



FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Revised A G E N D A Executive Board

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2011

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

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CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Scott Overton, Chair

Matt Ryan

Carl Taylor

Hank Rogers or State Designee, Vice Chair

Art Babbott

Coral Evans

FMPO STAFF

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner

Meg Roederer, Administrative Specialist

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

(At this time, any member of the public may address the Board on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Board on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Board cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the agenda. To address the Board on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.)

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Reconsiderations, Changes to the Agenda, and other Preliminary Announcements)

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

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D. ROTATION of OFFICERS

ADOT will assume the Chair and the County the Vice Chair.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Discussion and Possible Action

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

PP 9-10

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion and Possible action

Staff seeks Board direction as needed. Board may wish to discuss positions of federal reauthorization issues with a set policy and/or to support indexing in the short term. Staff will report on state legislation with an update from RTAC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Action

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

1. Retreat Planning

PP 10-11

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion and Direction

Staff will present a draft retreat agenda, outlines for white papers and an invitation list and seek direction from the Board on desired retreat outcomes and steps to take to get there.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion and Direction

2. Trip Diary Survey

PP 12

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

The Trip Diary Survey will be conducted in October, the second such survey on a five-year cycle. National Research Center is awarded the contract again. There is an opportunity to pose one or two transportation related questions to replace the transit tax related questions from last cycle. TAC discussion focused on what might be permanent questions related to barriers to participating in different modes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion

3. Amendment to the Operating Procedures

handout

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Action

Staff will present recommended changes and updates to the operating procedures to address organizational changes to the host agency, representation on the TAC and a discussion on how the Management Committee operates.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the changes to the operating procedures

4. US 180 Winter Traffic Study Update

PP 13-14

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion and Direction

Staff will progress to date including activity on the virtual town hall at www.us180wintertrafficstudy.com, findings from the economic impact study and the existing conditions working paper, and seek discussion and input on eventual implementation and the FMPO role in facilitation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion and Direction

5. Regional Plan 2012 Update

PP 14-15

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion only

Staff will report on the charrette outcomes, forthcoming analysis, and anticipated policy issues. Policy issues emerging will be the regulatory and financial tools available to influence development patterns, the cost of various improvements relative to their performance and integration with land use policies.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion only

6. Current Topics of Interest

Verbal

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion only

During this time Board members can raise topics of interest to the full Board. Items may relate to upcoming events, emerging issues or future or past agenda items. Discussion will be limited and no action may be taken on any item raised during this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion only

7. FMPO Working Calendar

PP 15

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion Only

Staff will discuss a possible project retreat with the Board and review upcoming meeting dates and agenda items.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion Only

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

Pages 16-20

- 1) Technical Advisory Committee
- 2) Staff Report

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Informal Announcements, Future Agenda Items, and Next Meeting Date)

TAC

September 1, 2011

Coconino County Human Resources Bldg

Management Committee

September 10, 2011

ADOT, Conference Room

Executive Board

September 28, 2011

Flagstaff Aquaplex Conference Rooms

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on _____, at ____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Recording Secretary with the City Clerk.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2011.



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Draft Minutes **Executive Board**

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Flagstaff City Hall Staff Conference Room,
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Chair Overton called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Roll Call.

Present: Chair Scott Overton, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Vice Chair Hank Rogers, Arizona Department of Transportation (telephonically); Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; Carl Taylor, Supervisor Coconino County; Art Babbott, Councilmember City of Flagstaff

Excused Absent:

Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; Jim Cronk, City of Flagstaff Planning Director; Chris Bridges, CYMPO

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Taylor noted Ms. Evans was listed twice under excused absent. Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2011 with the correction to the attendance and Mr. Babbott seconded, which passed unanimously.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Overton adjourned the meeting for Executive Session at 8:03 a.m. for the FMPO Manager Personnel review. Chair Overton called the regular Executive Board meeting to order at 9:04 am. Chair Overton made a motion to recommend Mr. Wessel's evaluation as submitted with minor revisions and Board review for submittal to the City Human Resources Department with a supporting signature from Chair Overton and Mr. Babbott seconded, which passed unanimously.

