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Approved Minutes Executive Board 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 – Wednesday, February 24, 2010

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

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Roll Call.

Present: Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; Robert (Bob) Montoya, Arizona Department of Transportation; Scott Overton, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Carl Taylor, Supervisor Coconino County

Absent/Excused: Sara Presler, Mayor City of Flagstaff;

Others Present: David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; Brittani Oatis, FMPO Intern; Kevin Adam, RTAC

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel introduced Ms. Oatis, Northern Arizona University Planning student, to the Board as the spring 2010 FMPO intern. Ms. Oatis stated the 50 Miles of FUTS Trails Celebration is the main project she will work on this term with FMPO Multimodal Planner, Martin Ince. The Board discussed where the 50th mile ends. Mr. Wessel stated Mr. Ince is working on the mile details. Chair Ryan suggested contacting Mr. Conner. Ms. Roederer stated the 50th mile will end at the Flagstaff Visitor Center and an event will be planned in coordination with the CVB mural dedication ceremony. Ms. Roederer announced she attended the Administration of Planning and Research Grants training session on February 23 in Phoenix at the ADOT Headquarters. Ms. Roederer relayed the highlights of the session such as the Common Rule, eligible reimbursements, process of obligation and that the state is moving toward a new strategy on how older funds such as PL07 carry forward in the new fiscal year in order to become current funds. There were no other announcements.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Overton requested more detail on the January 27, 2010 Minutes regarding the Milton Road Corridor Study and the proposed options for the \$800,000. Ms. Roederer will revise the Minutes based on the recording and bring it back to the Board for approval next meeting.

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

1. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Mr. Wessel distributed the finished RTP document to the Board. Mr. Overton commented that he has referred to the document numerous times and is please with the result. Chair Ryan stated it is a user friendly document and a good source. Mr. Wessel will continue with distribution to the appropriate individuals and agencies. There was no action.

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

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

Mr. Wessel explained the potential TIP amendments to the Board and reviewed MPO and Transit projects. Mr. Adam stated the current situation regarding stimulus funding. The Board commented and discussed the TIP amendments. The Board requested NAIPTA to present an update that includes the rationale and cost comparisons between regular and hybrid buses. There was discussion and action. Mr. Overton moved to adopt the TIP amendment recommendations with the condition of verifying the NAIPTA cost of the hybrid buses. Mr. Taylor seconded, which passed unanimously.

3. SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization

Mr. Wessel presented the status of this federal bill and the concern from interest groups across the nation. Mr. Adam of the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council identified the issues pertinent to Arizona and the FMPO. The Board made comment and suggestion to staff. The Board directed staff to provide them talking points on the issue. *The meeting was adjourned and re-opened to continue the discussion on the City of Flagstaff Lone-Tree T-1 project and the stimulus dollars involved.* There was discussion only.

4. NAIPTA-FMPO Transit Planning MOU

Mr. Wessel explained the draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) to the Executive Board and stated the MOU edits.

- 1) CFR 450.310 should be CFR 450.314
- 2) Section 3 Paragraph 3 insert new language "and FMPO will confer"
- 3) Section 4 insert new sentence "This MOU is subject to termination pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 38-511."

Ms. Evans moved to authorize the Manager to sign the MOU with the edits above and Mr. Overton seconded, which passed unanimously.

5. MPO Calendar

The Board reviewed the calendar. Mr. Overton stated the City of Flagstaff City Council will recess in July and the dates for July are incorrect. The Board agreed to cancel the July Executive Board meeting because there will not be a quorum and Ms. Roederer will revise the July calendar dates. Mr. Montoya stated he will be unable to attend the August 2010 Executive Board meeting and suggested contacting Mr. Harper to attend as his designated alternate. Chair Ryan stated if there is business that must be taken care of a special meeting may be necessary. Mr. Wessel stated a more definitive TIP and Work Program draft will be available next month.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

Reports were provided and there was no discussion.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel announced the TIGER Grant was awarded to Tucson. Mr. Adams stated Congress appropriated another \$600,000 million late last year and it should be distributed by September and it will take a re-application process. Also, he stated another round of TIGER will be in the next stimulus round in the Senate version. Mr. Wessel announced that the Mountain Links study is underway and NAU is master planning. Also, he stated that there were traffic counts done on Highway 180 over the Presidents holiday weekend and it needs to be analyzed. Mr. Wessel is working with ADOT in Phoenix and the district to bring a study and funding to the snowplay analysis, as well as, working with NAU to do research and data collection in order to bring real time information to drivers. Chair Ryan announced he is no longer on the Executive Committee for NACOG but will remain with T-PAC (transportation advisory committee for NACOG). Mr. Montoya stated that Mr. Householder resigned from ASTB and there is a vacancy and it needs an appointment from the Governor. Mr. Montoya stressed being pro-active on the appointment and Mr. Adams stated the importance of majority. Mr. Montoya suggested contacting Page Gonzales for a list of appointments. Mr. Montoya stated Felipe and Victor are rural and offer good representation. Mr. Overton stated the RTAC status regarding appointments. He mentioned there is staff representation but there is no designated appointment on RTAC and it needs to be filled by a City of Flagstaff elected official. Mr. Adam stated he will try to be as accommodating as possible regarding meeting locations and teleconferencing opportunities in order to make quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 9:27 am. Ms. Evans made a motion to re-open the meeting for further discussion under New Business Item 3 SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization and Mr. Taylor seconded, which passed unanimously.

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.