



FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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A G E N D A **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** **8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., January 28, 2009**

Flagstaff City Hall, 2nd Floor Staff Conference Room,
211 W. Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS:

Scott Overton, Chair

Matt Ryan, Vice-chair

Liz Archuleta

Sara Presler

Robert "Bob" Montoya

Coral Evans

FMPO STAFF:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

(At this time, any member of the public may address the Board on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Board on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Board cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the agenda. To address the Board on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard. Speaking time is limited to 3 minutes)

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

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

1. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Pages 8-10

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Actions

Staff will seek Executive Board approval on Evaluation Criteria weighting that will shape development and selection of future projects. Staff will also update the Board on recent progress and developments related to the RTP.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Adopt Evaluation Criteria weighting

2. FMPO FY 2010 Work Program **Pages 11-12**

FMPO Staff: David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion only

Staff will present a draft budget and work program for Board discussion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion only

3. Federal Highway Bill Authorization and Stimulus Package **Pages 13-16**

FMPO Staff: David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion and Possible Action

Staff will present recent developments regarding the federal highway bill and stimulus package and seek Board action regarding a resolution in support of the stimulus package.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Adopt resolution in support of the stimulus package.

III. NEW BUSINESS

4. FMPO FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Pages 17-18

FMPO Staff: David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion and Possible Actions

Staff will present two sets of proposed amendments to the transportation improvement program. 1) Related to federal stimulus package; 2) Related to local project delivery

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: 1) Adopt TIP amendments related to federal stimulus bill; 2) Adopt TIP amendments related to local project delivery

5. FMPO Calendar **Page 19**

FMPO Staff: David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion only

Staff will review the FMPO calendar.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion only

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

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D. REPORTS

- 1) Technical Advisory Committee:
 - Action Summary December 4, 2008
- 2) Staff Reports:

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Informal Announcements, Future Agenda Items, and Next Meeting Date)

Next Meeting	February 25, 2009 City Hall, 2 nd Floor Staff Conference
TAC	February 5, 2009 County, 1 st Floor Board of Supervisor Room
Management Committee:	February 12, 2009 County, 2 nd Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Recording Secretary with the City Clerk.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2009.



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Draft Minutes **SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., December 17, 2008**

Coconino County Second Floor Conference Room,
219 E. Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Overton called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

On roll call, the following were present:

Scott Overton, Chair
Matt Ryan, Vice Chair
Mayor Sara Presler
Coral Evans (excused absent)
Bob Montoya
Deb Hill

The following FMPO staff was present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

John Harper

II. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel presented Ms. Hill with a certificate of appreciation and a *Roberta Rogers* watercolor print on behalf of the FMPO for her years of service to the organization. Additionally, Mr. Wessel gave Ms. Hill a small bronze elk as a gift because she will be relocating to Montana. Ms. Hill shared a brief story with the Board regarding the significance of the elk sculpture and her positive experiences with the FMPO. Chair Overton thanked her for her insight and explained she has been a valuable member to the FMPO and will be missed greatly.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the October 22, 2008 Minutes and Mr. Montoya seconded, which passed. Ms. Hill abstained because she was not present for the October meeting.

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

1. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Mr. Wessel provided an RTP update to the Executive Board. The Board discussed the Policy Statements and Evaluation Criteria that will shape development of the regional transportation model, future data collection and development to guide staff in development of public information.

Mr. Wessel stated the traffic model is now calibrated and looking very good. The next improvement is to turn it from vehicle trips to person trips and then start layering in pedestrian, bicycle and transit. Charlier will be providing a template for future land use projections and he has been working closely with city and county on cost estimating. He stated similar to the model and Safety Analysis the FMPO is doing precedent setting work and once again with cost estimating. Mr. Wessel mentioned after talking with Charlier and others they are developing a tool for regional transportation planning that will serve very well in providing a better "hand-off" from planning to programming. Over the next one-two months the primary focus will be on land use projections and developing project descriptions of the various ideas, past plans, studies and input from public and hopefully have a model to test it in by the end of January 2009. Mr. Wessel stated they were unable to have the Survey contract between ADOT and NAU out of the AG office on time for a December survey prior to break and it will be in January with results available after the January meeting. Mr. Wessel expects to have validation for policy statements and insight on valuation criteria.

