

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 30, 1999

The Transportation Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on September 30, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Keno Hawker, Chairman John Giles Pat Pomeroy	C.K. Luster Jan Amdahl Anthony Araza Neal Beets Linda Crocker Jack Friedline Mike Hutchinson Ron Krosting Jeff Martin Tom Remes Kim West Jim Wright Others	None
COMMITTEE ABSENT		
None		
COUNCIL PRESENT		
None		

1. Hear and consider a recommendation from the City's Transportation Planning Task Force.

Public Works Director Jack Friedline highlighted a brief presentation that illustrated the City's Transportation Planning Task Force's accomplishments to date. Mr. Friedline stated that transportation has been an issue of concern for Mesa residents and businesses for many years. Mr. Friedline reported that a November 1998 City survey of Mesa residents indicated general concern on issues such as traffic congestion, construction project scheduling, limited availability of alternate modes of travel and proper planning to meet the future needs of the City.

Mr. Friedline advised that in response to this issue, an interdepartmental Transportation Task Force was created in the Spring of 1999 to review current practices and to develop specific recommendations for long-term planning.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that the Task Force developed the vision "Mesa on the Move: Transportation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in an effort to guide the group's progress in developing recommendations, the fact that the group developed characteristics of a transportation system that would generate strong support from the majority of its users, and the development of a strategic plan for use as a blueprint to help guide the City towards achieving its goals and attaining the vision.

Mr. Friedline informed the Committee that the Transportation Task Force is requesting that the Committee approve their recommendations and allocate the sum of \$585,000 in existing Fiscal Year 1999-2000 General Fund dollars to support the initial steps to achieve the identified vision.

Mr. Friedline briefly outlined the following action plans:

1. Adopt a vision of a quality transportation system. The Task Force recommends adopting “Mesa on the Move – Transportation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive transportation plan based on substantial resident, business owner, and transportation user input,
3. Work seamlessly across all affected City Departments and enhance cooperative relationships with contractors and other jurisdictions to complete transportation-related improvements,
4. Develop and implement a public information/marketing campaign to keep residents and businesses apprised of the City’s efforts to gain valuable feedback and support for system improvements,
5. Focus on developing and enhancing alternate modes of transportation,
6. Identify viable funding sources to enhance and maintain an effective and efficient transportation system, and
7. Develop and maintain proper staffing and management systems to enhance transportation operations and maintenance.

Mr. Friedline reported that City staff has just begun to implement many of the action plans described above and intends to provide regular progress updates on the status of their efforts. Mr. Friedline noted that Task Force representatives have reviewed initial efforts of the Strategic Planning process with the Transportation Advisory Board, Mesa Chamber of Commerce and the Neighborhood Development Committee.

Committeemember Pomeroy stated the opinion that the proposal is of great importance to the community and emphasized the need for broad-based involvement. Committeemember Pomeroy suggested that staff develop a task force composed of community members other than City-staff.

Committeemember Giles concurred with Committeemember Pomeroy’s remarks and suggested that staff present their proposal to the Transportation Advisory Board at their next meeting.

Mr. Friedline agreed that citizen support is crucial to achieving the proposed goals.

Chairman Hawker stated the opinion that the presentation focused mainly on transportation and should be coordinated with the City’s General Plan Update. Chairman Hawker stated that the financing aspect of city build-out should be researched to look at the broad picture. Chairman Hawker also stated that the life cycle should be done for the City of Mesa. Chairman Hawker commented on the fact that freeway construction will be completed by 2007 and encouraged staff to be pro-active in preparing to meet the impacts of the exit ramps on major City streets.

It was moved by Committeemember Pomeroy, seconded by Committeemember Giles, to recommend to the Council that the recommendations of the Transportation Planning Task Force, with emphasis on coordinating efforts in association with the Mesa General Plan Update and developing an extensive public notification process, be approved.

Carried unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider installation of notification signs along the Red Mountain and San Tan Freeway corridor.

Public Works Director, Jack Friedline presented the Committee with maps showing placement of notification signs along the Red Mountain and San Tan Freeway corridor. Mr. Friedline stated this is an information item to get support for the installation of these signs. Mr. Friedline stated the freeway EIS is complete on the Red

Mountain, and the EA is complete on the San Tan Freeway and signs would be posted as a means to let the public know where these freeways will be crossing.

It was moved by Committeemember Pomeroy, seconded by Committeemember Giles, to recommend to the Council that staff's recommendation that staff proceed with signing the location of the Red Mountain Freeway between Power Road and US 60 and the San Tan Freeway between US 60 and Power Road at the arterial street crossings, be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Transportation Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 30th day of September, 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1999

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK