

Tempe Apache Boulevard Association

Minutes

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Metro Light Rail Report: Karla Khan spokesperson filling in for Hillary Foose
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Discussed the progress of the light rail with a slide show.
She discussed:

The East Valley extension to Mesa Drive

In August 2010, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the Central Mesa Light Rail Extension into Project Development, the first step in receiving an approval for federal funding under the FTA's Small Starts program. With this approval, METRO was able to begin the design phase in September 2010. Design will be conducted and reviewed publicly over the next two years.

A park-and-ride will be located east of Mesa Drive. The exact size and location are still being evaluated and a site should be identified by early 2011.

Environmental Assessment	Summer 2009 – Spring 2011
Design	2010 – 2012
Pre-construction	2011 – 2013
Construction	2013 – 2015
Completion/Start-up	2016

As other funding becomes available, Phase II would extend light rail from Mesa Drive to Gilbert Road.

Tempe Street Car was discussed:

Modern streetcar vehicles operate on tracks, typically mixed with automobile traffic, and are powered by overhead power lines. They differ from light rail vehicles in their smaller vehicle size and single-car operation. Stops are also more simple and frequent than light rail.

The project will be built by 2016 using a mix of regional Proposition 400 funds and federal grant dollars. City of Tempe is responsible for the operating funds.

In 2011, METRO, working closely with the city of Tempe, will convene a community working group to help technical staff define the vehicle, stop locations and street configuration of the Tempe Streetcar.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and preparation for a federal grant application will also begin in 2011.

Overall project schedule:

Project Definition	2011
Environmental Assessment	2011 – 2012
Design	2012 – 2013
Construction	2013 – early 2016
Completion/Start-up	2016

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The Association members discussed: How to increase association membership.

- TABA voted to a lot \$300 towards flyers to give to businesses to invite them to join the association.

- The larger the group the stronger our voice

- Don Mortensen and Barbara Lloyd committed to developing the flyers for distribution to Apache Blvd businesses.

- Flyers to be delivered by the end of March

Meeting adjourned