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel provided a legislative and regulatory update to the Board and introduced Mr. Chris Bridges of CYMPO. Mr. Wessel stated the issue at hand is reauthorization and how it relates to the

MPO population threshold. Mr. Wessel stated Mr. Adam, RTAC, provided him an update that the House and Senate will have a Reauthorization Bill out in early July. Mr. Wessel stated the actions taken thus far are the following.

- The FMPO Chair sent letters to our delegation, Chair and members of committees on the MPO designation issue.
- The letters were shared with national organizations such as AMPO and NARC.
- The FMPO has also been working with other small mpos in the state.
- The FMPO (Mr. Wessel) and CYMPO (Mr. Bridges) signed national letter coming from small mpos across the country to members of Congress on the issue.

Mr. Wessel stated important points on the threshold issue that are valid concerns.

- Mr. Wessel explained from a sound planning perspective if you wait until a City is 200,000 many problems are embedded and difficult to overcome.
- The information packets submitted highlight the MPO value in terms of expertise, leveraging staff time, writing grants, and providing solid representation in state processes.

Mr. Wessel stated the funding issue continues to be a concern as the highway trust fund revenues contract and setting authorization levels relative to those income levels. He believes it represents about a 30% drop with implications across the board with the state program and potentially the FMPO program and will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr. Bridges commented on the activities at CYMPO as well as provided legislative input. Mr. Bridges added CYMPO has been working with NARC and AMPO and provided them the small MPO profile of successes document. Mr. Bridges stated the document lays out the projects that were leveraged and delivered using STP funds, transportation enhancement grants and safety projects. Mr. Bridges stated it has all the things that we help facilitate in order to help make Congress aware that we perform a valuable function - although small and using small amounts of funding - but do play an important role. Mr. Bridges explained NARC had a meeting with Chairman Mica and believes they provided him the profile of successes document because his office called him looking for his contact information and he has not heard from him yet but is anticipating some contact and will pass along the information as it becomes available. Mr. Bridges stated three of his board members either did not run for re-election or lost election and is therefore lacking a quorum and waiting for appointments. He is supporting the other mpos as best he can but does not have an official Board action. The FMPO Board expressed that Mr. Bridges is in a difficult situation with his current Board situation. Mr. Wessel stated ADOT is in a difficult position as well and it comes down to funding and is getting a strong consensus that the small mpos are doing their share by supporting state processes and are valuable partners. Mr. Wessel explained the challenge is two-fold.

- 1) If a core program takes a cut place with mpo funding being a percentage of the core program that may lead to a drop in funding. The question becomes how ADOT will continue to support the existing small mpos.
- 2) If the current law stands there is a potential of adding two or three more mpos in the state - Sierra Vista and Lake Havasu. Bull Head City is a possible addition because they may combine with Kingman.

Mr. Wessel explained ADOT is in a challenging position because they do not know what the funding will look like with the many variations. The FMPO will continue to work with ADOT and document the workloads. Mr. Wessel stated it is ADOT mandated work such as the Long Range Plan and supporting enhancements programs such as the 16 and 17 programs in helping the state with the outreach and coordination. The FMPO will document it and illustrate to ADOT and others that much is gained from our participation. Mr. Ryan stated the conversation with ADOT should focus on the benefits and the need to continue to fund what the small mpos do and stress the broader scale on the importance of transportation planning. There was discussion only.

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

1. FMPO FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Chair Overton adjusted the agenda to discuss action items next after Old Business: Legislative and Regulatory update and review.

