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Approved Minutes
Executive Board
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2013

County Supervisors Offices, 2nd Floor Conference Room
219 E. Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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Chair Woodson called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Present:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Woodson, Councilmember City of Flagstaff, Designated Chair
Floyd Roehrich, ADOT (designated alternate for Hank Rogers)
Audra Merrick, ADOT (designated alternate for Hank Rogers)
Jeff Oravits, Councilmember City of Flagstaff
Art Babbott, Coconino County Supervisor (telephonic)
Jim Cronk, City of Flagstaff Planning Director

FMPO STAFF

David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Sydney Francis, Administrative Specialist

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wessel noted that the meeting will convene into Executive Session.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

Mr. Roehrich moved to approve the minutes from Meeting May 29, 2013. Mr. Babbott seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the May 29, 2013 meeting minutes.

Chair Woodson convened the meeting members for Executive Session at 8:13 a.m. The Executive Board meeting was closed to the public for Executive Session.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. FMPO Manager Annual Personnel Review

Chair Woodson ended the Executive Session and called the Executive Board meeting back to order 8:23 a.m.

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

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update and Review

Mr. Wessel stated that there was little additional information on the Legislative Update or HURF funding to report. Mr. Roehrlich gave a brief update on the adoption of ADOT’s 5-year transportation plan. ADOT’s 5-year transportation plan is awaiting Governor Brewer’s final approval. HURF revenues remain flat and, therefore, the 5 year transportation program has shrunk in size to reflect HURF funding. Mr. Roehrlich added that with Federal Authorization on transportation funding due to expire in October of 2014, the future of transportation funding is currently unclear. There was discussion only.

2. I-11 Feasibility Study Update

Mr. Wessel gave a brief update on I-11. ADOT is currently completing their business case for I-11. Mr. Wessel suggested this would be a good topic of discussion for the August 28th, 2013 Executive Board meeting. Mr. Roehrlich added that ADOT is wrapping up their transportation business case, but that the Arizona Commerce Authority is conducting a comprehensive business case on I-11 to see the business effects in the State and regionally. Mr. Roehrlich offered to give an update on the I-11 and the comprehensive business case in August to the Executive Board. It was suggested that Mr. Roehrlich present the I-11 update to City Council at the end of August or present to a joint meeting between City and County elected officials in September. There was discussion only.

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

3. FY 14-18 Transportation Improvement Program Adoption

Mr. Wessel presented on the adoption of the FY14-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The FMPO Technical Advisory Committee recommended the FY 14-18 TIP for adoption. Mr. Wessel handed out a table, regarding the FY14-18 TIP. The numbers on the table reflect the latest dollar figures from ADOT and the differences or changes to the TIP from June to July. No projects have changed, just the funding. For the related maps, the years and dollar figures will be updated.

Mr. Wessel summarized the table and the key changes. The reduction in funding for the projects reflects the difference between apportionment dollars and obligation authority. The practical impact on the HSIP program is to move the Switzer/Turquoise intersection project from FY16 to 17, phase-in the sign replacement and guardrail programs, and as a result have no balance in FY17 and little balance in FY18 for HSIP.

Table 3. Surface Transportation Funds

FY 13	June		July
O&M study	\$225,000		\$215,000
RTP update	\$120,000		\$110,000
Bus Stops	\$124,000		\$92,000
FY14			
LED lights	\$363,000		\$300,000
FY15			
Bus Stops	\$38,000		\$32,000
LED lights	\$260,000		\$200,000

FY16			
F40 Pavement	\$1,266,000		\$1,215,000
Traffic Counts	\$35,000		\$25,000
FY17			
Kachina Trail	\$1,366,000		\$1,300,000
FY18			
LED lights	\$439,000		\$373,000
Table 6. Safety Projects (HSIP funding) – note that the tan shading on the spreadsheets indicate tentative costs			
FY13	June		July
No changes, pending guidance on whether \$600,000 is subject to obligation authority or not and implication for loans			
FY14			
Bike lanes	\$200,000		\$198,000
Loan	\$100,000		\$0
FY15			
Guardrails	\$600,000		\$498,000
FY16			
Loan	\$600,000		\$498,000
FY17			
Switzer/Turq	\$1,619,000		\$1,417,000 with City \$200,000
Loan repay from ADOT	\$1,369,000		\$1,269,000
FY18			
Guardrail	\$0		\$198,000

Ms. Merrick recommended that the FY14-18 TIP be aligned with projects in ADOT's 5-year program.

Mr. Woodson commented that J.W. Powell boulevard is a priority for the City of Flagstaff and future developments in that area. Mr. Woodson would like J.W. Powell boulevard to continue to be a priority in the TIP. Mr. Babbott asked for clarification on the cost to design and construct J.W. Powell boulevard, estimated at \$80 million in the I-40 DCR. Mr. Wessel added that after the recent flooding on Milton a parallel route would make transportation more accessible. Mr. Roerich recommended starting with a design concept report and refine and adjust the cost further. The I-40 DCR is a baseline and Ms. Merrick's team has spent several years working on the data. Mr. Oravits added that

the flooding on Milton has to do with issues regarding Rio De Flag. Ms. Merrick suggested a prioritization of projects from the FMPO and its partners. Mr. Wessel stated the updated Regional Transportation Plan will include a prioritization of projects and the Benefit Cost Analysis tool will be used to help analyze the projects.

Mr. Woodson asked for clarification on page 31 of the TIP, regarding 180 North from Columbus to Bader. Ms. Merrick confirmed that the pavement preservation for this project is in ADOT's 5-year plan; she recommended that the FY14-18 TIP match ADOT's 5 year plan. Mr. Babbott added that he appreciated the 180 North pavement preservation project and supported keeping it on track. Mr. Woodson also noted that the \$17 million overlay from Walnut Canyon to Twin Arrows was appreciated.

Ms. Merrick suggested regarding the Lone Tree project that parentheses be added with a note that the project is not funded at this time. Mr. Wessel commented that the Lone Tree project is in the TIP as a placeholder.

Mr. Oravits motioned to adopt FY14-18 TIP. Mr. Roehrich seconded the motion. All members were in favor of adopting the FY14-18 TIP.

4. FMPO Working Calendar

Mr. Wessel stated that the TAC and EB meetings will not happen in July due to the respective summer breaks. Long Range Transportation Funding may be a topic for the Executive Board retreat. The joint City and County meeting on September 11, 2013 will cover needed agenda items, such as an update on I-11. The agenda on the next meeting will include the work program, transportation improvement program process and legislative update. If possible, updates on I-11 and freight will be made. Mr. Woodson requested that J.W. Powell corridor and the Lone Tree T.I. be added as agenda items on a subsequent Executive Board meeting agenda. There was discussion only.

V. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Roehrich commented that the district engineer, Audra Merrick for the FMPO region, is the key to keeping projects in ADOT's program; he suggested keeping Ms. Merrick involved in local projects.

A. REPORTS

- 1) Technical Advisory Committee
- 2) Staff Report

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Oravits announced a research study being conducted at NAU regarding the use of Kevlar in asphalt. Kevlar is not much more expensive than the rubberized element already added to asphalt, but could prove to be more durable. Mr. Oravits said he would get this information out to the Board.

TAC

July break - August 1, 2013
Coconino County Human Resources Bldg

Executive Board

July break – August 28, 2013
Coconino County Supervisors Offices

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Woodson adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.