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Approved Minutes Executive Board: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

Chair Overton called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

On roll call, the following Executive Board members were present:

Scott Overton, Chair
Mayor Sara Presler
Matt Ryan, Vice-chair
Bob Montoya (telephonically)
Carl Taylor, excused absent
Coral Evans, excused absent

The following FMPO staff was present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Presler made a motion to approve the February 11, 2009 Special Executive Board meeting minutes and Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Federal Highway Bill Authorization and Stimulus Package

Mr. Wessel debriefed the Executive Board on recent Arizona State Transportation Board action from a meeting he attended on February 20, 2009. He stated the transportation section is becoming clearer with the American Recovery Reinvestment Act at \$27.5 billion in highway and eight billion in transit translating to \$527 million for Arizona and \$156 million suballocated to other areas of the state. He stated it is now official that there is \$110 million being split between Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas, \$35 million for areas between 5,000 and 200,000 population and \$11 million for

less than 5,000. Mr. Wessel estimated \$2.7 million will come to the MPO area but describes the allocation going to urbanized areas and unincorporated populations are unclear. Mr. Wessel summed up the ASTB meeting stating they stood very strong by the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee formula coming out of the Casa Grande Accords as a statewide effort that decided 50% of discretionary to Rural Arizona, 37% to MAG and 13% to PAG. The agreement to long time to come together and important and they stood by the process and perhaps revisit agreement later. It applies to the \$300 million in state highway funds with 50% non-metro parts of the state and it is still unclear the role the state transportation board in the 30% that is suballocated and if there is discretion and will use the formula.

Mr. Wessel stated the letter to the Governor states we support the State Transportation Board and seeks local authorization of projects.

The Board suggested the following updates to the letter

- Use a colon after the Governor's name
- Emphasize rural areas receive additional funds/support and poor condition of state highways
- Send to the following recipients:
 - Governor Jan Brewer
 - John Halikowski, Interim Director Arizona Department of Transportation
Copy letter to Floyd Roehrich, State Engineer
 - Delbert Householder, Chair Arizona State Transportation Board
Copy letter to Bob Montoya
 - Send cover letter and the letter to the Governor:
Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, U.S. House of Representatives
Senator Steve Pierce, District 1
Senator Albert Hale, District 2
Representative Tom Chabin, District 2
Representative Lucy Mason, District 1
Representative Andy Tobin, Majority Whip, District 1
Representative Christopher Deschene, District 2

Mr. Wessel explained the Transportation Enhancement model and the Joint Partnering Agreement discussions between the state and local entity that defines roles, fee to ADOT and how projects go to local jurisdictions.

Mayor Presler suggested contacting Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, U.S. House of Representatives if we find our district is not receiving the funds and she can take action.

Mayor Presler made a motion to authorize the chairman to send the letter to the Governor, Arizona State Transportation Board, ADOT director and the additional people identified with the understanding the statement being issued is on behalf of the FMPO. Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

2. Regional Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Wessel requested a no cost extension on the contract till June 30, 2009 for the Regional Transportation Plan for the following three reasons.

- 1) Tool development
- 2) Manager's attention on the stimulus and not on the RTP
- 3) Consultant health issues forced delays

Chair Overton stated in needs to remain in alignment with the Regional Plan Update.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the time extension and Mayor Presler, which carried unanimously.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Overton announced the next meeting, Mayor Presler thanked the staff, Mr. Wessel stated thanks to the Executive Board for meeting on short notice and Mr. Ryan stated he is traveling to DC for RTAC. Chair Overton and others are also going to DC. Mr. Montoya suggested those going to DC make it point to discuss relaxing federal guidelines to administer projects so there is not a risk of losing funding. Those going to DC will make it point to discuss with the delegates. Mr. Wessel stated it is in-line with his conversations with the state engineer (Floyd Roehrich) as well. Mr. Montoya suggested assuring the state engineer by Mr. Wessel providing the qualifications and standards that match the state in order to stress the case of not hiring consultants and keeping the money in local communities.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Overton adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.