Mr. Wessel explained the TIP amendments. Mr. Wessel stated federal funds are allocated for transit and come with a time clock and if not used it will lapse. Mr. Wessel explained CYMPO has funds that are lapsing because the region has yet to institute a transit program, therefore, the funds have come to NAIPTA and all federal funds need to be programmed in the TIP. Mr. Wessel stated the TIP Amendment is to use the CYMPO funds for NAIPTA in two sources, one is 5307 operating funds, and the other is STP flex funds. Mr. Wessel referred the Board to the table that explains the funds will be used to help with operations as well as expand the Kaspar facility to build a parking lot to store Mountain Link buses. Mr. Babbott commented on an observation that southside businesses are happy with Mountain Links coming but upset about the South Beaver Street lot improvement and the clear cutting that went on regarding the landscaped trees. Mr. Babbott stated the people (contractor) came in at 5:45 a.m. and within twenty minutes cut all the trees down and felt it was a "stealth" operation. Mr. Babbott stated he spoke with Karl Eberhard and he mentioned he was surprised it had occurred and the City had spent time maturing the landscaping and it was an investment the City had made. Mr. Babbott reiterated they were happy it is coming but unhappy with the way the lot improvement started out. Mr. Taylor added that the businesses were not only upset about the mature trees being cut but that new trees were planted. Mr. Babbott stated that the new plantings were in very similar locations. Mr. Babbott stressed this as a communication issue and to follow through with the contractor or design because when they see the project it is generic in nature and not lot by lot. Chair Overton stated he believed the NAIPTA Board weighed in on the project and suggested the comments should be forwarded to NAIPTA. Mr. Wessel stated he thought it went through DRB. Mr. Ryan stated he is the Chair of the NAIPTA Board and there was not a conversation on the parking lot and it may have been because it took a long time to receive the funding. Chair Overton stated the PR campaign should have been ramped up on the impact.

Mr. Ryan stated the Kaspar parking lot would be paved and expanded over time. Mr. Wessel stated the cost for the parking lot component is approximately \$190,000.

Chair Overton inquired about the discussion status on hybrid buses vs diesel buses. Mr. Ryan stated the conversation is still open and there is the initiative with the bond to purchase hybrid buses. Mr. Wessel stated the federal funds that were approved by the Executive Board some time ago is moving forward and will be diesel busses. Chair Overton stressed the importance to keep the discussion and conversation on hybrid vs diesel busses open especially with replacement busses coming in. Mr. Taylor stated the City sustainability group has done some carbon footprint analysis. Mr. Ryan suggested Mr. Wessel talk to Mr. Meilbeck and bring the conversation back to the Board.

Mr. Babbott made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments for the NAIPTA transit table to include new section 5307 and surface transportation program flex funds and Mr. Taylor seconded, which passed unanimously.

2. FMPO FY 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wessel provided an overview of the draft FY2012 – 2016 TIP as recommended by the TAC. Mr. Wessel mentioned the FY11 TIP has recently been approved by the Feds and now it is time to approve the FY12 TIP. Mr. Wessel stated the TIP is a mandate program with \$500,000 in STP, \$600,000 in highway safety money with occasional grants for enhancements and Safe Routes to School. Mr. Wessel stated the TIP should go to ADOT this month. The TIP went out for public comment on the website, there was an ad in the paper and it was available at the library with no comments received. The principle projects in the TIP are the Beulah Blvd extension design and construction and Lone Tree Traffic Interchange design. Mr. Wessel mentioned with the Lone Tree T-I design done it will make pursuing funds easier and phasing the project would be possible. Mr. Wessel stated additional projects as safety projects, signal synchronization efforts and transit. Mr. Wessel stated a strategic change in the TIP is the use of STP funds for more routine planning functions such as traffic counts and regional studies. Mr. Wessel stated there will be a TIP table

