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Approved Minutes Executive Board 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 23, 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; John Harper (designated alternate), Arizona Department of Transportation; Scott Overton, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Carl Taylor, Supervisor Coconino County; Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Bob Montoya (arrived at 9:25 a.m.), Arizona Department of Transportation;

Absent/Excused: Sara Presler, Mayor City of Flagstaff

Others Present: David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; Jim Cronk, City of Flagstaff Community Development Director; Jeff Meilbeck, NAIPTA General Manager

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Meilbeck thanked the Executive Board for the allocation of resources on the Mountain Links NAIPTA project.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Roederer provided a brief update on the 50 Miles of FUTS celebration status. Mr. Wessel acknowledged Mr. Dale Wegner's service to the Technical Advisory Committee because he will be retiring. Chair Ryan will sign a Certificate of Recognition to be presented to Mr. Wegner from the FMPO.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the meeting of May 26, 2010 and Mr. Overton seconded, which carried unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

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

1. FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Wessel updated the Executive Board on the status of the TIP as well as provided an updated TIP table with the transit component to the group. Mr. Wessel stated the TIP is the construction program for programming federal funds and identifies local

improvements to roads of regional significance. It is a federally required document and supports the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) on a variety of policies from mode choice and safety to the arterial network. The issue this year is fiscal constraint. Mr. Wessel commented that the TIP programming uses reasonably available money and the Feds and State have been diligent through the Stimulus Program and the issue of transparency and not promising things that they are unable to deliver. Mr. Wessel stated an appropriate letter was submitted to ADOT that makes the case for fiscal constraint. Mr. Wessel stated they are still learning and there may need to be adaptation to the TIP and requests flexibility from the Board. Mr. Wessel referenced the diesel buses have been a discussion at the federal and state level in the TIP and it is currently reflected in year 2016 but thinks delivery will be in year 2011 and 2012. Mr. Meilbeck concurred. Mr. Wessel explained even though it is a federally authorized grant it has not yet been an awarded grant and therefore it is not reasonably anticipated and he should not expect it. Mr. Wessel stated due to this re-education it should move forward in year 2011 and 2012; however, he is not confident the findings will hold. Mr. Wessel requested an adoption of the TIP with flexibility to staff to confirm that moving Mountain Links funding into years 2011 and 2012 is appropriate. There were no questions on this aspect of the TIP.

Mr. Wessel continued to explain the TIP with the Lone Tree T-I as an illustrative project with recommendation to ADOT and that it is in the primary federal funding of surface transportation program dollars in year 2015 to support design. He mentioned at the State Transportation Board meeting on 6-18-10 a \$300,000 study was included in the five year program of the Lone Tree T-I and will be in the statewide TIP. He stated a few highlights such as Beulah Blvd. and the safety program's sign inventory as well as count down ped heads on city signals and that the state is on track to do the same. There are ongoing enhancement projects such as the path behind the mall and Woodlands Village. Mr. Wessel stated with the City and County budget cuts projects have been scaled back as well as at the state level. He stated at this point with the exception of the transit table adjustment he would ask for TIP adoption. Chair Ryan clarified the authorization of staff to adjust the TIP if necessary. Mr. Wessel concurred and Mr. Cronk stated that would be the only change if necessary and the rest to stay the same. Mr. Harper inquired if the TAC had considered enhancement projects other than what is shown here. Mr. Wessel stated the MPO helps coordinate the application process and City, County, State and NAU generate the projects. Mr. Wessel reiterated that once the grants are awarded the TIP will be amended. Mr. Harper commented that ADOT is moving to a two year cycle. Councilmember Overton stated with a two year plan if projects should be submitted and "stacked" in order to be encumbered and ready to be spent or if an amendment process is anticipated. Mr. Wessel and Mr. Harper suggested submitting as many as possible. Mr. Wessel mentioned typically there are one or two projects submitted. Mr. Taylor stated the importance of a roundabout on Highway 180 in regard to a cultural park and suggested this as an opportunity to submit the project. Mr. Wessel will work with Mr. Ince to develop a team and further research the project. The Board acknowledged that the NAIPTA buses will move forward and be handled administratively. Mr. Wessel stated there will be a Resolution for the Chair to sign with the adoption of the TIP.

Mr. Overton made a motion to adopt the FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program as discussed and recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee and Mr. Taylor seconded, which carried unanimously.

2. FY 2010-2014 TIP Amendment

Mr. Wessel explained the FY 2010-2014 TIP Amendment stating there was a bid savings of \$30,000 on the Lake Mary Road project. Ms. Evans moved to amend the TIP with the

specific action of deleting the Milton Road corridor from the 2010 TIP and expanding the NAIPTA shelter and bus stop program for 2010 with the bid savings of the \$30,000 in economic recovery funds. Mr. Taylor seconded with the condition of NAIPTA to provide a future report on the use of funds. The motion carried unanimously.

3. I-40 Design Concept Report Update

Mr. Wessel presented a PowerPoint slideshow on the I-40 DCR to update the Board, raise their awareness and prepare them for possible questions on the project. Mr. Wessel announced the ADOT public outreach meeting on August 5, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel in Flagstaff.

Mr. Wessel and Mr. Harper provided responses and alternatives. The Board provided comment and there was discussion only.

4. Performance Measures and Title VI Reports Status Update

Mr. Wessel explained the status of the performance measures and Title VI reports with completion of the two reports expected in August. Working drafts will be introduced at the Board meeting. There were no questions.

5. Staff Reports

Mr. Wessel reviewed the staff reports with the Board.

6. FMPO Calendar

Mr. Wessel reviewed the calendar and thanked the City Councilmembers for their attendance at today's meeting because they are on recess. Mr. Wessel mentioned the ASTB meeting on July 16 will be in Chino Valley. The Board reviewed the calendar. Mr. Wessel stated the FMPO Executive Board, TAC and Management Committee July meetings are canceled.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

Staff reports were discussed under item five and there were no additional reports.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Harper announced the Munds Park Traffic Interchange project was approved by the ASTB and expects completion by the end of 2011.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.