



**Next Move Arizona
Statewide Listening Tour**

**ADOT Housing and Mobility Stakeholders Input Meeting
Meeting Notes**

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Attendees

ADOT and Consultant Team

- Kristin Darr, Consultant Team Facilitator
- Teresa Welborn, ADOT Strategic Advisor
- Shannon Scutari, Consultant Central Metropolitan Liaison
- Jennifer Love, Consultant PM
- David Proffitt, ADOT MPD Planner

Agency and Public Participants

- James Graef, Culdesac Chief of Staff
- Tim Sprague, Habitat Metro Principal
- Shelly Seyler, City of Tempe Transportation Deputy Director
- Emily Delross, City of Tempe Transit Transportation Planner
- Brianne Fisher, City of Tempe Sustainability Climate Action Manager
- Randy McGrane, Ensemble Managing Director
- Cathy Hollow, City of Tempe Traffic Senior Civil Engineer
- Justin Graham, Sun Belt Holdings Vice President
- Anthony Rodriguez, City of Mesa Urban Transportation Project Manager
- Anthony Strait, Downtown Tempe Authority
- Lori Foster, Downtown Tempe Authority Vice President of Operations
- David Crummey, Rail CDC Vice President
- Ryan Johnson, Culdesac CEO
- Kylee Floodman, Bird Director of Government Relations
- John Graham, Sun Belt Holdings President and CEO
- Jen Ho, Lectric Bikes Chief of Staff
- Robby Deziel, Lectric Bikes Co-Founder
- Jimmy Cerracchio, Downtown Mesa Association President and Executive Director
- Maddux Gremaux, Culdesac Partnerships and Business Operations
- Mitchell Willard, City of Tempe Transportation Planner
- Steve LeTerra, TerraLane Communities CEO



Welcome

- Kristin opened the meeting with a welcome and a round of introductions.

Discussion

- While attendees acknowledged that Arizona's highway system provides important regional connectivity, many emphasized that transportation should be viewed as a broader system that includes walking, bicycling, transit, micromobility, rail, and emerging mobility options.
- Multimodal transportation emerged as a central theme throughout the discussion. Participants expressed interest in creating a transportation system that provides a wider range of travel choices and reduces dependence on personal vehicles.
- Many noted that current transportation networks often prioritize automobile travel while making it more difficult for people to walk, bike, use transit, or live car-free lifestyles.
- Participants discussed the relationship between transportation and land use decisions. Several attendees noted that transportation investments influence development patterns, housing choices, business location decisions, and the overall design of communities.
- Connectivity was identified as a recurring concern. Participants emphasized the importance of creating connections between neighborhoods, employment centers, transit services, and regional destinations.
- Several attendees discussed challenges related to crossing freeways, gaps in bicycle and pedestrian networks, and limited connections between transportation modes.
- Bicycle and micromobility infrastructure generated significant discussion. Participants highlighted growing use of e-bikes and other micromobility options and noted that infrastructure, regulations, and network connectivity have not always kept pace with changing travel behaviors.
- Safe, connected facilities were viewed as important to supporting future mobility needs.
- Transit accessibility and effectiveness were discussed extensively. Participants emphasized the importance of improving transit speed, convenience, and connectivity, particularly for trips beyond local destinations.
- Attendees described reliable transit service as an important component of providing meaningful transportation choices.
- Rail transportation was discussed as a significant opportunity for improving regional mobility. Participants expressed support for expanded passenger rail, higher-speed rail connections, and transit networks that provide different levels of service based on travel distance and community needs.
- Safety was identified as an important transportation priority. Discussion included pedestrian and bicycle safety, roadway design, vehicle speeds, network design, and opportunities to learn from transportation systems that have successfully reduced traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries.



- Participants discussed the role of ADOT in supporting transportation choices beyond roadway expansion. Questions were raised about how state transportation policy, right-of-way management, funding priorities, and system planning could better support multimodal transportation options and local community objectives.
- Environmental sustainability was also discussed. Participants highlighted the relationship between transportation infrastructure, greenhouse gas emissions, urban heat island impacts, and long-term community livability. Some attendees expressed interest in understanding how transportation investments align with broader sustainability goals.
- Participants discussed changing travel preferences and demographic trends, noting that some residents, particularly younger generations, are increasingly interested in alternatives to personal vehicle ownership when viable transportation options are available.
- Public involvement, transparency, and communication were recurring topics. Participants encouraged continued dialogue about transportation priorities, planning processes, environmental considerations, and the broader impacts of transportation investments on communities throughout Arizona.

Key Takeaways

- Participants expressed strong interest in a transportation system that includes walking, bicycling, transit, rail, micromobility, and automobile travel as complementary components of a connected statewide network.
- Transportation and land use decisions are closely linked, and participants emphasized the importance of understanding how transportation investments influence community development, housing, and access to opportunities.
- Improved multimodal connectivity, including bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and regional transportation connections, was identified as a priority for improving mobility and access.
- Growing use of e-bikes and other micromobility options is creating demand for safer, more connected infrastructure and policies that support evolving travel behaviors.
- Transit effectiveness depends on convenient connections, travel time competitiveness, and reliable service that enables people to choose alternatives to driving when appropriate.
- Participants expressed support for expanded passenger rail and higher-speed rail investments as part of a broader statewide transportation strategy.
- Safety remains a key transportation concern, with participants highlighting the need for roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure that supports safer travel for all users.
- Participants encouraged ADOT to continue exploring opportunities to leverage state assets, right-of-way, planning processes, and partnerships to support multimodal transportation goals.
- Environmental considerations, including greenhouse gas emissions, urban heat impacts, and long-term sustainability, were identified as important factors in future transportation planning and investment decisions.



- Participants emphasized the value of clear communication, transparency, and ongoing engagement as transportation agencies consider future transportation needs, emerging technologies, and changing travel preferences across Arizona.