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FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To:

Mayor and City Council

From:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Date:

October 8, 2009

Meeting Date:

October 13, 2009

Title:

Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Presentation

Recommended Actions: Discussion Only

ACTION SUMMARY: Provide input to FMPO staff on policy implications and outcomes directed or implied by the draft RTP and suggest potential changes for consideration in the final document.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

- Charlier, consultant. Project start October 2007. Conclusion September 2009.
- Executive Board review on August 26, 2009 is favorable to format and content.

Key Considerations:

- Project Schedule
 - o Public Comment Period concludes November 19, 2009
 - Executive Board final action in mid-December
- Major Policies
 - o Balance travel choices
 - Optimize existing infrastructure
 - o Enhance economy and character and protect environment
 - Context sensitive Solutions
 - o Complete Streets
 - Connectivity

Integrating Land Use and Character with Transportation

- Focus on Activity Centers to promote economy, character, shorten trips and reduce need for automobile travel
- Identify activity center locations and prescribe levels of service for pedestrian, bicycle and transit operations and intersection level of service
- Fiscal Constraint needs far exceed the means
- Policy Questions
 - What is the best mix of transportation facilities and investments to support land use objectives?
 - O Under what conditions should partnering with private development take place?



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Should investments be geared predominantly in support of activity centers?

Community Benefits and Considerations:

Sets long term policy, clarifies financial implications

Community Involvement:

- A series of efforts in different media have engaged 1000 people more or less
- Staff is presenting to Council, Board of Supervisors and Chamber of Commerce
- Staff has presented to Traffic Commission
- Public Comment Period is 45-days
 - News releases
 - On-line and on-site comment opportunities
 - o October 22, 2009 town hall

Attachments/Exhibits:

 Staff will make a brief presentation highlighting the policies, mechanics and financial assumptions and implications behind the RTP

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