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Approved Minutes Executive Board 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Tuesday, May 19, 2009

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

Vice Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

Matt Ryan, Vice-chair
Carl Taylor
Mayor Sara Presler (arrived at 2:48 p.m.)
Bob Montoya
Coral Evans (departed at 2:50 p.m.)

Excused Absence

Scott Overton, Chair
David Wessel, FMPO Manager

The following FMPO staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner
Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The agenda was adjusted to move New Business: Item 2 and 3 as the first items of discussion in the agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes prepared to approve.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Ince explained the UPWP to the Executive Board. He stated it is an annual effort of the MPO and it is a federal requirement to prepare the document. The document assists in setting work program and budget for the year and the primary tasks are generally working with other agencies but first and foremost is completing the regional transportation plan and participating in the update of the regional plan with the City,

as well as, participating in the BQ AZ planning effort and coordinating and providing assistance of the following local efforts.

- Kachina Village Multimodal Plan (County)
- Fourth Street Corridor Studies (north and south) (City)
- Lone Tree Overpass (City)
- I-40 DCR (ADOT)
- I-17 DCR (ADOT)
- Zoning Code Rewrite (City)
- Camp Navajo Industrial Park (County)

Mr. Ince mentioned the MPO is monitoring the Federal Highway Bill Reauthorization that is coming up. He stated the Work Program was reviewed and recommended for approval by the TAC at the May 7, 2009 meeting. Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt the FY 2010 UPWP as presented and Mr. Taylor seconded, which passed unanimously.

2. FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Ince stated the TIP Amendment reflects the Stimulus money coming to NAIPTA for projects. Mr. Ince directed the Executive Board to the table on page 30. He explained 5307 and ARRA as the stimulus money under *Fund Type* with a project description. Mr. Ince explained in 2012 there are 5309 projects and 5307 ARRA described as a tigger in the *Fund Type* column. He explained the funds are not appropriated yet and need to be placed in the illustrative year (last year of authority) because it is a federal requirement. Mr. Taylor requested clarification on the component breakdown regarding local obligation. He suggested local costs should be broken out and the source identified.

Mr. Taylor requested background on a comment from the staff report that stated "an earlier TIP amendment programming funds anticipated from CYMPO was rejected by the Federal Transit Administration." Mr. Ince explained the COGS/MPOS in the state are allocated amounts through funding sources for transit service and CYMPO does not have a transit agency; therefore, historically and regulatory the money allocated goes to the Governor and the Governor has the discretion to reallocate and historically it has gone to NAIPTA. This year CYMPO and City of Avondale came to an agreement whereby the CYMPO allocation goes to the City of Avondale in exchange for \$300,000 to CYMPO in local money to leverage other projects. The financial agreement of reallocation was not accepted by FHWA and FTA because federal dollars can't be matched with other federal dollars. Mr. Ince stated the result for the FMPO TIP due to the rejected arrangement was the State reallocated the CYMPO money to Yuma, City of Avondale and to NAIPTA (\$237,000), which required our TIP to change. Mr. Montoya stated the line item for (6) 35 ft Hybrid Electric Bus was submitted but not approved so if not approved the line item will be removed from the program. Mr. Ince stated it will be going to the illustrative year.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adopt the amendment to the FY 2009 TIP as presented subject to funding and Mr. Montoya seconded, which carried unanimously.

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

1. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Mr. Ince updated the Executive Board on the RTP. Mr. Ince stated the FMPO RTP efforts are being pulled into the City's regional plan efforts specifically the land use circulation and bicycle elements. He stated the key considerations of the staff report.

- Joint public meetings with Regional Plan 2012 on May 28 and May 29.
- TAC reviews draft plan on June 4.
- Joint focus group with RP 2012 on June 11.

- Executive Board reviews draft plan on June 24.
- July is public review period.
- August – TAC and Executive Board adopt final.

