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Approved Minutes Executive Board 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Flagstaff City Hall, Staff Conference Room (2nd Floor)
211 W. Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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Chair Coral Evans called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Present:

Coral Evans, Chair, Flagstaff City Council
Art Babbott, Vice Chair, Coconino County Board of Supervisors
Jerry Nabours, Flagstaff Mayor
Matt Ryan, Coconino County Board of Supervisors (*arrived 8:51 am*)
Jeff Oravits, Flagstaff City Council (telephonically)
Mike Kies, ADOT, (telephonically)
Andy Bertelsen, Coconino County Public Works Director

Absent/Excused:

Audra Merrick, ADOT

Others Present:

David Wessel, FMPO Manager
Dusty Rhoton, FMPO Administrative Specialist

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

(pages 4-14)

Meetings of January 28, 2015 and April 1, 2015

Mr. Babbott moved to approve the minutes of January 28th, 2015 with the revision to include those present at the meeting which was omitted. Mayor Nabours seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nabours had been omitted and had attended the meeting held.

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

None

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

(separate handout)

1. Federal Legislative Update:

Mr. Wessel provided the Federal legislative update to the board. He noted that the President signed use of corporate tax and the tax bill will be tough to realize a consensus. Thus, it will be necessary to request approval and seek direction on a coordinated presentation to the federal delegation. Discussion ensued.

2. FY 2016 Unified Plan & Work Program (UPWP)

(pages 15-18)

Mr. Wessel overviewed the Work Program adopted at the retreat and re-iterated the importance of the review of the 2015 Work Program status and proposal to hire a GIS Analyst on a 1-year contract. Mr. Babbott inquired if the contracted position for the analyst would be the same cost amount and acknowledged that the RTP needs the support for the work program.

Mr. Babbott made a motion to conditionally adopt the Unified Plan and Work Program as presented. Mayor Nabours seconded the motion. Mr. Oravits opposed. Motion passed.

3. FY 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program deferral

(pages 19-20)

Mr. Wessel asked that the RY2015-2019 TIP be left in effect until after the Regional Transportation Plan is complete which means that a FY2016-2020 TIP will not be adopted. Mayor Nabours asked for a brief synopsis of the RTP and TIP which was provided by Mr. Wessel. Mr. Bertelsen inquired how this could be tied into the ADOT 5 Year plan and Mr. Kies stated there was no requirement to do a TIP every year. He further added that because the FY15-FY19 TIP is still in effect in can then just roll it forward. Mr. Babbott inquired about the safety improvement and the competitive state funds on whether a different mechanism would be required to get there. Mr. Kies answered that the HSIP program is 80% to State and 20% to Locals to which Mr. Ryan acknowledged that the focus on safety is a key element. Mr. Wessel spoke of the **HERF** HURF exchange program which would bring programs together with expertise utilizing a statewide data set. Mr. Babbott noted the Map 21 with regard for opportunities to compete and how we strategize.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to defer adoption of the FY2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Babbott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution Urging ADOT Investment in I-17

(pages 21-24)

Mr. Wessel noted the increased concerns relating to Interstate 17 which is important to the economic vitality of the Flagstaff region. Little or no capacity improvements are planned for the near term and a discussion of the issue with Chris Bridges garnered the idea of a traditional or shadow toll which may be a way to offset costs of maintenance to Interstate 17. John Sellers and Robert Wagner have international experience in toll roads. Of course, the concept of new interstate changes and alternate avenues to look at long term maintenance is critical. One of the high accident locations is the hill leading down into Camp Verde. Mr. Wessel noted that regarding a long term project, perhaps the notion of P3 funding? Mr. Ryan added that the Feds have a backlog of things going on but it may be worth a try. Mayor Nabours stated that there is no question that Interstate 17 is a mess, and provided examples, but was concerned if Flagstaff would be in favor of the tolls and if there would be any repercussions. Mr. Ryan indicated that a refresher on state finance may be in order and why to consider the P3 funding. Mr. Wessel stated that the FMPO would add a voice to that of the Central Yavapai MPO in calling for state action in I-17 improvement plans including the consideration of public private partnership opportunities.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to adopt the second resolution as presented. Mr. Babbott seconded the motion. Mr. Kies abstained. Motion passed.

5. Regional Transportation Plan Technical Update Status Report **(pages 25-37)**

Mr. Wessel reported on the status of tool development to date and the need to seek input relative to forthcoming analysis needs and public outreach. Discussion Ensued.

6. Working Calendar

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Discussion Only.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

- 1) Staff Report
- 2) Technical Advisory Committee
Action Summary (5-7-2015)

(page 39-41)

(pages 42-45)

Mr. Wessel directed the Board to the agenda packet for details and gave a brief overview of the Staff Reports coupled with the Technical Advisory Committee Summary.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Informal Announcements, Future Agenda Items, and Next Meeting Date)

TAC

June 4, 2015

Coconino County Human Resources Bldg

Executive Board

June 24, 2015 (needs rescheduling)

Flagstaff City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:33 am.