correction of changing the Baderville references to the term Ft. Valley and to insert additional narrative to tie the tables back to the Regional Transportation Plan. Chair Overton stated on the Beulah Blvd Extension if CIP has it completely funded for construction. Mr. Wessel stated "yes" with design in 2012 and construction in 2014. Chair Overton inquired if property acquisition was still necessary. Mr. Wessel believes there is still some question on property near the Montessori School until actual design because it may be possible to change the alignment to avoid property acquisition. Chair Overton inquired if there are ADOT implications. Mr. Wessel stated "no." Mr. Wessel stated there has been coordination with Stu Seubert at CIP with city cash flow and mpo funds. Chair Overton stated the university piece of that intersection is future programming and remains unfunded at this time. Mr. Wessel commented on the ADOT public-private-partnership program or P3 with a relocation of the district office and that it is part of the evaluation process, so this may come back as a TIP amendment. Chair Overton expressed that there is a conversation happening regarding ADOT's valuable piece of property, their needs for co-housing facilities, and the opportunity of the south Milton gateway area being redeveloped. Chair Overton stated it strengthens the overall proposal and helps align agencies. Mr. Taylor stated it is an example of both economical and strategic thinking. Mr. Babbott commented on the Lone Tree Interchange I-40 DCR for the Board to revisit and review the implications. Mr. Taylor inquired on the FY12 TIP approval time frame. Mr. Wessel explained the FY11 federal approval complications and delay was due to the continuing resolutions on the authorization. Mr. Wessel stated we may find ourselves in a similar situation because of the differences in the Administration and the House. Mr. Wessel stated the Lone Tree T-I design money is in the illustrative year of 2016 and provides flexibility and there are alternatives such as value engineering. The Board agreed in revisiting the design portion of the Lone Tree T-I in the I-40 DCR regarding cost-benefit, safety and implications for development. Mr. Ryan suggested having ADOT staff in the discussion and there is time to step in and amend it. Mr. Babbott stated the potential benefit of commenting would provide the feds and ADOT information because there has been weigh-in received from a local jurisdiction. Mr. Wessel stated he will start the process regarding the ADOT DCR and how ADOT arrived at the decision and is moving it forward, have City staff report on implications for local development and include a discussion for MPO comment on overpass implications.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the FMPO FY2012-2016 TIP with the condition of changing the Baderville references to the term Ft. Valley and to insert additional narrative to tie tables back to the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Babbott seconded, which passed unanimously.

3. Steves/Fanning Railroad Crossing Closure Study

Mr. Wessel explained the findings from this study and received Board comment and discussion. Mr. Wessel stated when the City did the Fourth Street railroad crossing it reviewed Steves and Fanning to see if one or both should be closed. The findings were there was no overall safety advantage to closing either one, increased pedestrian safety issues (trespassing), and business access issues. The option of Fanning closed and Industrial road improved to Nestle Purina and Country Club would provide an offset but creates a significant out of the way connection for employees and shipment. Mr. Wessel mentioned the delay was for ADOT to have time to review study and has since supported the findings. Mr. Wessel stated there are challenges to pursuing cost effective safety improvements because medians would not work due to their short sections. The other option is the use of four quadrant gates and that cost would come largely from the City at about one million per intersection. Mr. Wessel stated other opportunities are increased enforcement, increased education and/or a legislative change for a gate light camera. Mr. Wessel stated the City requested the traffic commission and FMPO review the Study. Mr. Taylor stated the Report mentioned there were resident concerns at the Fanning crossing regarding noise and if there is anything we can do to mitigate the noise for an improved quality of life. Mr. Taylor suggested a follow up questionnaire. Chair Overton stated through the process the concerned parties have been satisfied. Mr. Taylor stated if the sound issue has been mitigated he is fine. Mr. Ryan commented on the relationship with BNSF. Chair Overton stated the commitment was to study the closure and to look at the results in order to keep a positive working relationship with BNSF.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to validate and support the staff and TAC findings of the study and Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2. NAIPTA/FMPO Merger Assessment

Chair Overton adjusted the agenda to discuss Old Business: Item 2 NAIPTA/FMPO Merger and Old Business: Item 3 Corridor Coalitions: Action Plan following New Business Item 3: Steves/Fanning Railroad Closure Study.

Mr. Wessel explained the NAIPTA/FMPO Merger is not advised at this time but there are efficiencies that can occur such as a heightened strategic focus, shared staff, FMPO move to NAIPTA building or merge administratively. Mr. Taylor stated Supervisor Fowler has allocated \$10,000 of community initiative money to transit service in Page to pursue moving people from the reservation to Flagstaff and recommended formal conversations on a regional approach to bus service. There was discussion only.

3. Corridor Coalitions: Action Plan

Mr. Wessel briefly recapped the Item with the Board. Mr. Wessel stated there will be a more formal paper on existing coalitions, work together to organize a freight roundtable, revisit the past freight study and use the FMPO retreat as a means to look at the strategic alliances. There was discussion only.

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

4. FMPO Calendar

Chair Overton requested an agenda item on moving Executive Board meetings to a new day and time to better accommodate Board member schedules. Mr. Rogers suggested the third Thursday of each month. Mr. Wessel stated the July 27, 2011 meeting will probably be canceled. Chair Overton stated he is unavailable in July. Mr. Taylor stated he will be unavailable for the August meeting. Ms. Roederer stated rotation of officers as an upcoming agenda item and will be sending out a save the date email for the FMPO retreat currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2011. Mr. Taylor mentioned there may be conflict for the County Board members on the September 28 retreat date. There was discussion only.

VII. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Overton adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

FMPO Executive Board

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III.1 Legislative Review

- Action: Update and discussion on legislative and regulatory activity
- Activity on MPO Population Threshold
 - FMPO signatory to national letter to congress from AMPO et al
 - Commitment from Rep. Gosar to support current threshold or grandfathering
 - Working with Arizona small MPO's to develop population-based tiered planning criteria with encouragement from AMPO.
- Reauthorization Activity
 - House T&I Committee released a largely partisan bill.
 - Funding reduced by 30%, in line with revenues
 - Will likely mean “maintenance only” mode of operations
 - 6-year bill
 - Allows for longer term programming and certainty
 - Locks in lower funding
 - Consolidation of multiple programs into few
 - Allows state's greater flexibility
 - Potentially places enhancement type projects at risk
 - May force/should force greater reliance on performance measures
 - Environmental streamlining mandated
 - Concurrent, as opposed to sequential, agency reviews
 - Hard time frames for review periods
 - No change to environmental requirements
 - Expanded leveraging of public funds
 - Expansion of TIFIA program to \$1 Billion

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II.1 Legislative Review

- Senate EPW Committee has released outline, no bill
 - 2-year program at current funding levels
 - No indication of funding source, but assurance of no impact to the deficit
 - Similar consolidation of programs (87 to 30)
 - Similar expansion of TIFIA
 - Streamlining – likely to be importantly different from House, but no indication
 - Improved State and Metro Planning – more performance based
 - Recommend that this be used for planning requirements as well as projects
 - Apportions funds to MPO's based on population.
 - » Direct funding is good. Should seek baseline funding for minimum operations needs.
- More information at
 - <http://www.ampo.org/>
- NEXT STEPS
 - Continue to monitor EPW for draft legislation
 - Complete tiered planning requirements paper
 - Produce "MPO Benefits to ADOT" paper
 - Seek support from ADOT/Governor's office

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III.1. – Retreat Planning

- Theme: Regional Strategic Interests
- Purpose: Explore current and projected economic, political and financial relationships across the Northern Arizona and the transportation needs to support them.
- Date/Time: September 28, 2012, 10a-2p
- Location: Flagstaff Aquaplex

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III.1-Retreat Planning (cont)

- Invitation List
 - FMPO Executive Board
 - NACOG Board
 - NAIPTA Board
 - Major Transportation Providers
 - ADOT
 - NAIPTA
 - BNSF
 - Major Shippers

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III.1-Retreat Planning (cont)

- Agenda/Approach
 - Welcome/Introductions 20 minutes
 - Presentations: 40 minutes
 - Existing conditions (use existing reports)
 - Economic Trends (use existing reports)
 - Break Out #1 – Markets 40 minutes
 - Lunch & Presentation (coalitions) 45 minutes
 - Break Out #2 – Transportation 40 minutes
 - Break Out #3 – Organization 40 minutes
 - Wrap Up/Actions 30 minutes

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III.2 – Trip Diary Survey

- Action – Provide input on general transportation question(s) to insert to gain statistically significant public feedback
- Recommendation – Staff is unaware of a general or specific transportation issue requiring such input
- Background: The TDS is a five year survey to capture trends in travel behavior. This is our second and will be conducted by the same firm.
- Schedule:
 - Final survey design: 9/12
 - Survey: 10/3
 - Complete: 1/30/12

