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A G E N D A Executive Board

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Arizona Department of Transportation – Flagstaff District, Conference Room
1801 S. Milton Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Hank Rogers, Chair

Scott Overton

Mandy Metzger

Matt Ryan, Vice Chair

City Councilmember (vacant)

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.

Meeting January 25, 2012

Pages 4-7

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

PP 8-10

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

2. FMPO Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

PP 10-11

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Action

Staff will present the TAC recommendation for an amendment to the 2009 RTP related to project #70 US 89 Bypass. The amendment refers to the project as the "US 89 Mobility Study," clarifies the need for a full environmental review, identifies a more complete range of alternatives, and amends the map to reflect a more general and broad approach to resolving mobility issues.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the amendment as recommended

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

1. Transportation Summit Update

PP 12-13

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion Only

At the September 2011 retreat, the Board directed Staff to collaborate with others to develop and schedule a transportation summit. Staff will present progress to date on schedule, invitations, and program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion Only/Staff direction

2. Regional Plan 2012 Update – Scenario Development Status

PP 13-16

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion Only

Staff will briefly introduce the three development scenarios being evaluated, the challenges and opportunities they pose relative to implementation and particularly transportation, and the status of the process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion Only/Staff direction

3. 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

4. FMPO Working Calendar

PP 17

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 18-21

- 1) Technical Advisory Committee
- 2) Staff Report

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TAC

March 1, 2012

Coconino County Human Resources Bldg

Management Committee

March 9, 2012 (as needed)

Executive Board

ADOT Flagstaff District Office, Conference Room
March 28, 2012
ADOT Flagstaff District Office, Conference Room

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 _____, 2012.



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Draft Minutes Executive Board

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Arizona Department of Transportation – Flagstaff District, Conference Room
1801 S. Milton Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

Roll Call.

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

Excused Absent:

Carl Taylor, Supervisor Coconino County (designated alternate)

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; Andy Bertelsen, Coconino County Public Works Director; John Harper, ADOT District Engineer

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 26, 2011 with the condition of amending Mr. Babbott's Snowbowl comments on Item 3: US 180 Winter Traffic Update and Ms. Evans seconded, which passed unanimously.

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel presented an update on the status of legislative and regulatory review to the Board. Mr. Wessel stated the FMPO is operating under continuing resolutions and will continue to monitor the situation. Mr. Wessel mentioned the Governor has released the state budget and it uses last year as a baseline including all transportation cuts. The Board noted The Governor's budget anticipates discontinuing the one cent sales tax and pursuit of the one cent sales tax through an initiative process to fund transportation and education. The Board discussed the "We Build Arizona" coalitions. The Board discussed HURF strategies and methods on retaining and resupplying HURF dollars. Mr. Wessel distributed and discussed a National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)

handout on Regional Infrastructure Investment Zone (RIIZ) and AMPO letter on MAP-21. Mr. Wessel mentioned that a RIIZ could support a public, private, partnership program (P3) that offers an incentive for businesses to contribute to an infrastructure project for a one-time tax deduction. Ms. Evans suggested Mr. Wessel contact NARC regarding RIIZ and community facility districts and provide the findings to the Board and appropriate City staff (Steve Saville.) Mr. Ryan stated the County is working on stopping the HURF raids. Mr. Rogers stated that we should not pursue additional money but maintain the HURF and suggested sending letter of support. Mr. Wessel mentioned the FMPO can provide information and impacts to the legislature but can not lobby. Ms. Metzger requested additional contact names for legislatures and representatives of an upcoming event she is attending. There was discussion only.

2. US 180 Winter Traffic Study Update

Mr. Wessel explained the US 180 Winter Traffic Study is in the final stages. Mr. Wessel stated the additional money for the signal timing tests provided more data and value to the project. Mr. Wessel stated the tests were done on holiday weekends in December and January and the next test will be President's weekend in February. Mr. Wessel expressed the tests may be somewhat inconclusive because the lack of snow this season has produced less traffic. Mr. Wessel informed the Board Supervisor Taylor has an intern that is pursuing a formalized process on agency responsibilities in the corridor and there may be an economic component. Mr. Harper commented on the signal timing tests and the importance to keep the City informed because more green time can affect City side streets on 180 and Fort Valley. Mr. Wessel mentioned there has been communication with the businesses affected by the test regarding traffic flow or backups. Mr. Harper noted the positive trade-off because people are off of 180 and Ft. Valley. Mr. Babbott commented on the estimated communication cost of \$100,000 and Mr. Wessel stated it could be much less based on district information and coordination. Mr. Babbott encouraged pursuit of low-cost high effective efforts first. There was discussion only.

2. FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program Discussion

Mr. Wessel reviewed the FY 2013 Work Program regarding new tasks and reviewed budget history with the Board. Mr. Wessel explained \$60,000 has been allocated to a benefit cost analysis and the coordination role the FMPO will have with an ADOT ITS Regional Architecture effort. Mr. Wessel commented on the status of Camp Navajo and that the EUL (enhanced use lease) has been pulled at the federal level but discussions will continue at the local level with ECONA and the FMPO will support the effort through the Freight Study. Mr. Wessel reviewed budget percentages from a historical perspective with the Board. There was discussion only.

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

1. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Mr. Wessel explained NAIPTA has received \$2,688,000 funds from a reallocation of the Central Yavapai MPO funds and \$388,000 from the Small Transit Intensive Cities program. Mr. Wessel stated the TIP Amendment will permit NAIPTA to add section 5307 funds in the amount of \$2,688,000 and \$388,000 for the purchase of buses and operating assistance. Mr. Wessel stated the TAC approved the FY12 TIP Amendment. Mr. Babbott made a motion to approve the FY12 TIP Amendment as presented for \$2,688,000 for hybrid buses and \$388,000 for operating assistance and Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

2. Transportation Improvement Program Process

Mr. Wessel described the TIP process to the Board as presented in the agenda packet. Mr. Wessel stated the sixth year for transportation as a small amount at \$500,000, which is equivalent to about one mile of paving. Mr. Wessel explained they have done "gap" funding in the past that applies the funds to an agency for a larger project. Mr. Wessel stated the funds can also be used for smaller projects such as transit shelters or striping. Mr. Wessel mentioned a federal requirement requires design funds lead to construction or right-of-way purchase within ten years or risk returning the money. Mr. Overton expressed the funds should be used for improvements and not planning,

cautioned applying the funds to transit such as shelters and recommended pavement preservation as a means to keep money flowing. Mr. Wessel commented on a recent community value survey and the importance of achieving balance across all modes. Mr. Wessel stated the HURF exchange is no longer an option but there may be an option of pooling or loaning funds to other MPOs/COGs for a project that is ready and they would reciprocate their funds to FMPO in a future year. The Board discussed the ADOT facility as a potential P3 site. There was discussion only.

3. FMPO Regional Transportation Plan and Picture Canyon Acquisition

Mr. Wessel presented interrelationships between the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), specifically the US 89 Bypass "Conditional Corridor" and Picture Canyon. Mr. Wessel stated there is a balance between open space and congestion that needs to be reached and that a full design concept report is recommended in the RTP. Mr. Wessel stated he met with Jim Cronk, Kevin Burke and City staff in charge of the acquisition (through the Arizona Preserve Initiative) and mentioned if acquisition is delayed funding may not be available next year. Mr. Wessel explained the corridor options to the Board. Mr. Wessel recommended an RTP amendment to clarify and explain the language, options and FMPO intent. Ms. Metzger stated, as the Chair of the Picture Canyon Group, that the City and County have been engaged on the issue. Ms. Metzger mentioned there is an Arizona State Land Department meeting February 14, 2012 at 10 a.m. to reclassify the land as conservation land and there is a high level of sensitivity to any possible disruptions. Ms. Metzger recommended FMPO staff attend the meeting. Ms. Metzger stated Coconino County and the City have passed a Picture Canyon Resolution supporting preserving the area. The Board discussed the FMPO draft a letter to the City and County explaining the FMPO intent. Ms. Metzger made a motion to recommend issuing a letter to the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County explaining the FMPO intent:

- Amend the Regional Transportation Plan to illustrate options including the ability to locate the corridor off of state land
- Amend the text to more clearly explain the need for further study, the range of alternatives, and the range of possible mitigation actions
- Express FMPO support for the acquisition
- Include attachments or reference the Resolution(s)

Ms. Evans seconded, which passed unanimously.