Mr. Wessel gave a PowerPoint slide presentation with a revised the Draft Policy Statement based on comments from TAC, Board of Supervisors, City Council and from the City Economic Vitality staff. Mr. Wessel incorporated the following revisions:

- importance of including land use more strongly
- support of economy
- character of our area
- safety
- add *green* to high tech industries
- Include tourism (the CVB offered doing a survey at the Visitor Center.)
- Change *tax payers* to *citizens*
- Design to consider aesthetics and not strictly utilitarian

Mayor Presler commented on the issue and the perspective of a citizen (Mr. Hughes) regarding intermodal transportation connection and the difficulty of train parking, safety and logistics to and from the bus/train station. Chair Overton suggested he come in as a guest regarding the rail side of passenger travel because he sits on the National Amtrak Board for customer service.

The Board suggested additional revisions

- Under Emergency section use a different adjective instead of *access*
- Under Alternate Economy add *green energy* to statements and add *new and growing industries*
- Suggested Mr. Wessel meet with Rich Bowen regarding NAU/Education Transportation. Ms. Hill noted that NAU has been invited to previous meetings and does not always attend.
- Design to consider aesthetics and not strictly utilitarian *if possible*

- Under Strategic Direction item A. *Reduce drive-alone frequency through mode-shift: providing balanced travel choices (drive, bus, walk, and bike) to maximize personal mobility.*
 - Needs a time element
 - Add “design features”
- Remove “incentivize” use “encourage”

Chair Overton made a motion to adopt the Draft Policy statements and Mayor Presler seconded, which passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed Performance Measures for “right fit” with budgeting process. There was no action.

FMPO was awarded a grant to do a Safety Analysis for the RTP and it has been completed. The Board discussed the Safety Analysis Report and requested additional review of the entire analysis prior to publishing the findings. The Board will receive the report electronically prior to posting the publication. There was no action.

Mr. Wessel provided a handout to the Board (*FMPO Regional Transportation Plan Project Selection and Prioritization Criteria*) and explained the form will be updated to include additional criteria and emailed to stakeholders and hopefully results will be available for the next meeting. There was no action.

II. NEW BUSINESS

2. FMPO FY 2010 Work Program

Mr. Wessel explained the FMPO work program tasks for FY 2010 and received comment and suggestion from the Board.

Mr. Wessel stated there are key funding initiatives that may be coming up that the MPO should spend time on preparing positions and educational information. Chair Overton commented on the City Council budget retreat strategic plan to set priorities and the transportation elements were a top priority at the retreat such as the Lone Tree Corridor, and that project being a potential Bond question in 2010. Chair Overton posed the question, if this is a good Board to have Council representation on the discussion in order to know where we are headed with tax outlay in terms of bonding, sales tax and BBB revenue renewals. Chair Overton expressed that he believes this group will be influential in the discussion if it goes to Bond in 2010. Chair Overton believes it best to be proactive and “ahead of the curve” and believes this group is needed in order for it to be communicated effectively to become a successful Bond project. Chair Overton inquired about timing regarding first or second quarter to start having the discussion. Mr. Wessel agreed and stated the RTP is lumped with the Lone Tree Corridor and is developing information that is pertinent to a Bond question and in regard to the Work Program will be spending MPO resources.

The Board supported funding initiatives and material information. Ms. Hill commented if the organization name change and boundary study was necessary because it took five years to take the MPO independent and reorganize it. Chair Overton stated it was a request of Ms. Evans and Mr. Ryan stated it was also a retreat discussion. Ms. Hill stated the name change compared to the other issues such as reauthorization, RTP, I-17, funding cuts, transportation initiatives, etc. the name change pales in comparison. Mr. Wessel stated Ms. Evans concern was that the name Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization is not recognized and does not state transportation in the name. Mayor Presler stated that she and

Chair Overton have been mentioning the FMPO at council meetings when there are discussions related to transportation. She stressed the Board advocate for the FMPO.

