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Action Summary **Special Executive Board** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2011

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

Chair Overton called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Roll Call.

Present: Chair Scott Overton, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Vice Chair John Harper (designated alternate), Arizona Department of Transportation; Carl Taylor, Supervisor Coconino County; Art Babbott, Councilmember City of Flagstaff

Excused Absent:

Vice Chair Hank Rogers, Arizona Department of Transportation; Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff;

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Martin Ince, FMPO Multimodal Planner; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; Jeff Meilbeck, NAIPTA General Manager

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 27, 2011 and Mr. Babbott seconded. Mr. Harper mentioned the following three corrections to the Minutes. The Minutes of April 27, 2011 were approved with the corrections, which passed unanimously.

- 1) Add more information to the second sentence of Item 6: FMPO FY 2012-16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- 2) Correct last sentence the funding was received for ADOT not Mohave County on item 3: ADOT 5-Year Construction Program.
- 3) Remove 1:44 reference on item 5: FMPO FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel stated there was a discussion for a letter on reauthorization to be sent from the MPO but the state is not in session and there is not a lot on the federal level. Mr. Wessel stated he received notice last week that the balance of fiscal year 11 federal transportation funding is being

placed in discretionary grants of approximately \$430 million across ten programs and we do not qualify for some like ferry boats. Mr. Wessel stated there is a meeting tomorrow (5-17-11) at 11 a.m. on grants that we may pursue. Mr. Wessel stated this does not affect the \$400,000 in STP distribution or money that is already programmed such as 89A/John Wesley Powell and this is an opportunity to compete for new projects and he will work with our partners to see what to pursue. Mr. Wessel stated it is similar to ARRA in the recovery act funding and because of ARRA we do not have a lot of them and the general guidance of \$430 million across 330 million people is not a lot of money. Chair Overton asked if it was going through the Department of Transportation or Congressional Authorization. Mr. Wessel stated it is through the Department of Transportation and will be working on it because the due date is June 3, 2011. Chair Overton mentioned the RTAC legislative update from Kevin Adam is timely and it should be forwarded on to the Board members. Mr. Wessel stated he will include the RTAC update with the Board packet or as an attachment with the Board email on a regular basis.

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

1. FMPO FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Wessel stated this is a formal action and adoption of the budget work program and a requirement. He stated there were some minor edits from the TAC to the TAC membership. Mr. Wessel stated it was out for public comment and no public comment was received. Mr. Babbott commented on the budget summary tables and suggested historical data of the previous fiscal year funding level and see how it tracks. Mr. Taylor commented on work element 900 environmental overview and livability principles and if the Work Program has the capacity to do that. Mr. Wessel responded in general terms and stated the format of the Work Program has been standardized across all mpos and cogs regardless of size; for example, Maricopa Association of Governments or Pima Association of Governments has the ability to influence those things. Mr. Babbott made a motion to adopt the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program as recommended and Mr. Taylor seconded, which passed unanimously.

2. FMPO FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wessel apologized for having to come back to the Board with another safety TIP Amendment but as the State and Feds worked through their backlog of review it was determined the Kona Trail Sidewalk project in Kachina Village was ineligible due to a benefit cost. Mr. Wessel stated there have been conversations with the county public works department about this and will put \$80,000 each to the City of Flagstaff Guardrail project and City Intersection design project. Mr. Wessel stated there is action tomorrow for the City Council for all the JPAs and those have been changed accordingly. Mr. Babbott made a motion to amend the TIP as requested and Mr. Taylor seconded, which passed unanimously.

3. Reauthorization: A FMPO Position

Before discussing this item Chair Overton rearranged the agenda and moved Item: Corridor Coalitions: Information and Strategy Discussion and Item: Annual State Transportation Board Dinner Presentation Review to the end of the agenda.

Mr. Wessel stated he is recommending the Board authorize the Chair to send a letter on two issues:

- 1) Grandfathering of the MPO with the population of 50,000 with information on the value the mpo adds to the region and state
- 2) Address funding issues in terms of needs, starting with the index of the gas tax.

Mr. Babbott made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign a letter and copy the Board and Mr. Taylor seconded, which passed unanimously.

4. Flagstaff Regional Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan

Mr. Ince explained the updated Flagstaff Regional Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan to the Board. Mr. Taylor made a motion to adopt the Flagstaff Regional Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan with the condition to edit page six of the Plan and change the

term "Baderville" to the term "Fort Valley" and Mr. Babbott seconded, which passed unanimously.

5. NAIPTA/FMPO Merger Assessment

Mr. Wessel introduced the topic and Mr. Meilbeck, NAIPTA General Manager updated the Board with a PowerPoint presentation explaining information from stakeholder interviews and legal research to date. There was discussion only.

6. US 180 Winter Congestion Study

There was discussion only. Chair Overton made a motion to table the item to allow Mr. Wessel to research the benefits, providers and options. Mr. Babbott seconded, which passed unanimously.

Item TABLED.

7. City (on behalf of FMPO) and ADOT Joint Project Agreement

Mr. Wessel stated the City Attorney has reviewed the agreement. Mr. Wessel explained it is a service agreement that states as the FMPO receives planning funds these are the things that will be done relative to auditing, invoicing, work program development and amendment. Mr. Wessel stated the work program is referenced in the document, as well as, how to terminate our relationship if we should want to. Mr. Wessel stated the City (host agent) will be adopting this and FMPO Staff and City Staff (legal, purchasing, grants management, risk management) have reviewed and approved the document. Mr. Babbott made a motion to endorse City approval of the JPA and Mr. Taylor seconded, which passed unanimously.

8. Corridor Coalitions: Information and Strategy Discussion

Chair Overton moved this agenda item 4: Corridor Coalitions: Information and Strategy Discussion to discuss after the item: City (on behalf of FMPO) and ADOT Joint Project Agreement. Mr. Wessel presented the Corridor Coalitions PowerPoint to the Board providing information on existing coalitions in the state and across the country and led a discussion on the potential for the FMPO to join or initiate a coalition. The Board suggested a letter of inquiry go through Governor Brewer. Mr. Wessel will draft a letter and work with ADOT (Ms. Toth) in order to move it up to Governor's Office. There was discussion only.

9. Annual State Transportation Board Dinner Presentation Review

Chair Overton moved this agenda item 3: Annual State Transportation Board Dinner Presentation Review to discuss after the item 4: Corridor Coalitions: Information and Strategy Discussion. Mr. Wessel reviewed the Annual State Transportation Board Dinner PowerPoint Presentation with the Board and received comment and suggestion. There was discussion only.

10. FMPO Calendar

There was no discussion.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Overton adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.