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Minutes

Executive Board

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.,

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Flagstaff City Hall, Staff Conference Room (2nd Floor)

211 W. Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Coral Evans, Chair, Flagstaff City Council **Present**

Art Babbott, Vice Chair, Coconino County Board of Supervisors **Present Telephonically**

Jerry Nabours, Flagstaff Mayor **Excused**

Floyd Roehrich, (designated alternate for Pliny Draper), ADOT **Absent**

Pliny Draper, AZ State Transportation Board **Present Telephonically**

Matt Ryan, Coconino County Board of Supervisors **Present**

Jeff Oravits, Flagstaff City Council **Excused**

Audra Merrick, District Engineer **Present**

FMPO STAFF

David Wessel, FMPO Manager **Present**

Dusty Rhoton, Administrative Specialist **Present**

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

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Meeting of August 26, 2015

Motion: Matt Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26th, 2015 meeting. Art Babbott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS (Continued, postponed, and tabled items.) None

III. NEW BUSINESS (Continued, postponed, and tabled items.) (No Handout)

1. Federal Legislative Update:

Mr. Wessel informed the Board of recent legislative updates on the Federal side as well as items which will be addressed in the coming months. The Senate passed the Drive Act and further developments will be reported as they progress. The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee may soon introduce a surface transportation bill relating to the following items according to the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO):

- Re-authorization of Long-term funding to provide certainty that Federal funding will be available to match State and local transportation investments;
- An increase in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding;
- Increase of allocation of funds sub-allocated by population for STP funding;
- A provision that maintains flexible project eligibility;
- To provide obligation authority to Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) apportionments.

Mr. Pliny Draper noted that roads are important in rural farm areas (i.e. Roads are necessary to deliver food to the Suburban and Urban areas, etc.). Mr. Wessel acknowledged that Mandy Metzcar had raised that same point and if this would be outside the realm of the federal authorization bill. It was further noted that county roads are of larger size and it would be necessary to be cautious to shift the distribution to urban areas. Discussion ensued.

**2. FY 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (pages 8-13)
Transit Table, Regional Transportation Plan and Work Program updates**

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

Mr. Wessel announced that NAIPTA has received funds coupled with receipt of clarification of additional funds and the FTA provided an additional \$192,000 based upon their successes. The monies have to be put into operations which flexes some funding into the state transportation program with allocations to bus stops. Mr. Wessel continued the overview of how amendments to the TIP relating to the transit program could revise funding availability. For example, on the planning side, you could shift monies to expedite procurement, such as making the GIS Analyst all local funds and shift the monies between the two projects. Changes include re-insertion of a line for bus purchases, expansion of operating budget and expansion of bus stop improvements.

Art Babbott offered congratulations to NAIPTA and the FMPO on their high performance system and the tremendous amount of work which had been done.

Motion: Matt Ryan made a motion to approve amendments to the TIP and Work Program for staff to present an exchange of funding sources between the RTP Outreach effort and the GIS Analyst effort to expedite procurement of services. Art Babbott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Working Calendar (page 14)

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

Mr. Wessel informed the Board of two upcoming events:

- AMPO Annual Conference being held October 20-23, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 17th Annual Rural Transportation Summit January 11-15, 2016 in Yuma, Arizona.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1) Staff Report

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Mr. Wessel informed the Board members that two awards had been made and Notice to proceed are forthcoming.

- Operations & Maintenance Study
- Dark Skies

2) Technical Advisory Committee

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Action Summary (August 6, 2015)

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Babbott noted a safety concern on Highway 180 and inquired how to perceive its potential relevancy with the Flagstaff MPO as a future project. (i.e.: necessity of bike lanes). Audra Merrick indicated a study would not need to be done to support such a project – merely need to report a practical reason for the project.

Audra Merrick provided an update on the following two flood events: (Emergency Funding of Two Million dollars was received)

- US89A on House Rock – was closed for 24 hours and was down to one lane. Now have a contractor on board who will be there for about 2 months.
- Hilldale in Utah on State Route 389 – a temporary fix was made to the one of the piers and after they have completed their search efforts for one more child, they will begin work again.

Matt Ryan offered his compliments on the FUTS signage which is working wonderfully.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Coral Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:03 am