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Approved Minutes
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
8:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2008

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Overton called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

On roll call, the following were present:

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

The following FMPO staff was present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Transportation Planner
Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

John Harper
Audra Merrick
Kevin Adams
Jim Cronk

II. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel announced the TIME Initiative was removed from the ballot in November.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mayor Presler made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 23, 2008 and Ms. Hill seconded, which passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Mr. Wessel informed the Executive Board of recent developments with the RTP.

Chair Overton commented on the importance of on going public comment. Ms. Hill requested clarification on *district planning* and *community* definitions as referenced in the packet on page 7 and page 14. Mr. Wessel explained district and community were used interchangeably in the document. Ms. Hill stressed land use planning and transportation planning language come together. Ms. Hill commented on *institutional cluster* term needed refining. Mr. Ryan added that district and community do have different meanings and being used interchangeably could be confusing and inconsistent.

Mayor Presler mentioned a helpful tool for our community is to use technology and visual aids and make the process clearer in order to integrate the transportation plan and regional plan into a cohesive unit. Mr. Cronk commented on the need for demonstrations and agreed with the Mayor, as well as, cited Colorado as an example that is utilizing such tools to reach their citizens.

Mr. Montoya commented on affordable housing and the need to balance other issues with transportation planning. He cautioned the Board to be sensitive to the impact of planning in regard to cost effective regulation.

Ms. Hill adopted the Draft Policy Position for the RTP with the clarifications as discussed. Mr. Montoya seconded which passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2. Fall Retreat Planning and Mid-term strategy development

Mr. Wessel and the Board discussed retreat topics, strategic organizational direction and retreat agenda items.

- Begin continental breakfast from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
- Remove *Agenda, FMPO Overview and Retreat History*
- Remove *Expanded FMPO*
- Discussed importance of *Charter Amendment* but unsure if appropriate topic at Retreat and better suited at a different meeting
- Spend more time on larger issues

3. Flagstaff Urban Trails and Regional Trail System Update

Mr. Ince provided a briefing on trail projects and planning activity. The Board recommended Mr. Ince provide quarterly updates and post the report on the website. There was discussion only and no action.

4. Calendar

The Board canceled the November 26th and December 24th meeting. Staff will follow-up on a combined November and December meeting due to holiday schedules.

V. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

1) Technical Advisory Committee:

Provided and no discussion on the TAC Action Summary of August 7, 2008.

2) Management Committee Report:

No Discussion

3) Staff Reports:

Mr. Wessel mentioned the Lake Mary Widening Project is moving forward and a bid will be out this Fall with construction planned for next year. Mr. Montoya inquired about sewer line status.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Adams announced the status of the *TIME Initiative*.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Overton adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.