4. Current Topics of Interest

- Mr. Ryan referenced discussions on Camp Navajo, Freight Study and Lone Tree.
- Ms. Evans is interested in the 4th Street Corridor and Lone Tree.
- Mr. Overton stated the *What Moves You Arizona* report has been released and requests feedback from the State. Mr. Overton mentioned the 89 Bypass is listed as a project in the report.
- Chair Rogers recommended including *What Moves You Arizona* on the February agenda and he will discuss it with Mr. Harper as it relates to Coconino County and report back to the Board.
- Mr. Babbott commented that he is working on defining electric bikes in the ARS statutes with Mr. Ince. In addition, Mr. Babbott stated this is the last FMPO meeting as a Board member or Councilmember because he is running for the Coconino County Board of Supervisors Division 1 position.

There was discussion only.

5. FMPO Working Calendar

Mr. Wessel reviewed the working calendar with the Board and mentioned the Arizona State Transportation Board dinner on April 19, 2012 will be co-hosted with NAIPTA and AZTA. Mr. Wessel stated the transportation summit on April 20 will be approximately two hours and the topics include survey results, funding and vision. There was discussion only.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Harper announced the Transportation Enhancement Grants are coming up and three projects have been identified for submittal.

- 1) Continuation of sidewalk on west Riordan
- 2) Pathway improvements at NAU on McConnell
- 3) Shoulders from the Peak View store to Hidden Hollow

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

FMPO Executive Board

February 22, 2012

II.1 Legislative Review

- Action: Update and discussion on legislative and regulatory activity.
- Federal Reauthorization Activity
- House Bill – H.R. 7
 - Structural philosophy: Programs/projects of National significance
 - Floor vote expected to be delayed till late February or early March
 - Funding identified, but different from Senate and controversial.
 - PROS
 - Maintains funding levels
 - Grandfathers existing MPO's
 - Increases planning funds (based on lowered %, applied to larger block of funds)
 - Streamlines delivery by permitting lead environmental agencies to adopt and current use planning products in the part or all of its review
 - Favors local preferences for project alternatives
 - Freight focus
 - CONS
 - Segregates Mass Transit Account from Highway Trust Fund, subjecting it to annual appropriations process - ***Puts NAIPTA funding at risk***
 - Allows Governor to override MPO to modify Transportation Improvement Program for interstate projects - ***An issue of reducing incentives to communicate***
 - Eliminates 10% set aside for Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, makes museums and scenic easement ineligible - ***Funding for these projects will now be entirely local, utilize regional federal funds, or require ADOT action***

II.1 Legislative Review

- SENATE BILL – S. 1813 Moving Ahead for Progress (MAP-21)
 - Floor vote could take place this week, requires 60 votes for passage
 - Funding identified, but only for two years and different from House
 - PROS
 - Maintains funding at current levels
 - Streamlines review process
 - Advances performance-based planning. ***Want to see assurance of strong local voice in setting and understanding targets and measures***
 - Freight focus
 - CONS
 - Raises MPO threshold to 200,000. No grandfathering of existing MPOs, but has path toward recertification. However, new planning requirements are undefined and could be hard to meet. ***Eliminating urban regional voices may shift power to the state***
 - Certification Process for small MPO's could be relegated to the state. ***Want to see clear set of standards to assure positive direction for successful certification.***
 - Eliminates Transportation Enhancement, ties them into Congestion Mitigation-Air Quality

II.1 Legislative Review

- Federal reauthorization – amendments of interest
 - Senate
 - Shaheen-Murkowski: Grandfathers small MPOs
 - House
 - #296 – Turner/#27 - Nadier: restores transit funding
 - #12 – Thompson: restores off system bridge funding
 - #138 – Smith: mandates federal freight plan
 - #260 – Shuler/Hunter: permits funding of alternate fuel vehicle fueling stations
 - #102 – Sessions: Eliminates funding for Amtrak lines that recover less than 50% of costs through fares
 - #111 – Richardson: Sets process to prioritize freight corridors
 - #158 – Reed: Exempts small projects having already received a categorical exclusion from requiring additional federal permits.
 - #103 – Petri: Restores enhancement funding
 - #270 Perlmutter/#25 Nadier: strikes Governors' override authority
 - #217 Kucinich – private operations/commercial activities at rest areas
 - #16 Latourette – expanded use of federal transit funds for operations expenses