Mr. Wessel stated there is an ongoing I-17 Study and the I-40 DCR has been bumped from the program and hopefully it will be reinstated. Mr. Wessel has a letter ready for the Chair to sign and will send the letter electronically to the Board regarding the I-40 DCR.

Chair Overton inquired if the MPO is participating in the budget exercise reduction. Mr. Wessel stated the \$30,000 contribution has been reduced 19% and is looking at other areas to reduce as well. Chair Overton mentioned the council will look at grant funds differently and because MPO is not drawn from the general fund. He recommended the MPO go through the budget process.

Mayor Presler mentioned two budget approaches:

1. Zero Base Budget
2. 20% Budget Cut

She stated there will be a Citizen Task Force assigned and some independent benchmarking. Mayor Presler added tha the MPO maximize staff members/resources utilizing city and county staff and cited an example from Housing Authority.

3. Federal Highway Bill Authorization and Stimulus Package

Mr. Wessel explained to the Board his attendance at the ADOT Reauthorization Summit in early December (12/2/08) in Glendale, Arizona. He mentioned the current Bill expires in September 2009 and there are two perspectives.

- 1) Economic downturn means there is a need to set expectations for funding in order to have infrastructure projects move forward that will fast track legislation.
- 2) Expect continued resolutions for a year or two.

Mr. Wessel suggested being safe and preparing for the first perspective regarding the economic downturn. Mr. Wessel mentioned there is a discussion that earmarks will no longer be used and there is speculation that the Chair of the Transportation Infrastructure Committee is not likely to let go of earmarks completely. Ms. Hill added that none of them will stop using earmarks except for McCain. Mr. Wessel stated a possible position may be to state that we approve earmarks should go away but until they provide our request. Mr. Ryan stated there was a discussion to place limitations and place percentages in order for there to be more control. Mr. Wessel mentioned that if we were to receive an amount it has an impact on how state funds are distributed because it will come out of a certain pool of money. For example, there is a state pot of money and out of that pot the earmarks come out of it. Chair Overton stated that it undermines the base program and what ADOT does in this situation. Mr. Montoya stated it has happened before and there will be more discussion. Mr. Wessel clarified the *stimulus* will use money for ready to go projects and will be new money. The *reauthorization* will have earmarks and has ripple effects and may cause discontent because projects may not be selected due to the reduction of money available.

Mr. Wessel stated a key to reauthorization relative to the FMPO is the threshold for MPOs and whether it will be retroactive. Mary Peters released a proposal that may put MPOs as high as 500,000 and other proposals (transportation management areas or large MPOs) start at 200,000 with a large MPO at 500,000

or one million. Mr. Wessel posed the question...will our MPO be grandfathered if the threshold changes or be decommissioned?

Ms. Hill addressed the question.

- FMPO should be in the conversation at many levels.
- This hits the West unfairly because the West tends to have smaller communities than the highly populated states back East.
- Ms. Hill views the threshold as a rural fairness equity issue.
- Flagstaff is a regional hub yet the numbers do not look huge compared to Sacramento and other urban areas.
 - The same service to base population relationship exists and economic development drivers exist and it becomes what moves this part of the rural area forward.
- Ms. Hill suggests arguing loudly and strongly and that there is a fairness equity issue toward the rural west, if they start raising threshold numbers for MPOs. Mr. Ryan added to contact other groups related to the conversation (NATO/NARC/ASHTO) and write a letter(s) stating our position.

5. FMPO Calendar

Chair Overton confirmed future Executive Board meetings will be at City Hall.

III. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

1) Technical Advisory Committee:

Provided and no discussion.

2) Management Committee Report:

No Discussion

3) Staff Reports:

Mr. Wessel stated the Lake Mary Road bid opening will be on Friday, December 19, 2008.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Hill announced a final thank you to the FMPO and Executive Board members and is looking forward to her move to Montana in the summer of 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Overton adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION STAFF SUMMARY REPORT



To: FMPO Executive Board
From: David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Date: January 20, 2009
Meeting Date: January 28, 2009

Title: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Recommended Actions: 1) Adopt draft evaluation rating criteria and weights as assigned by stakeholders and Executive Board input.

