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Approved Minutes **Executive Board**

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2013

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

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; Vice Chair Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Jeff Oravits, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Audra Merrick, Arizona Department of Transportation (designated alternate for Hank Rogers)

Absent: Hank Rogers, Arizona Department of Transportation; Mark Woodson, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Mandy Metzger, Supervisor Coconino County

Others Present:

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

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Ms. Evans made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 28, 2012 and Mr. Oravits seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel stated that Kevin Adam was unable to attend to give the update and outlined the RTAC handout. He stated that it was the Board's responsibility to push for a stop on raids of Highway User Revenue Funds, as the funding was needed to prevent and repair infrastructure decline. The Board agreed to email an informational video to educate the appropriate boards, committees, and persons. There was discussion only.

2. Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget

Mr. Wessel stated that it was time to update the Regional Transportation Plan, create a better access management plan, and begin a sidewalk program. Milton is being focused on in a transit study as a potential transit hub, which Mr. Wessel is using a micro simulation model to study. He requested that the Board approve a shift of \$45,000 in the TIP from Adaptive Control Signal Technology funds to expand the model, as the ACST project has been delayed. He confirmed that the project would still have enough funds to begin the project planning phase, especially if the FMPO partnered with ADOT to implement signal control in certain corridors. The Board directed staff to reflect the shift of \$45,000 from the ACST project to the Milton Road study. There was discussion only.

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

3. History of Interstate-11 and Feasibility Study Status

Mr. Wessel overviewed the history of I-11, stating that its purpose was a connecting corridor between Phoenix and Las Vegas, similar to the CANAMEX route between Canada and Mexico. The Board agreed that the I-11 would be more useful in the future if Phoenix or Las Vegas shifted more from being a consumer market to production and/or distribution, (i.e. moving goods from Mexican manufacturing centers in addition to the Californian goods Phoenix distributes.) The Board discussed the I-11's funding, which is speculated to potentially come from private sectors that would collect tolls. They also discussed the impact the interstate would have on Flagstaff, which might be beneficial to some but detrimental to others depending on the access to Phoenix and Las Vegas markets. There was discussion only, and a commitment to leave this as a standing item on the agenda.

4. Regional Plan 2012 Road Network

Mr. Wessel introduced the topic, reviewing the previous work done to the network's plans by a few committees, resulting in the current plan of a hybrid network with some wider roads, more connections, and more incorporation of alternative modes of travel. The Board discussed the need to ease congestion versus the needs to encourage potential consumers to slow down and visit in certain areas, with attention given to network treatments in the north Fourth Street area. Ms. Evans reminded the Board to consider the neighborhoods affected by widening roads or speeding traffic, and recommended an economic study on the Lone Tree overpass. There was discussion only and general agreement that the network could be presented for public comment.

5. FMPO Working Calendar

Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Ryan announced that Ms. Merrick has been promoted to District Engineer for the Flagstaff District, the Board congratulated her.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting 9:36 a.m.