



FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Approved Minutes **Executive Board** **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.,** **Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

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

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Vice Chair Babbott called the meeting to order at 10:08 am

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Coral Evans, Chair, Flagstaff City Council **Excused**
Art Babbott, Vice Chair, Coconino County Board of Supervisors **Present**
Jerry Nabours, Flagstaff Mayor **Present**
Floyd Roehrich, (designated alternate for Pliny Draper), ADOT **Excused**
Matt Ryan, Coconino County Board of Supervisors **Present**
Jeff Oravits, Flagstaff City Council **Present (left at 9:17 am)**
Audra Merrick, ADOT **Present**

FMPO STAFF

David Wessel, FMPO Manager **Present**
Dusty Rhoton, Administrative Specialist **Present**

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Meilbeck, NAIPTA **Present**
Dan Folke, City of Flagstaff **Present**

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Reconsiderations, Changes to the Agenda, and other Preliminary Announcements)

Re-Order Agenda - move Item 3.2 to 3.1

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.

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Meeting of September 23, 2015

Motion: Mr. Oravitz made a motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2015. Mr. Ryan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None

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

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1. Federal Legislative Update:

Mr. Wessel provided a synopsis of the Federal updates thus far: things are moving quickly on the Federal level and the Drive Act was out of the Senate, House voted for an extension until the middle of December as the current extension expires tomorrow. As far as priorities, Mr. Wessel continued that they are seeing a slight increase in both bills and a slight increase in sub-allocation. Mr. Nabours noted there were huge successes with small urban systems drawing dollars to the successful systems thanks to Congress. Mr. Wessel continued that both bills are 6 year bills with 3 year funding and further noted that we will see some freight programming which will provide an opportunity to compete for some funds. Discussion ensued.

2. FMPO – NAIPTA Relations and a joint Advance December 3

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FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

Mr. Meilbeck provided an overview of NAIPTA’s position – his opinion hasn’t changed, but his position has: the FMPO has to be more autonomous. He didn’t feel it was NAIPTA’s place to suggest where the FMPO should be. Mr. Wessel responded that the RTP was a very important part in setting up the re-consideration of the transportation tasks – if the body of work is sufficient enough, then hosting may be a consideration. Mr. Wessel continued that including NAIPTA in the FMPO makes sense to work together on outreach efforts. He further added that the Management Committee had been re-vitalized and the NAIPTA General Manager should be included on this committee to support direction in terms of action. Mayor Nabours inquired what the pros and cons would be. Mr. Wessel responded that it was about regionalism and being housed with another regional organization. Mr. Meilbeck responded that it’s more about control and the right way to manage things and things seem to be OK right now with the FMPO. Mr. Oravits noted it wouldn’t be harmful to include NAIPTA, after all, they do need to use the streets. Mr. Babbitt felt inclusion on the Management Committee was important and the merger could be explored further at a later date and further added that integrated transportation planning happens with all the parties involved. Mr. Ryan concurred with Mr. Babbitt that the timing may be wrong right now but it does make sense to have the transit element represented on the FMPO. Mr. Merrick stated that at a time when multiple funding sources are needed, it is important to work together. Mr. Folke noted groups are working together well currently, as now there is the steering committee which will help identify the regional priorities according to the community but it will continue to be a challenge to the FMPO when there is minimal funding available. Mr. Nabours suggested a joint advance each year in December where the FMPO, NAIPTA, and the Executive Board get together to make sure everyone is on the same page. Mr. Wessel stated they have one slated for mid-December of 2015. Discussion ensued.

3. FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program

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FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

Mr. Wessel stated that the TAC had a discussion and may look to independently do the Milton Study which will require an FMPO role. He continued that ADOT is launching its plan and he inquired what the balance was across the state. He is serving on the Freight Advisory Committee and noted that the corridor profiles (I-40 and I-17), should be wrapped up by the end of this fiscal year. Under continuation of expanding efforts, the PEER Exchange helped to launch an operation and efficiency study as well as bid the GIS system. Mr. Nabours noted that his office does hear regularly on how something needs to be done to relieve the congestion on Milton Road. A plan is needed, the FMPO needs to help manage that plan, and he inquired what was needed to get to that. Need to move from a study to a plan to relieve the congestion on Milton Road. Mr. Ryan added it will be a big discussion when Beulah is going to happen and what can really be done. Mr. Babbitt Babbott noted that it may be more prudent to focus on a couple of projects rather than a huge list of identified projects which doesn't serve the best interest of the community. There is a need to manage community expectations. Mr. Merrick responded that from an ADOT perspective, they now have the new TISMO to help push and move the traffic we currently have and it's important to work on that focal point. Mr. Oravits concurred with Mr. Babbitt Babbott that we need to slow down the increase in congestion on Milton and to figure out 1-3 projects rather than 20. Mr. Ryan nodded in agreement. Mr. Babbitt Babbott suggested to work on community prioritization as typically the FMPO puts a list together with 22 projects and the FY17 RTP should be for 3 projects. Mr. Wessel indicated that in order to program city tax money for transportation, it will be necessary to put in some contingency plans such as perhaps a Milton Road partnership with ADOT. Mr. Ryan asked at a maintenance level, when you still have the model, how do you get the clarity of a description to place priorities with the next update. Mr. Wessel responded that the Management Committee re-classified the Multi-Modal Planner and talked about the FMPO/NAIPTA relationships which could provide more insight. Mr. Folke inquired if the FMPO will have a funding component when only 3 projects are identified. Mr. Wessel responded in the affirmative and noted that a MPO out of Utah indicated, at a recent conference he attended, that it would be wise to convene and sit down and look at the fiscally restraint plan and have them fit clearly. He further suggested that the Chair draft a letter to the state as we are currently unrepresented with Mr. Pliny Draper's resignation from the Executive Board last month. Mr. Ryan inquired if any of the other counties has a representative and Mr. Wessel indicated he would have to investigate that further. Mr. Nabours asked if there were any suggestions for someone and Mr. Ryan inquired if an elected person can occupy the state position. Mr. Wessel noted he would speak with NACOG and give Chris a call. Discussion ensued.

4. Manager's Report

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FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

David Wessel reported on recent activity at the FMPO and will prepare a draft appropriately. Discussion ensued.

5. Working Calendar

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FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

- 1) Staff Report
- 2) Technical Advisory Committee
Action Summary (August 6, 2015)

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B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TAC

November 5, 2015

Coconino County Human Resources Bldg

Executive Board

December 3, 2015

Joint Advance with NAIPTA (proposed)

ADJOURNMENT Vice Chair Babbott adjourned the meeting at 9:34 am.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority final program of projects for section 5307 and 5339 funding under the Federal Transit Administration, unless amended. Public notice for the TIP also satisfies FTA public notice requirements for the final program of projects.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on October 21, 2015 at 2:22 pm in accordance with the statement filed by the Recording Secretary with the City Clerk.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2015.