ACTION SUMMARY: Adopting draft evaluation criteria and weights provides staff with guidance into project development and performance measurement.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

- Charlier, consultant, started the project October 2007 and will conclude April 2009.

Key Considerations:

- Evaluation Criteria** – Staff received 20 criteria forms from stakeholders to date. A large majority of stakeholders are agency personnel. Results to date are:

TOTAL SCORE	Normalized Score	Rank	
Economic Development	1082	1.26	6
Community Character	1195	1.39	4
Environment	1238	1.44	3
Reduce Number of Trips	1057	1.23	7
Reduce Duration of Trips	858	1.00	8
Expand Mode Choices	1104	1.29	5
Increase Safety	1477	1.72	1
Road Maintenance & Operations	1326	1.55	2

Based on the low response, staff recommends the Executive Board complete the table, compare their results to the stakeholder results and make adjustments as necessary. Staff will e-mail the form to the Board and compile results received and present them to the Board.

- Cost Estimation Tool** – the tool is draft form and has been reviewed by City and County staff (no comments from ADOT, yet). The tool will permit cost adjustments for number of lanes, slope, major and minor box culverts, major and minor bridge

structures, changes in amenities, and location in urban or rural environments. It will permit for construction cost inflation over time. It will utilize assessor full cash value (adjusted to approximate market value) to estimate total right of way costs based on estimations of full or partial take on a parcel-by-parcel basis. The GIS portion of the tool is under development.

- **Land Use Forecast Model** – Staff is working closely with Charlier and city GIS staff on the spreadsheet tool. Two scenarios will be completed: 1) Trend scenario – will use no redevelopment and set densities within plan policy to the lower end of the range; 2) Activity Center – will allow redevelopment within activity centers and increase densities for commercial development. Control totals are complete. “Attractiveness Scores” for influencing development location are in draft form.
- **Other Information**
 - The first run of the traffic model is done and calibrated. It is being converted by the subconsultant to a transportation model to introduce pedestrian, bicycle and transit demand by traffic analysis zone.
 - The random sample telephone survey will now take place in January 2009. when NAU returns to session.

Community Benefits and Considerations:

- No update

Community Involvement:

- See notes above

Financial Implications:

- \$239,000 in FMPO funding.

Options and Alternatives:

- None – discussion and direction only

Attachments/Exhibits:

- Evaluation Criteria weighting tool – for illustration only

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**FMPO Regional Transportation Plan
Project Selection and Prioritization Criteria**

Stakeholder E-Mail : December 19, 2008

For each pair listed below, please divide 20 points between the two, entering the scores in the empty columns.
 The criteria that is more important for selection and prioritization receives the highest score.
 Pairs of equal value will receive 10 points each. Pairs of great difference in value might score 20 to 0. The value you give for any one criteria, say "Increase Safety" will not stay the same throughout the worksheet, but will change with its relative importance to the criteria with which it is paired.

CRITERIA 1	SCORE	CRITERIA 2	SCORE	TOTAL
Economic Development		Community Character		20
Economic Development		Environment		20
Economic Development		Reduce Number of Trips		20
Economic Development		Reduce Duration of Trips		20
Economic Development		Expand Mode Choices		20
Economic Development		Increase Safety		20
Economic Development		Road Maintenance & Operations		20
Community Character		Environment		20
Community Character		Reduce Number of Trips		20
Community Character		Reduce Duration of Trips		20
Community Character		Expand Mode Choices		20
Community Character		Increase Safety		20
Community Character		Road Maintenance & Operations		20
Environment		Reduce Number of Trips		20
Environment		Reduce Duration of Trips		20
Environment		Expand Mode Choices		20
Environment		Increase Safety		20
Environment		Road Maintenance & Operations		20
Reduce Number of Trips		Reduce Duration of Trips		20
Reduce Number of Trips		Expand Mode Choices		20
Reduce Number of Trips		Increase Safety		20
Reduce Number of Trips		Road Maintenance & Operations		20
Reduce Duration of Trips		Expand Mode Choices		20
Reduce Duration of Trips		Increase Safety		20
Reduce Duration of Trips		Road Maintenance & Operations		20
Expand Mode Choices		Increase Safety		20
Expand Mode Choices		Road Maintenance & Operations		20
Increase Safety		Road Maintenance & Operations		20

FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION STAFF SUMMARY REPORT



To: FMPO Executive Board

From: David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Date: January 20, 2009

Meeting Date: January 28, 2009

Title: Draft FMPO Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program

Recommended Actions: 1) Provide input on tasks for next year's work program.

