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Approved Minutes
Executive Board
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2012

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

Vice Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Vice Chair Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff
Mark Woodson, Councilmember City of Flagstaff
Mandy Metzger, Supervisor Coconino County
Chuck Gillick, Arizona Department of Transportation (designated alternate for Hank Rogers)

Absent:

Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County
Hank Rogers, Arizona Department of Transportation
Jeff Oravits, Councilmember City of Flagstaff

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Justine Otto, FMPO Administrative Specialist Temp
Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation Advocacy Council

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel reminded the Board that there would be no December meeting due to its proximity to the holidays.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Ms. Metzger made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2012 and Mr. Woodson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel requested that the item be postponed until the arrival of Kevin Adam. Mr. Adam arrived

at 8:16, discussion resumed at 9:20. The TAC discussed funding and issues that were arising from various consolidations and disbursements. It was agreed that another discussion was necessary before January, possibly a phone conference with RTAC members. Mr. Adam confirmed that half of funding (approximately 31 million dollars) would be directed to rural funding. It was agreed that State funding would be preferable over Federal funding, and it was requested that Ms. Metzger follow up with Andy Bertelsen. There was discussion only.

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

1. Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget

Mr. Wessel introduced the topic, confirming that the new MPOs for the state to support would likely be cause for funding cuts. He suggested moving the traffic counts schedule to every two years, and stated that performance measures were now required in MAP-21 federal legislation, confirming that the FMPO's performance was in keeping with the MAP-21 expectations. Mr. Wessel stated that the Regional Transportation Plan was scheduled to be approved in 2014, and (with the possible exception of public participation sections) could be handled by the FMPO. The Board discussed projects that could be executed to obligate funding, including implementing a FUTS Master Plan, a transportation funding analysis, fixing the Milton bottleneck, and studying potential bus port locations for a new central transportation hub. It was agreed that a crosswalk study of Fourth Street would be unnecessary and attentions should instead be directed to creating a better City access management policy. The Board was also in favor of a freight study for a regional freight facility, and a sidewalk study using excess traffic count funds. There was discussion only.

2. FMPO Working Calendar

The December Executive Board meeting was cancelled. Mr. Woodson and Mr. Wessel confirmed that they would be in attendance at the December RTAC meeting, and Mr. Gillick stated that Mr. Ryan may also attend. Tentative plans for the Board to telephone conference with RTAC members were made. There was discussion only.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Evans adjourned the meeting 9:50 a.m.