



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**MULTI-MODAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(M-TAC)**

**Thursday, January 8, 2009
8:00 A.M.**

**Prescott Council Chambers
City Hall**

**201 S. Cortez St.
Prescott, AZ 86303**

MEETING MINUTES

AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Yavapai County | Chairman Phil Bourdon |
| Town of Prescott Valley | Vice-Chairman Norm Davis |
| ADOT Prescott District | Dallas Hammit |
| City of Prescott | Craig McConnell |
| Town of Chino Valley | Ron Gritman |
| Prescott National Forest | Cynthia Moody |
| ADOT Transportation Planning Division | Bret Anderson |

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NON-VOTING)

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| City of Prescott | Councilman Bob Luzius |
| Yavapai County | Carol Springer, