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Approved Minutes 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

Chair Overton called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Roll Call.

Present: Chair Scott Overton, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Vice Chair Jennifer Toth (state designated alternate), Arizona Department of Transportation; Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; Mandy Metzger, Supervisor Coconino County; Art Babbott, Councilmember City of Flagstaff

Ms. Metzger stated the County Executive Board membership roles have changed. She will be the regular FMPO Executive Board member and Mr. Taylor will be the designated alternate.

Excused Absent:

Vice Chair Hank Rogers, Arizona Department of Transportation; Carl Taylor, Supervisor Coconino County

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; John Harper, ADOT; Karla Petty, FHWA Administrator Arizona Division ; Georgi Ann Jasenovec, FHWA Community Planner Arizona Division

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Chair Overton requested the Minutes of June 22, 2011 be corrected to include the information to reconvene Item II: Executive Session at which time the motion was made during the regular meeting. The Board requested clarification regarding the comment on hybrid busses and diesel busses in the Minutes. Mr. Wessel explained and no change to the Minutes was necessary. Mr. Babbott made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 22, 2011 with the one correction to the Executive Session motion and Ms. Evans seconded, which passed unanimously.

D. ROTATION of OFFICERS

Mr. Ryan made a motion to rotate the Chair to ADOT with Hank Rogers or State Designee and Mr. Overton seconded, which passed unanimously. Ms. Metzger made a motion for County member Mr. Ryan to rotate to Vice Chair and Ms. Evans seconded, which passed unanimously. Ms. Roederer

mentioned the meeting location usually moves to the Chair agency and will follow-up with the Chair regarding the ADOT Milton facility. Chair Overton passed the meeting to newly appointed Chair Toth to continue the meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel provided an update to the Board on the status of legislation. Based on the discussion Mr. Wessel will follow-up on the following:

- 1) Check on project implementation with Ms. Petty regarding the two approved projects for the interstate reconstruction rehabilitation tolling pilot program done in 2003 (Missouri) and 2005 (Virginia).
- 2) Provide MPO assistance with the two stage application process to determine if tolling will be allowable and if Arizona can get permission to do tolling in Arizona.
- 3) Respond to Mr. Melvin and Ms. Keene regarding the MPO Board position on tolling.

The Board agreed to authorize the following:

- 1) Authorize the Chair to send a letter to the respective managers at City and County that the MPO recognizes the RTAC paper and its position.
- 2) Authorize the Chair to send a letter to Congressman Gosar supporting the continuing resolution and extension of the funding.
- 3) Authorize the Vice Chair to send a letter to support ADOT regarding the expression of interest on tolling bridges on I-15 due to the critical infrastructure and the stretch of highway does not benefit the state from an economic development stand point because it is a pass-through.

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

1. Retreat Planning

Mr. Wessel presented a draft retreat agenda and reviewed the invitation list with the Board. The Board recommended expanding the invitation list to include Sedi; Econa; Congressman Gosar; CAC Chair, Camp Navajo; RPI; Southwestern; Walmart; RTAC; FMPO TAC; TPAC (economic development group) and Tuba City area. Mr. Wessel will contact Mr. Sweet for more information. Ms. Evans suggested Greyhound and the Winslow prison. Ms. Metzger commented on having a future meeting with the commuting population of freeway users. The Board expressed the draft agenda was good. Mr. Babbott commented on the importance of improved communication and cited the example of the I40 DCR and the technical aspects of the project. The Board recommended not including Kingman with the retreat but as part of the regional plan process.

2. Trip Diary Survey

Mr. Wessel stated the status update on the Trip Diary Survey. The Board commented on if the survey was a requirement and the amount budgeted. Mr. Wessel explained it is not required but provides value for data collection, grant applications, traffic impact analysis as well as a federal response. Mr. Wessel stated National Research Center was awarded the contract again and it came in under budget. The Board suggested formulating a question regarding future expectations without new capital and agreed with the TAC on a question related to barriers and participating in different modes.

3. Amendment to the Operating Procedures

Mr. Wessel described the recommended changes and updates of the operating procedures to address organizational changes to the host agency and representation on the TAC. Mr. Wessel explained how the Management Committee operates and the changes. Mr. Wessel distributed copies of the revised IGA and revised Operating Procedures to the Board. Mr. Wessel stated the organizational change as Management Committee members attending Executive Board meetings and then to conduct meetings separately as needed. Mr. Wessel stated the TAC quorum change as 50% with each agency represented in a more balanced approach instead of the fifty plus one of the five out of eight members present. Mr. Wessel explained the City legal department informed him

the County/City IGA expired in June 2010 and has been operating on a month-to-month basis on an implied agreement and is still accepting funds. Mr. Wessel stated the IGA should go to the City Council and Board of Supervisors as expeditiously as possible. The IGA changes are title changes that reflect the City reorganization such as division head to section head as well as ADOT 2005 seed money that has gone away and been removed from the document. The Board agreed more time would be needed to review the operating procedures but could move forward with the IGA. Mr. Wessel mentioned the operating procedures are an exhibit to the IGA but an amendment could be done at a later date to provide more review time. Mr. Overton made a motion to adopt the IGA and delay the adoption of the Operating Procedures to allow the Board more time to review the changes and Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

4. US 180 Winter Traffic Study Update

Mr. Wessel described the progress to date including activity on the virtual town hall on the MindMixer site at www.us180wintertrafficstudy.com. The Board was pleased with the overall concept of the Virtual Town Hall and the participation to date. Mr. Wessel commented on some ideas that have been received that are off topic such as moving Snowbowl to Maricopa County or on snowmaking. Ms. Evans expressed concern regarding those that do not have a computer and receiving comment/ideas from the Cheshire neighborhood. Ms. Evans suggested a meet and greet at the park. Mr. Wessel will also look into options for a meeting at the fire station or Sechrist elementary. Mr. Babbott inquired if Board members should comment on the site. Mr. Wessel stated to do what feels comfortable but the Board will have an opportunity to weigh in on ideas and comment.

5. Regional Plan 2012 Update

Mr. Wessel explained the Regional Plan 2012 is a mandated process with a legislative extension to 2015 that affect the mandated adoption. Mr. Wessel stated the policies from the MPO perspective are the investment priorities and suggested solutions to access mobility and connectivity by different modes. Mr. Wessel stated there are 22 regional plan elements and all but eight remain to be adopted such as land use, circulation, housing, economic development and community character. Mr. Wessel stated there are three scenarios that have been developed through the successful charrette process. Mr. Wessel mentioned there has been staff training on Community Viz with more to take place tomorrow (8-25-11). Mr. Wessel stated the evaluation is based on 150,000 population, which concerned some participants during the charrette process. Mr. Wessel is working on communicating that we are not advocating for 150,000 but it is within the realm of possibility based on various projections and it does put pressure on the transportation system. Mr. Wessel stated in Flagstaff there historically has been resistance to new facilities and how to respond. Mr. Wessel commented that he was very pleased with the charrette process with 200 people attending and 100 that participated directly. Mr. Babbott commented on the state trust land perspective with the density of Flagstaff at 170,000 at full build out and the region at 250,000 or 225,000 and there are state trust land discussions about lowering densities. Mr. Babbott stated full build out numbers can shock many people. Mr. Wessel stated the 150,000 is much lower than what could happen.

6. Current Topics of Interest

The Board raised the topic on moving and changing the meeting date/time to better accommodate member schedules. Ms. Roederer will follow-up on suggestions and work with the Board.

7. FMPO Working Calendar

There was no discussion.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Toth adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.