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Action Summary
Executive Board
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Coconino County; Mark Woodson, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Floyd Roehrich, Arizona Department of Transportation (designated alternate for Hank Rogers)(telephonic); Art Babbott, Coconino County District Supervisor (designated alternate for Mandy Metzger)(telephonic)

Absent: Vice Chair Coral Evans, Councilmember City of Flagstaff; Jeff Oravits, Councilmember City of Flagstaff;

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager; Justine Otto, FMPO Administrative Specialist Temp

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Woodson made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2013 and Mr. Roehrich seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel overviewed RTAC's meeting and recommended requesting incremental decreases in funding raids. The Board discussed the damage to US 89 and the funding necessary to repair it. Mr. Roehrich confirmed that the funding would come from ADOT's program and could take 2-5 years for the federal reimbursement assuming emergency status designation. It was agreed that a more sustained funding source for all transportation was needed for the future. Mr. Wessel requested authorization for the chair to sign a cover letter over the RTAC position paper to Stop the HURF raids. Mr. Roehrich abstained due to conflicting interests, requesting that the letter clearly be from

the FMPO and local interests. The rest of the Board approved the drafting of the letter.

2. Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget

Mr. Wessel stated that based on the TAC's recommendation the Regional Transportation Plan task would focus on updating data and tools and wait until FY 2015 for a formal update to avoid confusion with the Regional Plan public outreach in 2014. He confirmed that they would also work with NAIPTA on the Milton Road Study. There was discussion only.

3. I-11 Feasibility Study Update

Mr. Wessel gave the Board an update, stating that that the last I-11 focus group had been earlier this month and that this phase of the study would wrap up in April. The Board discussed the changes the Interstate could have on the local economy, both good and bad. Mr. Roehrich stated that Marisa Walker would be heading up a study this summer of the potential economic effects. There was discussion only.

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

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Mr. Wessel stated that the TAC had recommended the amendment to the Board, outlining the loans the FMPO would make to ADOT and the projects it would affect. Mr. Woodson moved to approve the amendment, Mr. Babbott seconded, motion passed unanimously.

5. Freight Market Analysis

Chair Ryan recommended saving the full discussion of the analysis for when more of the Board was present, Mr. Wessel agreed to include the topic in the next agenda. Mr. Wessel briefly overviewed the analysis, confirming that based on the threshold the BNSF Railway Company set in their previous study, Flagstaff had the capacity necessary to support a freight center. There was discussion only, with the understanding that the topic would be addressed at the next Board meeting.

6. FMPO Working Calendar

Mr. Wessel stated that the FMPO would continue refining the Work Program and TIP, and that due to an accounting error the budget was currently at zero, which would affect the LED streetlight project but could be balanced by not planning any projects for FY 2018. Due to ADOT's State Transportation Board holding a meeting in Flagstaff May 10th, the FMPO will host their Annual Board Dinner May 9th.

7. ADOT 5-Year Construction Program and US 89

Mr. Roehrich stated that ADOT would focus funding towards preservation of current road systems to keep the performance levels steady. He confirmed that the State Transportation Board was waiting for public input on three program alternatives before moving forward. There was discussion only.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

There was no discussion.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Montoya is still hospitalized and not allowed visitors. The Board will send a card to his family. The Arizona Conference on Roads and Streets will be held March 27-29 at the Tucson JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting 9:41 a.m.