ACTION SUMMARY: The budget cycle is well underway. Staff seeks input, based as much as possible on Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) input to date, on work program tasks for next year.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

- Federal mandate
- Input to budget

Key Considerations:

- **Primary Task – Information Campaigns**
 - Federal Reauthorization; Local transportation funding initiatives; State transportation funding initiatives
 - Staff time dedicated to outreach, material preparation, media engagement
 - Budget: \$13,000 for collateral materials, advertisements
- **Secondary Task – Coordination with Regional Plan**
 - Staff time dedicated to oversight, materials development, modeling of alternatives and revision of FMPO Regional Transportation Plan to comply
 - Budget: \$24,000 for model adaptation, policy rewrite, graphics adaptation
- **Secondary Task – RTP Performance Monitoring and Reporting**
 - Staff time dedicated to data collection and reporting in reference to performance measures emanating from the RTP
- **Tertiary Tasks – Project Coordination**
 - Staff time dedicated to coordination with member agencies on new or ongoing projects including:
 - Lone Tree Corridor (all or part)
 - I-17 Improvements
 - I-40 Improvements
 - Camp Navajo Intermodal Yard

- Kachina Village Multimodal Plan
- Building a Quality Arizona (scheduled to complete in September 2009)
- Fourth Street Corridor Studies (north and south)
- Lone Tree Overpass study
- Access Management policy development – related to the recent ADOT study

- **Other Information**
 - Staffing levels will remain the same
 - Traffic count program will be reduced from \$30,000 to \$3,000
 - Approximately \$5,000 will be spent on recording equipment for taking minutes

Community Benefits and Considerations:

- No update

Community Involvement:

- See notes above

Financial Implications:

- Regular funding is approximately \$260,000 through three federal pass-through grants from ADOT. Verbal affirmation of funding levels has been received.
- Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds may be assigned for planning purposes, though all are programmed at this time.
- FMPO will request \$30,000 and \$5,000 in funding from the City and County respectively.
- Staff is preparing for the possibility of budget cuts. In order of “cut first” the following options are being examined for elimination or reduction:
 - Office furniture
 - Travel
 - Training
 - Traffic Counting program
 - Professional registrations
 - Cell phone service

Options and Alternatives:

- None – discussion and direction only

Attachments/Exhibits:

- None.

FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION STAFF SUMMARY REPORT



To: FMPO Executive Board
From: David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Date: January 20, 2009
Meeting Date: January 28, 2009

Title: Federal Highway Bill Authorization & Federal Stimulus Packages

Recommended Actions: Coordinate communication with the Governor's office, Arizona Delegation and national organizations. Proceed with Transportation Improvement Program amendments to align with Stimulus projects in the chance that the State TIP and local TIPs play a role in eligibility.

ACTION SUMMARY: Discussion will put all parties on the same page.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

- The current highway bill expires in September 2009.
- No bill has ever been reauthorized on time, but the perceived need for economic stimulus may accelerate the process this time.
- Numerous organizations are preparing and circulating "ready-to-go" infrastructure lists for consideration in the stimulus package.
- RTAC confirmed on 1/7/09 that FMPO member projects are on the Governor's list and is seeking to have that list circulated soon.

Key Considerations:

- "Ready-to-go" has been communicated as going to construction in 90-120 days.
- Federal requirements could prevent "local" projects moving forward. An emergency clause waiving federal requirements may be warranted.
- The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee issued a report and drafted a bill (<http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/RecoveryBill01-15-09.pdf>) that has no earmarks, contains claw-back provisions for delayed spending; reporting requirements and other accountability measures; uses existing formulas to distribute funds to the states; requires inclusion in a statewide or metropolitan transportation improvement program. Many other parties will weigh in on this issue, so changes to the size of the bill, funds for transportation and rules for distribution are possible. **FMPO and local agencies should continue to seek these changes. Changes may include:**
 - Earmarks for local projects OR "block grants" to ADOT designated for local projects. "HURF Exchange" may be ADOT's preferred means of implementation if this occurs. To staff's knowledge neither the City nor County have "HURF Exchange" projects on the ready-to-go list. Therefore, a formula award that provides some money through the FMPO or a per-capita distribution to cities and counties may be the best chance of getting any transportation money.

