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Approved Minutes **Executive Board**

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2012

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

Chair Harper (designated alternate) called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chair John Harper (designated alternate), Arizona Department of Transportation; Scott Overton, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Mark Woodson, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Mandy Metzger, Supervisor Coconino County

Excused Absent:

Chair Hank Rogers, Arizona Department of Transportation; Vice Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Meg Roederer, FMPO Administrative Specialist; Jim Zumpf, ADOT; Andy Bertelsen, County; Julian Avila, ADOT; Paul Page, FTA; Georgi Ann Jasenovec, FHWA; Ed Stillings, FHWA

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel stated the agenda revision of New Business Item 3: Resolution of support for Arizona's Ports of entry with Mexico. Mr. Wessel mentioned the Board has an opportunity to meet individuals from FHWA, FTA and ADOT that are here for the annual Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) review meeting directly following the Board meeting. Mr. Overton announced Councilor Woodson as the new City Council appointment filling the Art Babbott Executive Board and Council vacancy.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Overton made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2012 and Ms. Metzger seconded, which passed unanimously. Chair Harper abstained from the motion because he was not present at the meeting.

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel provided a legislative review and update to the Executive Board. Mr. Wessel stated the extension of the current law expires March 31 and as of March 27 the House had not acted on the extension. Mr. Wessel stated the Senate passed MAP-21 and explained the amendments. Mr. Wessel mentioned the two amendments pertinent to our area.

1) Funding available for off-system bridges

2) National Park over flights that would provide control to the National Park Service (NPS). Mr. Wessel stated that control is currently divided between the FAA and NPS and if it passes it is anticipated the NPS would limit flights. Mr. Wessel stated McCain and Gosar favor expansion. Mr. Wessel mentioned a concern with the Senate Bill that raises the MPO population threshold to 200,000 and creates a tier system with tier one at population 1,000,000 and tier two at a 200,000 population. Mr. Wessel stated the positive is the FMPO should be able to meet the tier two requirements with a designation status from ADOT and the Governor's office. Mr. Wessel stated there could be more extensions and resolutions before there is federal regulation. Ms. Metzger stated concern with tribal funding and school roads. Ms. Metzger will forward more information to Mr. Wessel after the meeting. Mr. Wessel provided an overview of the state legislative activity and mentioned the Governor's budget uses last year as a baseline which means continuation of raids on the ADOT budget and impacts local HURF. Mr. Wessel explained the PowerPoint slide regarding the HURF Containment/HURF I.O.U. Bill from Williams, transportation project advancement, Public Private Partnerships and mentioned the LTAF Restoration Bill and Vehicle Miles Travel Tax. Mr. Overton stated he traveled to Washington DC with Councilor White and the main topic was water not transportation. Mr. Overton expects a continuing resolution. Ms. Metzger stated Mr. Ryan, Ms. Fowler and Mr. Taylor went to DC as well and commented on rural schools. Mr. Woodson commented that communities receiving enhancement grants are having trouble making their match (5.7%) and at the federal level when and if there will be consideration of waiving the match for a time period to allow projects to move forward. Mr. Wessel suggested this point may be able to move forward through RTAC discussions. Mr. Woodson commented on the role of ADOT consultants and the difficulty of using local design professionals because of the way the funding is handled. Ms. Metzger stated the County made an effort of having matching funds waived for the Shultz fire emergency and it was considered but then the amount of award would be reduced. Mr. Bertelsen commented on the importance of leveraging funds. There was discussion only.

2. Transportation Summit Preparation Update

Mr. Wessel reported on the status of the presentation materials and content, invitations and other matters pertaining to the event. Mr. Wessel briefly stated the response has been positive with 25 attending thus far and 65-70 responses on the survey. Mr. Wessel stated facts will be presented on freight gathered with ECoNA and from Buxton data. Mr. Wessel commented on where retail dollars come from, potential, and stated excess comes from the reservation at approximately 50-70%. Mr. Wessel stated the importance of transportation with east and northeast connections as well as Phoenix. Mr. Wessel stated there has been outreach to the Arizona Trucker Association, Gore, and Purina. Mr. Wessel stated the objective of the summit is to reach a vision statement related to Flagstaff and Global economy, and, also look at data and universal projects to determine which ones to pursue find consensus on projects. Mr. Overton stressed the importance of giving the participants action items at the end of the summit and those that attend are ready for task such as support of a project, multiple projects, fee structure or funding mechanism or we may risk losing interested parties. Mr. Overton suggested a taskforce be formed after the summit. Chair Harper asked if there will be a facilitator. Mr. Wessel responded they are still seeking a facilitator to wrap up the summit. Mr. Wessel suggested action items on air service, I-17 DCRs, I-40 DCR, and Lone Tree Traffic Interchange. Mr. Overton suggested air service as a feasible action item because of a FAA enhancement grant and airline discussions expressing interest in an LA/Denver route. Mr. Overton stated the mixed group of public/private could be impactful for a lobby initiative. Mr. Wessel will contact Ms. Button at the City of Flagstaff for additional input. Ms. Metzger commented on coordinating usable local roads for commerce and shipping to manage gap where the FMPO boundary stops. Mr. Wessel stated in the survey the question is posed if there are issues outside of the region affecting commerce. Mr. Woodson commented on visitor data. Mr. Overton mentioned Horizon, Grand Canyon visitors and that the CVB has additional reports and information. Mr. Woodson commented on second home ownership that comes from the reservation. Ms. Evans stated the Hopi tribe conducted an economic impact study and the Navajo tribe is preparing to do an economic impact study and the data could add value to the summit discussions. Mr. Overton

clarified the 50-70% of the Buxton data is their share of the regional economy. Mr. Wessel explained for example, if we as a community have the potential to spend \$60 but are taking in \$100 and of that \$40 extra 50% is coming from the reservation. Chair Harper offered to help locate a facilitator. Mr. Wessel stated the City has also recently interviewed facilitators for the regional plan update. There was discussion only.

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

1. FY 2012-16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Wessel explained the amendments to the Board. The Board provided comment and feedback. Mr. Woodson made a motion to approve the first TIP amendments below as proposed with the clarification of Zuni/Lonetree that beyond alternatives study it include design and Ms. Evan seconded. Mr. Overton stated a no vote. The motion passed.

| TIP ID | Costs in thousands | FY 11 | FY 12 | FY 12 Add | Amnd. Total |
|--------|--|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| f61102 | Zuni/Lone Tree Intersection Improvement (alternatives study) | 230 | | 170 | 500 |
| f61103 | Transverse Pavement Markings | 150 | | 152 | 302 |
| f61105 | Beulah Bike Lanes | 25 | | 28 | 53 |
| f61107 | Guardrail Improvement Program | 110 | 150 | 250 | 360 |

Mr. Woodson made a motion to approve the second TIP amendments below as proposed and Ms. Evans second, which passed unanimously.

- Loan \$1,600,000 in FMPO FY 2012 fund balance to ADOT. Show repayment of the loan in FY 2015.
- Move the Beulah design effort to FY 2013 and federal funding of \$500,000 with the City paying the balance. Add right-of-way acquisition to the scope.
- Move Beulah construction to FY 2015 with federal funding of \$1,500,000.

2. What Moves You Arizona: the State Transportation Plan

Mr. Zumpf, ADOT Project Manager, presented a What Moves You Arizona PowerPoint to the Executive Board that summarizes the state plan. There was discussion only.

3. Resolution of Support for Arizona's Ports of Entry with Mexico

Ms. Metzger made a motion to table the adoption of the Resolution to provide the Executive Board more time to review and Ms. Evans seconded, which passed unanimously.

4. Current Topics of Interest

Mr. Woodson mentioned the *Roads and Streets Conference* in Tucson is scheduled for early April. There was discussion only.

5. FMPO Working Calendar

Mr. Wessel reviewed the calendar dates and topics with the Board. There was discussion only.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

D. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stillings announced authorization is pending and expires March 31, 2012. Mr. Page invited the Board to attend the IPG meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.