- State Legislative Activity
 - Governor's budget uses last year as baseline which means continuation of raids on the ADOT budget and impacts to local HURF. This remains the most impacting action to date.
 - Legislation of interest
 - HURF Containment/HURF I.O.U. – Williams. Firewalls HURF funds. Creates ledger of transfers and impacts to respective jurisdictions, sets up process for repayment
 - Transportation Project Advancement Notes SB 1131 – creates ability for jurisdictions to loans funds to advance projects
 - Public Private Partnerships HB 2358 – cleans up existing language to make investments more attractive to private investors
 - LTAF restoration HB 2208 – restores funding for transit and other local initiatives
 - Vehicle Miles Travel tax HB 2358 – applies to electric vehicles
 - *We Build Arizona* coalition formed to address erosion of capital budgets
 - *See RTAC legislative update*

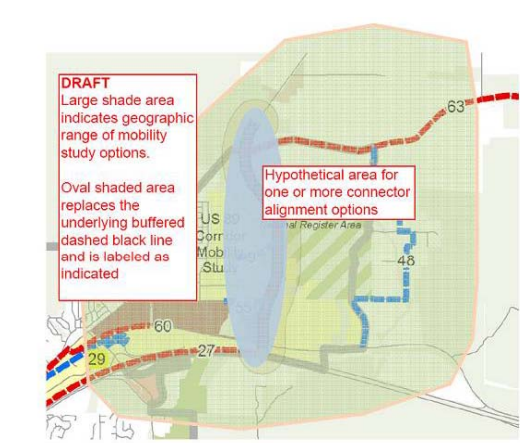
II.2 – Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

Actions: Amend the Regional Transportation Plan

- Recommended language for page 32
- “US 89 Corridor Improvements – Extraordinary circumstance: Additional north south capacity with improved connections to Interstate 40 can resolve system vehicular delay at a rate 300 times more than most other projects. That it can only score 33% more than any other project in the scoring matrix indicates the value the community places on other criteria. A full design concept report, compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act will be required. Alternatives may include “no build,” improvements to existing facilities such as US 89, Country Club Drive, and I-40 exit 201, and parallel bypass or connector road options at different distances and configurations. In addition to the congestion to be resolved, the impacts to be investigated and mitigated are biological resources including wildlife habitat and movement corridors, archaeological resources, historic resources, open space and recreation resources, and socio-economic impacts to neighborhoods and businesses.

II.2 – Regional Transportation Plan Amendment (cont)

Recommended map amendments pages 31 and 32



II.2 – Regional Transportation Plan Amendment (cont)

- Additional minor changes – the following are recommended by staff, were discussed with the TAC, but not included in the formal motion.
 - Elimination of the US 89 Bypass alignment from all maps
 - Removal of “US 89 Bypass” from all tables or, where appropriate, replacement with appropriate language such as
 - US 89 Corridor Improvements
 - US 89 Mobility Study
 - US 89 Connector Alternative
 - Addition of footnotes to tables, where necessary, explaining the cost [or other information] in the table is based on the connector option for illustrative purposes.

III.1 – Transportation Summit Update

- **Requested Action**
 - Direction to staff on program, format or other details to ensure the success of the summit
- **Background**
 - FMPO Members have expressed interest in corridor coalitions, organizational mergers, and freight markets highlighting a need to establish understanding, policies and positions relative to areas well-outside FMPO borders.
 - The Annual Fall Retreat was used a planning session for a summit to be held in the Spring 2012.
 - FMPO, NAIPTA, ECoNA and the Flagstaff Chamber have been working on elements of the program
- **Key Considerations**
 - Geared more towards extra-regional relationships, therefore, has an economic bent to it
 - Seeking to reflect on local business needs and future economic opportunities for the region

III.1 – Transportation Summit Update

- **Key Considerations (continued)**
 - Should strive to balance economic development values with broader values expressed in existing policy documents and by the public
- **Theme: “All Modes Lead to Flagstaff”**
- **Schedule**
 - April 20, 2012 1:30-3:30 p.m., High Country Conference Center
 - Coordinates with the April 19 Arizona State Transportation Board Dinner and April 20 ASTB Hearing
 - Seeks to present concise, high-impact information to respect individual time commitments
- **Input**
 - Funding trends
 - Business survey results
 - Existing plans and programs
 - Employment data and trends, freight commodity and value flows, tourism data, retail market analysis, etc.