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III.2 – Trip Diary Survey (cont)

- Current survey explores general satisfaction with the transportation system
- Opportunity for one or two new questions to replace previous transit questions. Options:
 - No new questions, shorten survey, may improve response
 - Barriers/motivations to use of alternate modes (may become permanent question). May assist in future strategies
 - Expand commuting for bicycle question to include transit and walking
- A copy of the Trip Diary Survey (5/2007)
<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=6402>

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III.3 – US 180 Study Update

- Action: Consider possible range of and responsibilities for implementing solutions. Provide input on requisite interagency and public-private relationships to assure success.
- Policy: Safety, Economic Development, FMPO Effectiveness
- Background: FMPO was asked by its member agencies to evaluate a range of solutions. Evaluation will include estimates of cost and effectiveness as well as public support for a range of solutions. FMPO is not presently tasked with implementation.
- Status
 - www.US180WinterTrafficStudy.com Virtual Town Hall 8/16-9/30
 - Existing Conditions report 1st draft complete and posted
 - Economic Conditions report 1st draft complete and posted

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III.3 – US 180 Study Update (cont)

- Key Issue(1):
 - How best to assure responsibility, authority and accountability for implementation?
 - Implementation will be multi-agency, multi-jurisdiction, and public-private
 - Success may be achieved by interdependent actions creating uncertainty and perceptions of risk and fairness by partners if there is lack of commitment by any one partner.
 - What is FMPO's role? Options:
 - Facilitator: FMPO to lead scoping and chartering exercise with result of written commitment by partners to implementation strategy
 - Participant: FMPO continues to participate in Winter Activity Task Force, bringing new-found expertise through the US 180 study
 - Information Source: FMPO delivers report to WATF members and supplies additional information on request.

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III.3 – US 180 Study Update (cont)

- Key Issue(2): How best to respond to input on tangential topics?
- The MindMixer site is receiving comments on related topics such as snow making.
 - Recommendation – continue to receive and monitor comments as they would be permitted during a more traditional public meeting

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III.4 – Regional Plan 2012

- Action – discussion only
- Background – Mandated update started in late 2009, completion mid 2012.
- Policy: Investment priorities, congestion solutions, access and mobility by different modes
- Status
 - Several elements have completed goals and policies
 - Major elements remaining: Land use, circulation, housing, economic development
 - Scenario Evaluation
 - Successful scenario development charrette completed in July. More than 100 people helped assemble three scenarios. Reviews and comments by City Council, joint P&Z, NAU
 - Scenarios delivered to Kimley Horn for initial analysis. Key measures determined by Citizens Advisory Commission

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III.4 – Regional Plan 2012 (cont)

- Key issues
 - Desired community size and capacity limitations to growth
 - Not directly an FMPO issue, but as the charrettes asked participants to plan for 150,000 people in the region, it raised the issue
 - Scale and cost of transportation investments
 - Initial evaluations indicate that development at 150,000 population will overtax the existing highway system.
 - Planned or conceptual improvements such as widening I-40 will address some capacity issues.
 - Lack of connectivity will magnify the impacts of incidents in this condition.
 - Retooling land use by lowering intensity on the edges of the region and concentrating on more on the inside may permit more shift to other modes. Most charrette participants took advantage of open areas on the periphery and avoided significant infill and redevelopment.
 - Tools available to influence land use patterns
 - Currently limited, regional planning coordinated with the state may be option

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III.6 Working Calendar

- TAC September 1, 2011
 - US 180 Study: working papers 1 and 2
 - Regional Plan 2012: initial transportation analysis
- TAC October 6, 2011
 - US 180: working paper 3 future conditions, initial model review
 - Draft Work Program
 - Safety Program
- TAC November 3, 2011
 - Draft TIP
- Executive Board September 28, 2011
 - Retreat: Regional Strategic Interests
- Executive Board October 26, 2011
 - Retreat follow-up
 - Lone Tree Traffic Interchange
 - Reauthorization position paper
 - Operating procedures & TIP Process
- Executive Board November 23, 2011 (reschedule)
 - Draft Work Program and TIP

