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Action Summary **Executive Board**

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Coconino County Administration Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
219 E. Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Hank Rogers (telephonic), Arizona Department of Transportation; Vice Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; John Harper (designated alternate), Arizona Department of Transportation; Mark Woodson, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Mandy Metzger, Supervisor Coconino County; Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Jeff Oravits, Councilmember City of Flagstaff

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Justine Otto, FMPO Administrative Specialist Temp; Audra Merrick, ADOT; Julian Avila, ADOT

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Ms. Metzger made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2012 and Mr. Woodson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

D. ROTATION of OFFICERS

Mr. Ryan was nominated for Chair and Ms. Evans was nominated for Vice Chair. Ms. Metzger moved to approve the nominations, Mr. Woodson seconded, motion passed unanimously. Chair Ryan assumed leadership of 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, focusing on the expiring 1% sales tax and its possible renewal. The Board discussed the implications of the tax and its impact on transportation funding. **Mr. Oravits moved to remain officially neutral on the subject, Mr. Woodson seconded, motion passed unanimously.** The Board continued its discussion, touching on funding and the I-11. Ms. Evans requested that Mr. Wessel follow up with

Scott's potential public meeting with the City Manager. Mr. Wessel overviewed the MAP-21 presentation (Agenda packet pp. 17-25).

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

1. Retreat Planning

Mr. Wessel outlined the retreat process, stating that circulation would likely be the main topic of discussion at this year's session. He stated that they would use the retreat to get feedback from the transportation community. Mr. Ryan suggested that an "MPO 101" introduction be given at the start of the retreat for those not familiar with the agency's functions; Ms. Metzger suggested a glossary of terms be included in the packet for further ease of comprehension. There was discussion only.

2. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - Transit

Ms. Metzger left due to time constraints, quorum was maintained. Mr. Wessel stated that the TIP needed to be amended to account for the grants received for hybrid busses. The TAC had already approved the amendment. Mr. Wessel confirmed for Mr. Oravits that hybrid busses were more expensive than regular ones, and agreed to forward on information on the benefits of switching. Ms. Evans moved to adopt the amendment, Mr. Woodson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

3. Operating Procedures Amendment

Mr. Wessel presented the amendment, stating that the Management Committee may have run its course, but may also be needed again in the future. Mr. Woodson moved to adopt the amendment, Mr. Rogers seconded, motion passed unanimously.

4. Current Topics of Interest

The Board discussed the I-11 and I-15 highways, stating that while they were maintained by rural funding they provided little rural benefit. Mr. Harper stated that the Twin Arrows Casino was scheduled to open in May 2013, that a traffic impact survey had already been completed, and that an updated interchange may be needed to accommodate the traffic generated from the new businesses. Ms. Evans stated that there had been discussion on a road from Cameron to Twin Arrows, providing a direct link between the casino and the Grand Canyon. Mr. Ryan informed the Board that due to oversaturation, truck safety was becoming an issue in Bellemont. Mr. Woodson pointed out that the east Grand Canyon entrance should be looked in light of the regional impact of visitors once the snow-making process begins. There was discussion only.

5. FMPO Working Calendar

None.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board presented Mr. Harper with a certificate of recognition in honor of his retirement and thanked him for his years of dedicated work. There was discussion only.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting 9:35 a.m.