III.1 – Transportation Summit Update

- **Draft Program**
- 1:00 Welcome and Introductions – Why Greater Flagstaff needs a Transportation Vision. *Scott Overton and Matt Ryan (confirmed)*
- 1:15 Show Me The Money – The scope and timing of funding major projects
Introduction: John Halikowski/Speaker: Alan Maguire (confirmed)
- 1:45 Survey Says vs. Planner Says! - Top Transportation Issues and Related Projects – How do they Match up? *Erika Mazza (confirmed)*
- 2:00 Economic Overview - What are transportation needs of various sectors
Introduction: Chris Bavasi (invited) Speakers: Rich Bowen/Julie Pastrick
- 2:15 Unveil the Vision Jeff Meilbeck
- 2:30 Top Transportation Projects – Brainstorms and Visualizations. Various modes? Freight Depot? Dave Wessel
- 2:45 Wrap Up – Where do we go from here?
Speaker: Needs to be a good speaker. Tight presentation. Help people feel successful and optimistic

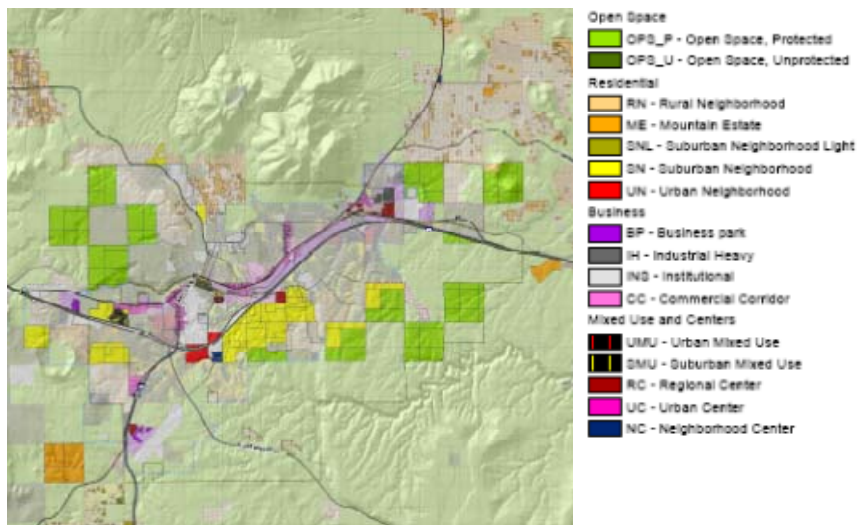
III.2 – Regional Plan Scenarios

- **Policy Issues:**
 - Informs eventual land use plan and policies to which the Regional Transportation Plan must respond
- **Action Requested:**
 - General awareness, observations
- **Background:**
 - The RTP update concluded in December 2009, about the time the Regional Plan 2012 (RP12) was launched
 - FMPO agreed to modify the RTP to comply with RP12 when it concluded
 - FMPO is funding key components of the RP12, providing staff support and authored a grant on behalf of the city

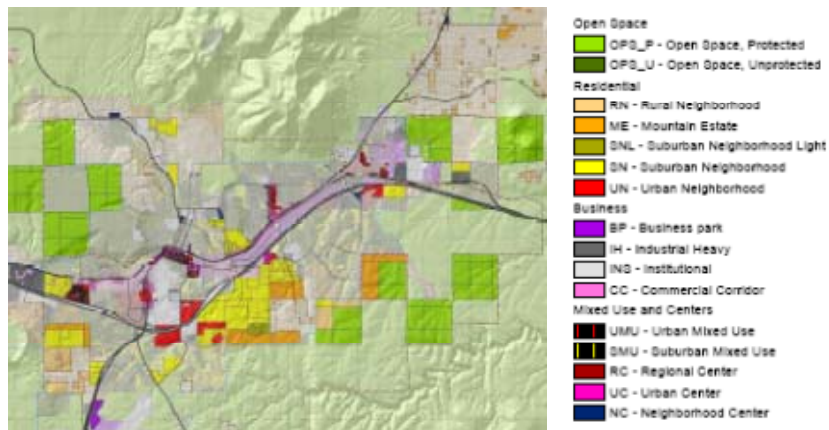
III.2 – Regional Plan Scenarios

- **Background (continued)**
 - The RP12 process held design charrettes last July resulting in three scenarios.
 - A. Growing Out; B. Growing In & Out; C. Growing In
 - To accurately gauge far reaching policy impacts it was decided early on to analyze a “build out” condition. “Build Out” was established at a population of 150,000 based on development levels permitted by zoning and the current plan, on water capacity, and on projections
 - RP12 staff have worked with a consultant to evaluate those scenarios.
 - Based on an evaluation of a working group of the Citizens Advisory Committee the scenarios have been modified.
- **Key Points**
 - A final scenario will emerge – either a direct selection or a hybrid of scenarios. This will be modified into the land use plan or map and a policy direction aimed at the next 20-30 years set.
 - Major indicators for scenario selection as identified by the CAC include:
 - Transportation impacts / Water Usage / Environmental Impacts