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Action Summary **Technical Advisory Committee** **1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Thursday, August 4, 2011**

Coconino County Human Resources Building – Weatherford Room
420 N. San Francisco Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bauman called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

TAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Bauman, City of Flagstaff Transportation Manager, Vice Chair

Justin Feek, ADOT Senior Transportation Planner, Chair

Audra Merrick, ADOT Flagstaff District Development Engineer

Bill Towler, Coconino County Community Development Director

Tim Dalegowski, County Designated Alternate for Andy Bertelsen, Coconino County Public Works Director

Rick Barrett, City of Flagstaff Engineer

Jim Cronk, Flagstaff Development Services Director

Excused Absent

Andy Bertelsen, Coconino County Public Works Director

Heather Dalmolin, Sr. Manager Internal Services NAIPTA

FMPO STAFF & Others Present

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Martin Ince, FMPO Multimodal Planner

Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist

Stephanie Smith, City of Flagstaff Sustainability

Joe Shannon, Flagstaff Cycling

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Roederer announced the new phone numbers for the FMPO and handed out a City of Flagstaff Community Development phone directory to the committee.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES

Mr. Towler made a motion to approve both sets of Minutes with no changes for May 5, 2011 and June 2, 2011 and Mr. Cronk seconded, which passed unanimously.

D. ROTATION of OFFICERS

Mr. Cronk made a motion to appoint Jeff Bauman as Chair from the City of Flagstaff and Andy Bertelsen as Vice Chair from Coconino County and Mr. Towler seconded, which passed unanimously.

E. BILL TOWLER APPRECIATION

Mr. Towler stated he was part of the FMPO founding process and has been working with Coconino County since 1985. Mr. Wessel presented Mr. Towler with a Certificate of Recognition for his service to the FMPO TAC as well as a card and gift certificate. Mr. Towler will retire in early September 2011. TAC members applauded and stated their appreciation toward Mr. Towler.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. FY 2011 Highway Safety Improvement Program & Projects

Mr. Ince provided a status update of the FY11 safety program and the City and County sponsors reported on the application status. There was discussion only.

2. FY 2012 Highway Safety Improvement Program Process & Projects

Mr. Ince presented the Kimley-Horn materials for the general program and the TAC provided comment and feedback on point calculations, benefit cost ratio, project impacts, score sheets as well as on the general program. There was discussion only.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. 1. 2011 Trip Diary Survey

Mr. Ince explained the status of the Trip Diary Survey RFP and stated one response was received, which was under budget, from National Research Center, the same firm that conducted the last survey. Mr. Ince stated 3000 packets will be sent with an anticipated 14% return and will be released in October. The TAC provided comment and suggestion on the survey process, outreach, and new questions to pursue. Ms. Smith suggested adding questions regarding travel modes, frequency, motivations and barriers. There was discussion only.

2. Regional Plan Update

Mr. Wessel presented an update and results from the two-week Charrette exercise that concluded Friday, July 23, 2011. Mr. Wessel explained the three scenarios and tables provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Wessel stated more research on transit needs to be conducted and will contact Mr. Meilbeck regarding mode shift. The TAC members commented on the hand work involved, consistency with scenarios, peer review, to be objective, CAC input, provide a background and history for the Executive Board. Mr. Wessel stated this level of technical detail will not be presented to the Executive Board. Ms. Merrick stated the information should be presented to Kent Link at ADOT. Mr. Wessel mentioned he received Mr. Link's input. Mr. Towler explained the scenario images and that Scenario A is sprawl, Scenario C is compact and Scenario B is in the middle with the goal to add 75,000 in population with 33,000 jobs. There was discussion only.

