Award – ReBokeh Vision Technologies – Accessible Visual Inclusion Services**

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEMS 8-9)**

**8. Floodplain Management Section Overview and Update**

City Engineer Eric Froberg and Floodplain Administrator Nazar Nabaty presented this item.

City Engineer Froberg shared an overview of floodplain management in the City.

Chairwoman Stark expressed appreciation for the City working with Maricopa County on the Lookout Mountain flood control district. Chairwoman Stark noted that the City of Phoenix contributes the greatest amount of funds to flood control districts compared to other cities in the region. Chairwoman Stark mentioned the undesignated trails that individuals create in the preserves which can lead to water in neighborhoods and suggested an educational campaign at preserves to stay on designated trails to mitigate this.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington inquired how locations for flood control studies are selected and whether residents have input into the sites selected.

Mr. Froberg shared that the number of complaints made is consideration for identifying sites for flood control work, but that it is also dependent on the severity of flooding.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked for further information on the selection process, such as how often flood control sites are looked at.

Mr. Froberg shared that sites are looked at annually, typically at the beginning of the fiscal year when there are new funds for local drainage studies and complaints are accepted throughout the year. He mentioned that when there are numerous complaints, the City will communicate with the flood control district to ask for additional information on a specific area of concern.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked how the City has ensured that information is accessible.

Mr. Froberg noted that the Street Transportation Department will notify the City Engineer's Office of areas with severe flooding, so complaints are not always resident-driven, and larger studies also assist with identifying areas of concern.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington thanked staff for the presentation.

### **9. 2026 Parks and Recreation PHXPlays Summer Camps and Aquatics Programming**

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Martin Whitfield, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director Danielle Poveromo and Aquatics Supervisor Becky Kirk presented this item.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Martin Whitfield shared that the Parks and Recreation Department has been working on summer programming.

Deputy Director Danielle Poveromo shared information about summer camps that are held throughout the City at various locations.

Aquatics Supervisor Becky Kirk shared information about pools that would be open over the summer and how staff are recruited for aquatics jobs.

Chairwoman Stark expressed appreciation for the work to reopen many of the pools.

Councilman Robinson asked how much lifeguards are paid when they start.

Ms. Kirk shared that shallow water lifeguards are paid \$16.88 an hour, regular lifeguards are paid \$17.24 an hour, and swim instructors are paid \$19.54 an hour.

Councilman Robinson asked about the work schedule for staff.

Ms. Kirk shared that staff work 20 to 40 hours a week.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington expressed support for summer programming and pools. Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked how many participants there are in parks summer programs and whether there is greater demand than capacity, or gaps in service.

Ms. Poveromo shared that seven out of 26 summer program sites are free and that costs for the remainder range from \$25 to \$80 a week, so there are many options. She shared that there are scholarship programs available for families that need financial assistance. She highlighted part of the demand is due to the City having one of the lowest priced summer camps in the Phoenix valley area.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked about unmet demand in summer programming.

Ms. Poveromo shared that 26 different community centers hold summer programming with capacity varying by facility and staffing levels. She highlighted that some centers are

booked out in advance whereas other sites meet capacity at varied times. She shared that all sites were full last year and that the free sites had waitlists.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked how large the waitlists are and what the process is for considering individuals on a waitlist.

Ms. Poveromo shared that staff evaluate registrations for errors, , consider room for siblings, and then staff go through the waitlist in order of registration to add the child or recommend a different location. She shared that three of the 26 locations fill within minutes. She highlighted space as a limiting factor.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked for a specific number of individuals on a waitlist.

Ms. Poveromo shared that the number depends.

Vice Mayor Hodge Washington asked for a general ballpark number of individuals on a waitlist for the entire summer programming done across the various locations.

Ms. Poveromo shared that for the three most popular sites, the waitlist may range from 25 to 80 individuals.

Mr. Whitfield shared that there is a weekly report of the capacity and waitlist for summer programming and mentioned he would provide that information to the Councilmember.

Chairwoman Stark thanked staff for the presentation.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Jerry Van Gasse recommended that Cesar Chavez Park be renamed Jesse Owens Park.

Tim Sierakowski asked for a park to be named after Jesse Owens. Mr. Sierakowski asked for parks, specifically Camelback and Piestewa Peak, to be opened earlier at 4:30 a.m.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Stark adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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