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Minutes

Special EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Monday May 5, 2008**

Flagstaff City Hall, Council Conference Room, 211 W. Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montoya called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

On roll call, the following were present:

Bob Montoya, Chair

Joseph Donaldson

Scott Overton

Deb Hill

Matt Ryan

Excused Absence:

Karen Cooper

Liz Archuleta

The following FMPO staff was present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Kevin Burke

Larry Dannenfeldt

Andy Bertelsen

II. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

There were no Minutes to approve.

III. OLD BUSINESS (Continued, postponed, and tabled items.)

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Annual Arizona State Transportation Board Dinner and Hearing

Mr. Wessel updated the Board on the status of the annual ASTB Dinner scheduled May 15 at 5:30 pm at the NAU High Country Conference Center and Hearing scheduled May 16 at 9:00 am at the East Flagstaff Library. Mr. Wessel stated there are 51 confirmed attendees and sponsorships are approximately \$3,000 and more money is expected in order to cover costs. He explained the overall theme as "Picture This" to correlate with the state's frameworks study.

Mr. Wessel mentioned the issue of the 89A/John Wesley Powel project. He stated the project is in the five year program for 2011 but at this point does not have right of way money budgeted. He was informed that it is fairly routine for the money to get added and was given estimates of \$1.5 – \$2 million, but he does not know what exactly is needed. He added that given the financial status of the state right now it seems there is a need to push and make a strong request to add the money to the program, sooner rather than later, so the money is secure.

Ms. Hill commented that there is a preliminary draft map of the realignment of 89A and it impacts Fort Tuthill. Ms. Hill requested permission from the Chair to invite Mr. Bertelsen and/or Mr. Dannenfeldt to comment on the issue. Mr. Dannenfeldt explained the current status of the issue. He stated there has been dialog over the last 8-9 months between Parks and Recreation Director and ADOT Project Manager to get the issues on the table regarding the project.

- Realignment curves into park
- Realignment renders 13-15 acres unusable
- Discussion of monetary compensation for road easement and acres that are unusable
- Currently, there appears to be no left turn lane or acceleration lane for general safety.
- The "Y" is a major entrance for events and there are discussions of the types of lanes.
- Another project characteristic is it brings the road closer to the new amphitheater and road noise may be concern.
- Realignment will remove one ramada and does that ramada move elsewhere or is compensation necessary?

Ms. Hill added there are questions regarding zoning such as open space, buffer areas and appropriate levels of development. Mr. Dannenfeldt would like to have dialog for a conservation easement to keep it natural and open. Mr. Overton inquired about entrance realignment option. Mr. Dannenfeldt sketched the location of the project and entrance option for the Board members. Mr. Overton advised ADOT make a formalized intersection to address in-flow issues. Mr. Overton suggested mitigation for the amphitheater such as a large scale screen wall. Mr. Dannenfeldt stated the soldiers log/rail fence be rebuilt to keep in theme with the park. Mr. Overton asked if it would be a signaled main entrance. It will be a stop sign.

Mr. Wessel stated that there are basic design issues to work out for a final right of way ask of money but there is the larger concept. Mr. Dannenfeldt added discussions still need to occur at staff level to work through resolution with Mr. George Wallace (ADOT Project Manager). Ms. Hill recommended for the Hearing have draft plans and project highlights to inform them of the status. Chair Montoya advised avoiding detail at the Hearing and recommended the design issue be placed on a future agenda for the Board to discuss in greater detail. Mr. Montoya acknowledged Mr. Harper was not present at the meeting because design detail was not to be discussed. Chair Montoya advised the project stay in the 2011 program as scheduled and all communities are

feeling the “pinch.” Mr. Burke commented on Land Use and Right of Way discussions to occur with City because of the large master plan of the airport and that coordination efforts will occur with other agencies that may be involved. Mr. Dannenfeldt will include City staff on the meeting discussions as well.

Mr. Ryan inquired while at the dinner would we suggest asking for the right of way. Chair Montoya explained, yes, and that there are right of way issues but as part of the equation to include criteria of design and funding all at the same time. He mentioned that due to all of the projects “moving parts” at this time and revenue short falls (ie: \$4 billion in Maricopa County off the projections), we need to be proactive with stakeholders and private developers.

Mr. Wessel will follow up with George Wallace and City of Flagstaff staff that should be involved with the discussions. Mr. Wessel mentioned the other issues.

- Thank you to the Board for moving I-40 DCR forward
- One cent sales tax topic with David Martin of the TIME Coalition to possibly present at dinner.

Chair Montoya stated it is up to cities and counties to support the sales tax. He stated the importance of the tax passing or there will only be money available to repair roads and no new projects. Mayor Donaldson added as a member of RTAC there is more support for it but the eastern counties of the state are not supportive. Chair Montoya mentioned the distribution formula is population based and Pima and MAG will donate to rural but not to all of it and the importance of approving Initiative. Mr. Ryan added NACOG had a discussion as well on modifying the formula and general support of investment into transportation. Ms. Hill requested an agenda item for the Initiative. Mr. Wessel stated to include as part of the *Picture This* dinner theme presentation and given funding this is what our transportation future could be but not giving overt support of the Initiative.

Mr. Wessel added Mr. Meilbeck would like to present on NAIPTA. The Board recommended it be brief and focus on transit. Ms. Hill recommended including a thank you to the board. Chair Montoya commented that Victor Flores has been confirmed and all Board Members are from a rural environment except for Si Schorr.

Mr. Wessel requested if Chair Montoya will provide comment and feedback on the presentation prior to the dinner like he did last year. Chair Montoya stated he would be happy to do it again.

V. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

- 1) Technical Advisory Committee:
Provided and no discussion on TAC Action Summary from April 3, 2008.
- 2) Management Committee Report:
No Report
- 3) Staff Reports:
Report scheduled for May 23, 2008 meeting.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel announced the dinner as May 15 and the RTP website, www.flagstaffpathways.org, was launched and received good press. Chair Montoya added there will be a study session at East Flag public library at 3:30 pm on May 15. Mr. Ryan announced a roundabout was studied at the I-17 TI by Fort Tuthill at one time and you may want to revisit that detail once again if the board should inquire.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Montoya adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

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