- Earmarks for local projects directly in the stimulus legislation.
- The City and County may wish to work with the Governor's office, the Arizona State Transportation Board, and ADOT to attain priority status for ADOT projects within the region as ADOT is not likely to receive money for all the projects on the list.
- **Federal Highway Bill**– Under the last bill two commissions were authorized. Both describe current conditions as a crisis situation. Staff will develop draft language for consideration in February.
- **Other Information**
 - No formal communication resulting from last month's ADOT summit has been seen.
 - A review of essays from a dozen or so national experts or special interest spokespersons shows support for these components in order of most referenced. National organizations supporting the position are in parentheses):
 - INCREASE/CHANGE FUNDING – more dollars and a move to taxing vehicle miles travelled and more private participation (AASHTO, AMPO, NARC, NADO, APTA)
 - LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION – more explicit support for economic development including freight and goods movement with a preference for rail (AASHTO, AMPO, NARC, APTA)
 - NATIONAL VISION/PRIORITIES SETTING – common themes are freight and goods movement, major metropolitan congestion relief, maintenance, intercity rail and a national infrastructure bank devoted to identified national priorities (AASHTO, AMPO, NARC, NADO, APTA – no freight)
 - MODAL BALANCE – this may include less funding by mode and more flexibility to states and locals to set mobility needs and investments. General feeling or hope is that transit and intercity rail will receive more attention (AMPO, NARC, NADO –rural transit)
 - CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATION (AASHTO, AMPO, NARC, APTA)
 - ENERGY POLICY COORDINATION (AASHTO, AMPO, NARC, APTA)
 - OTHERS: safety, project delivery, congestion, metro focus, performance measuring & monitoring (AASHTO – status quo on metro; AMPO; NARC, NADO – rural focus, safety emphasis, APTA)
- **Other issues:**
 - Proposals by the current administration and “hearsay” point to a possibility of raising the population threshold for MPO status to 100,000 or higher. Will existing MPO's be “grandfathered” or abolished. FMPO brings in about \$750,000 annually.

Community Benefits and Considerations:

- More effective and cooperative communication from local and state to federal level.

Community Involvement:

- None

Financial Implications:

- Billions of dollars will be authorized for a variety of modes.

Options and Alternatives:

- None – discussion and direction only

Attachments/Exhibits:

- Resolution in support of the stimulus package

Resolutions Number 2009-01

A Resolution of the Executive Board of the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization in Support of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009"

Whereas, the American economy is in recession and those effects are being experienced in the Flagstaff region; and

Whereas, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is intended to stimulate the economy; and

Whereas, transportation and construction are central to our region's economic success; and

Whereas, ARRA contains provisions for \$30,000,000,000 for transportation infrastructure funding to be provided through the states; and

Whereas, it is not readily apparent that such funds are available for expenditure by local jurisdictions within the region; and

Whereas, documented needs across the state of Arizona exceed \$160,000,000,000 and within the region exceed \$500,000,000;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Executive Board of the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization to support the ARRA with the following conditions:

- 1) Funding for transportation be increased to \$60,000,000; and
- 2) Funding be made available to local jurisdictions through the relevant state departments of transportation; and
- 3) Funding be released on an emergency basis, waiving federal requirements for local agencies.