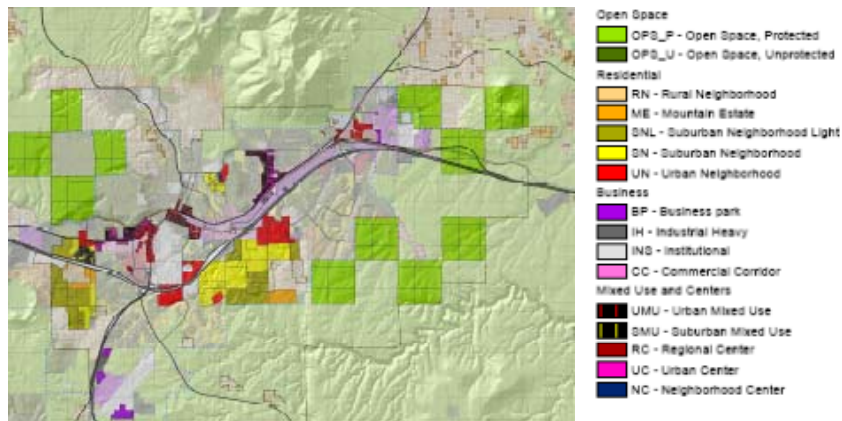
III.2 – Regional Plan Scenario A



III.2 – Regional Plan Scenario B



III.2 – Regional Plan Scenario D



III.2 – Regional Plan Scenarios

- Key Points
 - Spatial distribution is very similar due to limited areas available for growth
 - Projected growth in County planning areas is able to be absorbed into existing vacant lands with the possible exception of Bellemont
 - “A” is most similar to the trend we are now.
 - “B” creates a more uniform distribution of suburban type commercial and residential development of moderately higher density (7 du/acre) with some higher density areas.
 - “D” creates intense (2-4 story) commercial areas on W. Route 66, Downtown (mostly along Butler), and at Fourth Street. It intensifies some centrally located residential areas and assumes a more typical 3 du/acre on the periphery.

III.2 – Regional Plan Scenarios

Transportation Impacts

TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY				
Total Trips	number of trips	278,974	277,516	275,376
Bike Trips		1,834	6,686	12,171
Transit Trips		4,201	14,860	26,460
Walk Trips		876	3,216	4,932
Daily Vehicle Trips		272,064	252,754	231,813
VMT	miles	2,655,340	2,466,875	2,262,498
Annual Fuel Consumption	miles/gallon	42,323,111	39,319,189	36,061,646

III.4 – Working Calendar

- **Executive Board** **February 22, 2012**
 - RTP Amendment
 - Regional Plan Scenario Update
 - Transportation Summit Update
- **Executive Board** **March 28, 2012**
 - Regional Plan Scenario Review
 - Operating procedures & TIP Process
 - Fourth Street North Corridor Study Policy Implications
 - Operating procedures & TIP Process
 - Lone Tree Traffic Interchange Benefit Cost Assessment
- **Executive Board** **April 25, 2012**
 - Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Period
 - Draft UPWP
 - Arizona State Transportation Board Dinner April 19, 2012
 - Northern Arizona Transportation Summit April 20, 2012
 - Arizona Transit Association (AZTA) Conference April 22-24, 2012



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Action Summary **Technical Advisory Committee** **1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Thursday, February 2, 2012**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bauman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

TAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Bauman, City of Flagstaff Transportation Manager, Chair

Sue Pratt, Coconino County Community Development Interim Director, Vice Chair

Justin Feek, ADOT Senior Transportation Planner

Audra Merrick, ADOT Flagstaff District Development Engineer

Rick Barrett, City of Flagstaff Engineer

Jim Cronk, Flagstaff Development Services

Erika Mazza, NAIPTA Transit Planner

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

Absent

None.

