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## ***Action Summary*** **Executive Board**

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

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

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Hank Rogers, Arizona Department of Transportation; Vice Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; Scott Overton, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Mandy Metzger, Supervisor Coconino County

### **Excused Absent:**

Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Carl Taylor, Supervisor Coconino County (designated alternate)

### **Others Present:**

David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; Jeff Meilbeck, NAIPTA General Manager; Kevin Adam, RTAC

## **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Wessel requested an agenda adjustment with discussion of New Business Item 1: Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review to follow Old Business Item 1: FMPO Regional Transportation Plan Amendment and New Business Item 1: Transportation Summit Update. Chair Rogers approved the agenda change.

### **C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.**

Ms. Metzger made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2012 and Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

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

### **1. FMPO Regional Transportation Plan Amendment**

Mr. Wessel stated 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. Mr. Wessel referred the Board to page 10 of 21 in the agenda packet for the specific language and map amendment. *"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.*

Ms. Metzger commented the Picture Canyon State Land Department Hearing (February 14, 2012) had approximately 250 people that were supportive and received good feedback from the state land commissioner. Mr. Ryan mentioned the positive language change, the need to study the area and that it allows for analysis of the area. Ms. Metzger made a motion to approve the amendment as recommended and Mr. Ryan seconded, which passed unanimously.

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

#### **1. Transportation Summit Update**

Mr. Wessel provided a transportation summit update to the Board. Mr. Wessel explained the theme "All Modes Lead to Flagstaff," reviewed the summit agenda and stated the time is from 1:30-3:30pm on April 20, 2012. Mr. Meilbeck provided background information regarding vision refinement and that the summit will provide momentum and clarity. The Board suggested inviting the participants of the survey to the summit that include carriers (Swift, SCA, Knight). The Board also suggested inviting Native American tribes, ATA and senators. The Board supported the location at City Hall Council Chambers, encouraged attendee participation, and the summit should provide vision to set direction and layout priorities for boards to implement action agendas. There was discussion only

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS (Continued, postponed, and tabled items.)**

#### **2. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review**

Mr. Adam presented a status update of legislative and regulatory review regarding transportation funding raids. Mr. Wessel reviewed the legislative review PowerPoint slides with the Board as it was presented in the agenda packet. There was discussion only.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS (Continued, postponed, and tabled items.)**

#### **2. Regional Plan 2012 Update – Scenario Development Status**

Mr. Wessel explained the Regional Plan development scenarios and provided a status update to the Board. There was discussion only.

#### **3. Current Topics of Interest**

The Board commented on the I-15 toll road that was turned down by the Feds. Mr. Adam explained a pilot program on the toll road had momentum with Nevada and Utah support but the situation changed and the Utah Governor came out opposed. Mr. Adam mentioned the pilot program also required new facilities to be built with new capacity or new lanes. Mr. Adam discussed the topic with Mr. Victor Mendez. Mr. Adam stated three other sites were selected but the challenge still exists of having new lanes and not being allowed to toll existing lanes. The Board also discussed infrastructure and the strain of triple trailers on bridges. There was discussion only.

#### **4. FMPO Working Calendar**

Mr. Wessel reviewed the working calendar and stated *What Moves You Arizona* will be an agenda item at the March 28, 2012 meeting. Mr. Ryan asked if there will be a replacement ready in regard to former Board member, Art Babbott. Mr. Overton stated in the next few weeks there should be a decision and hopefully by the March meeting the vacancy will be filled. There was discussion only.

## **VI. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **D. REPORTS**

Mr. Wessel stated the US 180 Study will be presented at the joint meeting of City Council and County Board of Supervisors on March 26, 2012.

### **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.