As adopted this 28th Day of January, 2009

Scott Overton, Chairman
Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization

FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION STAFF SUMMARY REPORT



To: FMPO Executive Board

From: David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Date: January 20, 2009

Meeting Date: January 28, 2009

Title: FMPO Fiscal Years 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Recommended Actions: 1) Authorize staff to amend the TIP, if necessary, per the final stimulus bill as recommended to accommodate the anticipated bill; 2) Amend the TIP to and facilitate project delivery as recommended

ACTION SUMMARY: Draft federal stimulus package legislation requires eligible projects to be included in a state or metropolitan transportation improvement program. Staff recommends authorizing staff to submit these TIP amendments upon passage of the stimulus bill.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

- See 1-20-09 staff report on Federal stimulus bill
- TIP must be fiscally constrained, so approval must be delayed until the funding is authorized.

Key Considerations:

- **1st action: Stimulus projects from the Governor's list of projects, including those submitted by the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council**

AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST
Coconino	Lake Mary Road pavement preservation & improvements *	\$4,500,000
Coconino	Townsend Winona Road pavement preservation *	\$4,100,000
Coconino	Route 66 pavement preservation west of Flagstaff **	\$1,250,000
Flagstaff	Street Re-Surfacing and Pavement Maintenance *	\$7,100,000
Flagstaff	Sixth Ave/West St. intersection/pedestrian safety improvements	\$600,000
Flagstaff	Industrial Dr. paving & improvements: Fanning Dr. to Eagle Mtn. Dr.*	\$1,900,000
NAIPTA	Construct Mountain Links Bus Rapid Transit Lane in Flagstaff*	\$9,000,000

* listed in TIP, but amount needs correction; ** not listed

- **2nd action: Other projects for TIP amendment**
 - Change sponsor for E. Route 66/Steves right turn lane from “Flagstaff” to “ADOT”
 - Add, Woodlands Village Boulevard sidewalk, trail crossing and landscape enhancement project, total \$750,000 (\$500,000 federal), Flagstaff sponsor

Community Benefits and Considerations:

- Positions the FMPO and its partners to effectively expend federal funding.

Community Involvement:

- See notes above

Financial Implications:

- Regarding stimulus projects: If stimulus funding is available through ADOT it will be 100% funding. This eliminates the need for local match and makes local money, if any, available for other projects.
- Regarding the Steves Project: ADOT is designing, purchasing right-of-way and constructing the project. This streamlines the funding transfers.
- Regarding the enhancement project: this permits design and environmental work to begin soon.

Options and Alternatives:

- If needed, hold a special executive board meeting upon passage of the stimulus bill or allocation of funding. Final legislative direction will be given and the need for a TIP amendment will be clear. A special meeting may fall in the midst of intense budget work by the City and County and could be difficult to schedule.

Attachments/Exhibits:

- None.



Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization Calendar January 2009 – December 2009

January 2009

1/1 TAC: Canceled.
1/8 Management Committee: RTP update, Re-Authorization, Work Program
1/28 Executive Board: [Reauthorization position](#)

February 2009

2/5 TAC: RTP project review and ranking. RTP Model review and approval. Cost estimation method approval
2/12 Management Committee: FY 2010 Work Program
2/25 Executive Board: [RTP project review and ranking](#)

March 2009

3/5 TAC: RTP draft review
3/12 Management Committee:
3/25 Executive Board: [RTP draft review and presentation](#)

April 2009

4/2 TAC: FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. RTP recommendation
4/9 Management Committee: FY 2010 Work Program
4/22 Executive Board: [RTP adoption](#)

May 2009

5/7 TAC: FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. FY 2010 Work Program
5/14 Management Committee:
5/27 Executive Board: FY 2010 Work Program
[5/14 Annual Arizona State Transportation Board Dinner \(Location TBD\)](#)
[5/15 Annual Arizona State Transportation Board Hearings \(City Hall Council Chambers\)](#)

June 2009

6/4 TAC: FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program
6/11 Management Committee:
6/24 Executive Board: FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program
[Annual Manager Evaluation Process](#)

July 2009

7/2 TAC:
7/9 Management Committee:
7/22 Executive Board:

August 2009

8/6 TAC:
8/13 Management Committee:
8/26 Executive Board:

September 2009

9/3 TAC:
9/10 Management Committee:
9/23 Executive Board:

October 2009

10/1 TAC: RTP
10/8 Management Committee:
10/28 Executive Board:

November 2009

11/5 TAC:
11/12 Management Committee:
11/25 Executive Board:

December 2009

12/3 TAC:
12/10 Management Committee:
12/23 Executive Board:



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Action Summary
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10:00 a.m. – Noon –Thursday, December 4, 2008

Coconino County Board of Supervisors Chambers,
219 E. Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:04 am

TAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Barrett, Flagstaff Community Improvements Director, Chair
Jeff Bauman, Transportation Manager
Jim Cronk, Flagstaff Development Services Director
James Zumpf, ADOT Planning Supervisor
Andy Bertelsen, Coconino County Public Works Director
John Harper, ADOT, Flagstaff District Development Engineer
Bill Towler, Coconino County Community Development Director, Vice-Chair

FMPO STAFF

David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Andy Bertelsen, Coconino County Public Works Director
Audra Merrick, ADOT, Flagstaff District Development Engineer (for District Engineer)
Ron Knights, Planning Director, NAIPTA

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Wegner moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2008. Mr. Bauman seconded, which carried unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Mr. Wessel explained the RTP performance measures and charted the feedback as the TAC ranked the categories and provided input on the performance measures.

Mr. Cronk moved to approve the findings of the Kimley-Horn and Associates (KHA) safety analysis. Mr. Towler seconded, which passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

2. FMPO FY 2010 Work Program

Mr. Wessel and the TAC discussed the program tasks for FMPO action or coordination for the FY 2010 Work Program. There was discussion only.

- Follow direction of Executive Board
- Put efforts toward acquiring outward financial assistance from other agencies
- Mr. Wessel to draft letters of support from the MPO, City and County for I-40 DCR, Lone Tree and 4th Street
- TAC requested the Milton median project be included in Work Program, TIP or other document.

3. Federal Highway Bill Authorization

Mr. Wessel debriefed the committee on the ADOT Reauthorization Summit held 12/2/08 in Glendale, Arizona. There was discussion only.

4. FMPO Calendar

The TAC suggested a joint TAC/Management Committee meeting in January 2009. There was discussion only.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

Mr. Wessel stated the Lake Mary Road Widening project is out to bid.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrett adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.



Memorandum – Staff Reports

Date: January 8, 2009

To: FMPO Management Committee

From: Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Re: **Lake Mary Road Widening**
Townsend Winona Corridor Study
I-40 Design Concept Report
ADOT Statewide and Northern Regional Framework Studies
Transportation Roundup

Lake Mary Road Widening

The project received a fantastic bid, under \$11,000,000 for the entire project, from Vastco. Award should take place in January or February. City and FMPO staff continue to negotiate with FHWA over the disposition of the \$860,000 in ATPPL grant funds.

ADOT Statewide and Northern Regional Framework Studies

Work on the bqAZ studies resumes and has been extended for a year. Public meetings in the Northern region continue to be the best attended in the state. Information is available at www.bqaz.gov.

I-40 Design Concept Report

Chairman Overton sent a letter to ADOT Director Mendez requesting the study be reinstated. No response yet.

Transportation Roundup

I-17 North Study: Staff, working with City Traffic, recommends consideration of a roundabout and/or a tight urban diamond for the Airport T.I. This will create better intersection spacing with Shamrell Blvd which will see increased traffic as economic development continues.

I-17 South Study: A draft evaluation matrix comparing four alternatives (includes no-build) is under review.

I-17/J.W. Powell Traffic Interchange Construction:

- George Wallace, ADOT Project Manager, is working with DMJM-Harris (AECOM) on an evaluation of roundabout alternatives. The study should be complete in late February.

Arizona Multimodal Freight Analysis Study – no updates.

Transit Signal Priority – still waiting for new data from NAIPTA

Route Transfer Study – the next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2009. Some basic research into the base conditions regarding right-of-way on the ground and its regulation has been conducted.

Preliminary Approval for Flagstaff's Woodlands Village landscape median grant
ADOT's Transportation Enhancement Review Committee recommended approval of the \$500,000 median landscaping grant to the Arizona State Transportation Board. The Board has final approval and normally takes action December or January. The project also includes sidewalk construction and enhancement of the FUTS crossing of Woodlands Village. Staff will ask that this be placed into the TIP.