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Approved Minutes EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

8:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Arizona Department of Transportation, 1801 South Milton Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montoya called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

On roll call, the following were present:

Bob Montoya, Chair
Mayor Sara Presler
Coral Evans
Scott Overton
Deb Hill
Matt Ryan

The following FMPO staff was present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

John Harper
Rod Wigman
Audra Merrick
Mike Townsend
Mary Jo Jenkins

II. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

B. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Montoya welcomed new members Mayor Sara Presler and City of Flagstaff Councilmember Coral Evans.

C. **APPROVAL of MINUTES.**

Mr. Overton made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 28, 2008 and Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update**

Mr. Wessel explained the status of the Regional Transportation Plan to the Executive Board and stated it is the primary document and responsibility of the MPO. The objective is to obtain a community consensus and he found alternate modes (bike users) had a great deal of input in the RTP process. There is a web-based survey at the project website (www.flagstaffpathways.org) and the FMPO is working on releasing a telephone survey - pending funding. Mr. Wessel is working with the City's community character study and evaluating how to use transportation to strengthen areas. The next dates for the RTP workshops are in early October. Ms. Hill commented on the importance to retain flexibility of transportation due to land use planning and to ultimately have one regional plan as a joint document with City/County.

There was discussion only and no action. Following the discussion there was a roundtable introduction for the benefit of the new members.

2. **FMPO FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Wessel presented the draft TIP and explained the modifications of the document to the Board.

- Approval Date on the Cover
- Approval on Resolution Number 08-01
- Elimination of ADOT project from program: *right turn lane at Mt. Elden Business Center on US89*

The Board made remarks and requested clarification on TIP projects and tables. Mr. Wessel and the group addressed the comments and explained the TIP in greater detail. Mr. Harper commented on pavement preservation, the airport traffic interchange and Walnut Canyon. Mr. Ryan made a motion to adopt the TIP with the modifications and Ms. Hill seconded which passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

3. **Appointment of FMPO Representative to the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC)**

Mr. Wessel explained the RTAC is comprised of MPO and COG representatives, funded by city and county dues and promotes and defends rural transportation interests. Mr. Ryan added to the discussion regarding RTAC and COG.

Ms. Hill nominated Mayor Presler to serve on the RTAC and the group concurred. Mayor Presler accepted the nomination. Ms. Hill made a motion to appoint Mayor Presler to serve on the RTAC. Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously. Mr. Ryan nominated Mr. Overton to serve as the alternate to Mayor Presler on the RTAC and the group agreed. Mr. Overton accepted the nomination. Mr. Ryan made a motion to appoint Mr. Overton as the designated alternate to Mayor Presler on the RTAC. Ms. Hill seconded, which passed unanimously.

4. **ADOT Statewide Transportation Investment Strategy (STIS)**

Mr. Wessel provided the Executive Board information on the STIS status and requested direction developing and communicating FMPO positions on the investment strategy. The Board made comment and requested clarification on the STIS and the TIME Initiative.

The group discussed the two different campaigns and explained their distinctions especially in regard to policy position. Ms. Hill stated she will vote but not on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ryan reiterated the same sentiment. Mr. Overton explained it is a gray area in the MPO and is reluctant to speak on behalf of the council as a formal position but the city needs to educate voters. Ms. Jenkins commented on the HURF Fund, concern of the state's ability to have a balance budget, and there may be other aspects at a legislative level. Mr.

Wessel stressed that the Investment Strategy is separate from the Initiative. Mayor Presler requested revision on the language of Resolution 2008-02.

Mayor Presler made a motion to Adopt Resolution 2008-02 and direct staff to coordinate a STIS information/education campaign with the Arizona DOT with the language revision as the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization formally declares support of the Statewide Transportation Investment Strategy for the purpose of an informational campaign to address potential underfunded and needed transportation improvements.

Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

5. Calendar

There was discussion only and no action.

6. Rotation of Officers

The Board discussed the rotation of officers.

Mayor Presler nominated Mr. Overton to serve as the Chair and the group concurred. Mr. Overton accepted the nomination. Mayor Presler made a motion to appoint Mr. Overton as the FMPO Executive Board Chair. Ms. Evans seconded, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Hill nominated Mr. Ryan to serve as the Vice-Chair on the Board and the group agreed. Mr. Ryan accepted the nomination. Ms. Hill made a motion to appoint Mr. Ryan as the Vice-Chair on the FMPO Executive Board. Mr. Overton seconded, which passed unanimously.

I. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

1) Technical Advisory Committee:

Provided and there was no discussion on the action summary of June 5, 2008.

2) Management Committee Report:

Provided and there was no discussion on the draft summary Minutes of June 12, 2008.

3) Staff Reports:

Provided and there was no discussion on staff reports.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montoya announced the meeting dates. Ms. Hill clarified the next meeting as August 27 not August 28 as printed on the agenda. Ms. Roederer stated the August meeting will be located at the ADOT facility. Mr. Overton recommended Ms. Roederer change the meeting location to City Hall.

Mr. Ryan announced appreciation to Chair Montoya for his excellent work as the Chair of the FMPO Executive Board for the past year. The group reiterated Mr. Ryan's acknowledgment of Chair Montoya's FMPO efforts and expressed thanks and gratitude.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Montoya adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.