

MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
Transportation

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
August 26, 2008

ROLL CALL: 3:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 4:35 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Shirley Scott, Ward 4, Chair
 Council Member Rodney Glassman, Ward 2
 Vice Mayor Karin Uhlich, Ward 3

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
1. Call to the Audience - None.	
2. Legislative Update: Jason Baran, City Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) reported that based on the final ruling, the T.I.M.E. initiative will not be on the November ballot. He stated that IGR is closely monitoring what the impacts will be as a result of the state’s cuts to the HURF.	Continue regular updates.
3. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update: Jim DeGroot, PAG, provided an update on the status of region’s RTA projects. He discussed issues related to the maintenance of effort commitment for transit and its relationship to the current transit fare discussion underway with the City’s Transit Task Force.	Continue regular updates.
4. I-10 Update: Lucy Amparano, TDOT, reported that the final major closure to shift mainline traffic to the new section of freeway was completed ahead of schedule. She mentioned that signal phasing for the cross streets has been changed from split phasing to the City of Tucson-standard phasing. She also reported that the South Sixth Avenue on-ramp access to westbound I-10 has been reopened.	Continue regular updates.
6. Downtown Infrastructure: Fran LaSala, City Manager’s office, presented the conceptual design for streetscape improvements for Scott Avenue south of Broadway. Council Member Scott inquired about how on-street parking reductions proposed with this project and City Code requirements could impact the development potential of the fronting properties should they be sold in the future.	Staff to research parking code ramifications of reduced parking.
7. Downtown Links Design Process: Corky Poster of Poster-Frost Associates provided an overview of the process that will be followed to develop a design for the Downtown Links project to achieve the goal of developing an implementable land use and urban design plan as a companion to the roadway project.	No action taken.
8. Transit Task Force: Andrew Singelakis, TDOT Deputy Director, briefly summarized the first meeting of the Transit Task Force held on August 20 th . He reported that some task force members were confused about their role and asked staff to seek clarification of Mayor and Council’s direction. Subcommittee members confirmed that the initial task of the committee is to examine the system’s operating costs vs. revenues and to verify the gap between the two. Their next task would be to explore ways in which to increase ridership and make using the transit system a more desirable travel option.	No action taken.
9. Future Agendas (<i>suggested topics for further consideration/approval</i>)	