3. U.S. 180 Winter Congestion Study

Mr. Wessel presented the US Winter Congestion Study update to the TAC and explained the process. The TAC suggested using the MindMixer url US180WinterTrafficStudy.com because FlagstaffWinterTrafficStudy.com is too general. Mr. Barrett commented on the language "of implementable solutions" a promise. Mr. Wessel stated he will take that under consideration in the tone "of overpromising and under delivering." Mr. Wessel stated community impact information will be moved above the economic development information on the fact sheet. Mr. Wessel stated the cost for the MindMixer site for three months is \$5000 and includes outreach and back end analysis, which is comparable to consultants to travel, producing collateral materials and then compiling meeting information. The TAC suggested selecting a third peer community that has winter recreation. Mr. Barrett commented on the uniqueness of Flagstaff because the snow is elevation based. Mr. Wessel stated public involvement will be launched in mid august with the MindMixer site and press releases. There was discussion only.

4. FMPO Calendar

Ms. Roederer stated the Annual Retreat date is set for September 28, 2011 from 10a – 2p at the City Aquaplex facility. Mr. Wessel stated the general retreat topic will be strategic alliances focusing on economic and transportation topics. Mr. Barrett suggested a future agenda item on Bike lanes in traditional neighborhoods.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Feek announced the Para Grant due date as August 10, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Bauman adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.



Memorandum – Staff Reports

Date: August 17, 2011
To: FMPO Technical Advisory Committee
From: Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Re: Ongoing Transportation Projects

Federal Reauthorization

Both the House and Senate have issued overviews of their respective legislation. Commonalities include: Expansion of the TIFIA loan program, consolidation of more than 80 programs into 30 or fewer programs. Major differences:

- Funding: House – 30% reduction tied to trust fund revenue. Senate – current funding supported by general fund and/or yet-to-be-named revenue sources.
- Length: House – 6-year bill. Senate – 2-year bill, this creates less flexibility or predictability for programming, but holds open the option of better funding as the economy improves.
- Control – House – more to the state DOT's. Senate – more to the major metropolitan areas. This is a very general statement, so caution should be exercised in its interpretation.

I-40 Design Concept Report – the Initial DCR is released and available for review.

<http://www.azdot.gov/I40StudyFlagstaff/>

I-17 Design Concept Report. Initial DCR is complete and public hearing are scheduled for September 7 and 8 in Pinewood and High Country Conference Center, respectively.

Camp Navajo EUL – coordination meeting scheduled for August 23, 2011.

Fourth Street North - Staff will conclude comments by the end of the week and submit to the city for consideration. Generally, the consultant applied growth rates are more conservative than the growth projected by the 2030 land use assumptions.

Mountain Links BRT Design – Ribbon cutting schedule for August 18.

Doney Park Planning Assistance to Rural Areas Study (PARA). Final reports under review.

FHWA Initiative - Every Day Counts

- Staff has circulated information on "Safety Edge" and "Warm Mix Asphalt"

Work Program Update (also see table below)

- Data Collection: FY 11 counts and submittals complete. FY 12 – no summer counts, fall counts to be scheduled
- TIP: FY 11 adopted. FY 12 not initiated.
- Long Range Planning
 - **Regional Plan 2012** – Successful Charrette process to develop three scenarios completed. Work to commence with Kimley Horn on Community Viz analysis. Next steps – scenario selection and final scenario evaluation; drafting of the circulation element.
 - **State Long Range Transportation Plan - What Moves You Arizona** – Final draft under review.
- Special Projects

- US 180 Congestion Study – Working paper #1 – Existing Conditions complete Data collection complete. Qualtrix on-line survey to examine Phoenix population attitudes toward winter recreation complete. Latent demand evaluation complete. MindMixer under contract and web-site launched.
- Safety Program – Kimley Horn submitted information on the process, schedule and application form as well as compiled state and federal documentation useful to the process. Awaiting input from staff and TAC. Guidelines and programmatic advice are pending.
- Travel Time Study – NAU is writing the final reports.
- Regional Planning
 - Juniper Point project work complete for time being.
 - Staff is facilitating delivery of several trails projects for this summer
- Public Participation
 - Website is being maintained
 - Staff working closely with HDR on US 180 outreach including poster placement, video production, email outreach and more