Mr. Ince added that a \$10,500 change order will be used for the model for FY 2009 and an additional \$20,500 for FY 2010, pending council approval, for Regional Plan coordination. Chair Ryan confirmed the \$31,000 amount as available. Mr. Ince stated "yes." Mr. Taylor inquired about the \$31,000 change order amount being paid to the consultant. Mr. Ince responded the modeling and forecasting was a larger work effort than originally anticipated and changed the scope. Mr. Taylor inquired about documentation regarding the change. Mr. Ince explained the change order committee process. Mr. Taylor requested confirmation that the reason is not because the consultant ran out of money because that is not a reason for a change order and would appreciate a follow-up. Chair Ryan commented that it makes sense not to be redundant but does not want the RTP downplayed either and stated it will be interesting after watching the form base code element connect with the regional plan, which has emphasis on discussions after the plan. Chair Ryan stated there are pieces to watch as time moves forward. There was discussion only.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

3. FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ince presented the TAC supported projects for a draft 2010 TIP, the call for projects, and conditions at the state level. Chair Ryan commented on drainage projects. Mr. Ince referred to the staff report language that "several projects will not be delivered as originally scheduled and will be moved to later years, resulting in some cash flow availability:"

- Rio de Flag bridges
- Rio de Flag/Route 66 bridge
- Steves west bound right turn lane from Route 66.
- Beulah design

Mr. Taylor asked if there was an issue of money allocation, if it was moved would it be lost. Mr. Ince responded "no." Mr. Taylor requested clarifications on the staff report regarding "State funds are no longer available for HURF Exchange." Mr. Montoya explained that there are no HURF funds available for exchange. Mr. Taylor stated it is reflective of current financial conditions not a policy change. Mr. Montoya concurred and added that all the projects that qualify must be managed by ADOT.

Chair Ryan requested clarification about the staff report, "Defer Milton Design to 2014 and fund one or parts of several projects (this option was not considered by the TAC. Though possible, it is not recommended as verbal commitments have been made that this issue will be addressed. Mr. Ince explained the money for Milton Design has had money set aside for a number of years with a goal of \$2 million and an option may be to use the money for other projects immediately and it would delay the Milton Design Study by one year for every year we did that. There was discussion only.

4. bqAZ Statewide Planning Framework Update

Mr. Taylor inquired about regional projects such as the 89 bypass. He requested clarification on Highway 160 or Highway 180. Mr. Taylor voiced disappointment with the BqAz website appears materials are from 07/08 and passed out a map from the website. He is concerned with truck accidents on the north-south connections of Utah/AZ. Chair Ryan explained the north/south traffic increase between states and there is interest to work together to improve the north/south corridor. Mr. Taylor had multiple questions.

- How does 89A fit into the BqAZ plan and improvements?
- Why the slow down on BqAZ?

- Has the economic development aspect been considered and factored into the BqAZ long-range transportation plan? He is concerned with communities being affected if an Interstate bypasses communities dependant on drive through economic traffic to stimulate their economy.
- What is the position of the FMPO with BqAZ?

Mr. Montoya stated there are work programs with 89. Chair Ryan stated BqAZ is more of a 'broad stroke' not program specific. Chair Ryan requested an update at the next meeting. There was discussion only.

5. FMPO Calendar

Ms. Roederer updated the Executive Board on the immediate dates with May 27 canceled due to County budget and a special Executive Board Executive Session in June for Manager Evaluation.

V. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

The Executive Board discussed the roundabout status with fair/airport area. Chair Ryan added a DCR on I-17 was done and they are looking at options. Mr. Taylor suggested plans/studies done by the FMPO include an action plan, implementation and timeline and perhaps an appendix be added to Executive Board packets. Mr. Taylor commented there be a promotional plan and studies be shared with agencies and the public. He cited the Freight Study as an example and does not want to see studies or plans "shelved." Ms. Roederer added that Director Halikowski will be meeting with Mr. Wessel on June 9, 2009.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Presler announced she met with the governor's staff. Mayor Presler shared her comments with the Executive Board from the meeting. Mayor Presler requested the PowerPoint from the dinner be forward to John McGee as well as the Lone Tree Corridor Whitepaper to John McGee. Mayor Presler explained the development of GAM (Greater Arizona Mayors.)

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.