FMPO STAFF & Others Present

David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Martin Ince, FMPO Multimodal Planner

Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist

Michael Grandy, Kimely-Horn and Associates

Julian Avila, ADOT

Mark Poppe, ADOT

Jeff Davidson, ADOT

Tanya Vasquez, Student

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel announced copies of *What Moves You Arizona* are available.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES

Ms. Pratt made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2012 and Mr. Barrett seconded, which passed unanimously.

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

1. Highway Safety Improvement Program & Projects

Mr. Ince updated the TAC on the status of the HSIP program, projects and evaluation process. The group provided comment and input. The TAC agreed to the weighting factors and rounding the percentages to the nearest tenth, use injury crashes only, rank systematic and spot improvement projects separately, as well as project selection by consensus. There was discussion only.

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

1. Regional Transportation Plan 2009 Amendment

Mr. Wessel explained the RTP 2009 Amendment and recommended text and map changes to clarify the circumstances of "Project 70 - US 89 bypass" in the plan in the context of the Picture Canyon state land acquisition. Mr. Cronk made a motion to recommend the Regional Transportation Plan 2009 Amendment/Clarification and Map 6 per the following and Ms. Pratt seconded, which passed unanimously.

- US 89 Corridor Improvements – Extraordinary circumstance: Additional north south capacity with improved connections to Interstate 40 can resolve system vehicular delay at a rate 300 times more than most other projects. That it can only score 33% more than any other project in the scoring matrix indicates the value the community places on other criteria. A full design concept report, compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act will be required. Alternatives may include "no build," improvements to existing facilities such as US 89, Country Club Drive, and I-40 exit 201, and parallel bypass or connector road options at different distances and configurations. In addition to the congestion to be resolved, the impacts to be investigated and mitigated are biological resources including wildlife habitat and movement corridors, archaeological resources, historic resources, open space and recreation resources, and socio-economic impacts to neighborhoods and businesses.

- Map 6:

- Illustrate a broader, labeled and shaded area
- Remove the bypass line
- Remove the diamond illustrating an I-40 T-I.

The TAC discussed staff review TIP options to use FMPO funds for additional study of the area.

2. FMPO Working Calendar

Mr. Wessel reviewed the working calendar topics with the TAC and explained the TIP 2013-2017 will be emailed to the TAC and posted on the FMPO website for review. Mr. Cronk suggested checking the April City budget retreat dates as it may conflict with the Transportation Summit. There was discussion only.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

Mr. Wessel described the status of Federal Reauthorization, transportation enhancements, transit funds, HURF funds and one cent sales tax. There was discussion only.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bauman adjourned the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m.



Memorandum – Staff Reports

Date: February 15, 2012
To: FMPO Executive Board
From: Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
David Wessel, FMPO Manager

Re: Ongoing Transportation Projects

Federal Reauthorization – see 2-22-12 Packet PowerPoint

I-40 Design Concept Report – the Initial DCR is released and available for review at <http://www.azdot.gov/I40StudyFlagstaff/> . No updates.

I-17 Design Concept Report. City has submitted comments. No updates

Camp Navajo – No updates

Fourth Street North - the Council meeting was deferred until further research and report corrections could be made. Several important policy decisions are pending regarding a cost effective balance between access and mobility, achieving context sensitivity, and creating connectivity essential to the desired level of urban design.

FHWA Initiative - Every Day Counts - No updates

Beulah Boulevard Extension – staff is working with ADOT to tie regional TIP dollars to the public private partnership project so that they are secure and can be obligated when the P3 moves forward.

I-15 Bridge Project – No updates

Transportation Summit (Spring 2012) – see 2-22-12 packet PowerPoint

Work Program Update

- Data Collection: FY 11 counts and submittals complete. FY 12 – no summer counts, fall counts completed
 - Trip Diary Survey – deferred to September 2012.
- TIP: FY 11 adopted. FY 12 draft underway.
- NAIPTA 5-Year Transit Plan – award pending
- Long Range Planning
 - **Regional Plan 2012** - 2nd round of scenarios under analysis.
 - **State Long Range Plan - What Moves You Arizona** – adopted
- Special Projects
 - US 180 Winter Congestion Study – Report complete. March 26 presentation.
 - 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 – Complete.
- Regional Planning
 - Juniper Point project work complete for time being.
 - Fourth Street – North Corridor – see earlier comments.
- Public Participation
 - Website is being maintained

Matters of Interest to the Board

- Freight
- Lone Tree/Lone Tree Traffic Interchange
- Fourth Street
- What Moves You Arizona