



# FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## *Action Summary* **Special Executive Board**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. –Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

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Coconino County 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room,  
219 E. Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

### **Roll Call.**

**Present:** Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; Carl Taylor, Supervisor Coconino County; Robert (Bob) Montoya, Arizona Department of Transportation; Mandy Metzger, Designated Alternate Supervisor Coconino County; Sara Presler, Mayor City of Flagstaff

**Absent/Excused:** Scott Overton, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff.

**Others Present:** David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; Dexter Albert, Intrinsic; Jason Hurd, Intrinsic

## **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Albert (1400 N. Lomalie Lane, Flagstaff, AZ 86001) announced an invitation to the Board to attend Fourth Street Corridor public meetings scheduled for December 15 and 16, 2009. The December 15, 2009 meetings are internal with departments and staff and the 16<sup>th</sup> will be with social service organizations. The public meeting open house is from 6-8 pm on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Killip Elementary School. Mr. Albert will forward information to the TAC regarding the event. He stated the final recommendations will be presented to the City of Flagstaff City Council in February 2010.

### **B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Ryan adjusted the agenda to discuss New Business Items 2 and 3 before Old Business.

### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Montoya made a motion to approve the September 23, 2009 Executive Board meeting minutes and Mayor Presler seconded, which passed unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Wessel reviewed fiscal constraint and public comment received to date and received Board input. The Board suggested TAC develop recommendation and bring back to the Board. The Board concurred with Mr. Wessel's recommendation to place fiscal constraints in five year buckets (ie: 2010-2015.) There was discussion only.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2. bqAZ Statewide Planning Framework Update**

Mr. Wessel updated the Board on the status of bqAZ and discussed the high speed rail scenario with I-40 and MPO area.

Supervisor Taylor made a motion to send a letter in general support of the bqAZ recommendations with the following stipulations:

- Do not agree to an eastern route for high speed rail without there being further study in terms of economic, community impact and practicality
- Highway 180 and Highway 89 bypasses around Flagstaff included subject to further study and serious community input

Chair Ryan seconded; however, after further discussion the vote and motion was amended to state I-40 as the primary candidate for a High Speed Rail System. Mayor Presler seconded, which passed unanimously.

#### **3. Letter to Federal Delegation stating concern on authorization delays**

Mr. Wessel explained the draft letter to Arizona's federal delegation stating concerns for economic recovery and mobility resulting from poor cash flow. The Board made recommendations on formatting, contacts to copy, local impact, and have a proactive approach. Supervisor Taylor made a motion to support a continuing resolution letter and authorize the Chair to sign. Mayor Presler seconded, which passed unanimously.

#### **4. FMPO Calendar**

Chair Ryan suggested a new agenda item for next meeting to discuss ASTB Board rotation due to Mr. Montoya's term expiration, which will cause a vacancy on the FMPO Executive Board. Mr. Montoya may need to attend the Special Executive Board December 16, 2009 meeting telephonically.

### **IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **D. REPORTS**

Provided and no discussion.

#### **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.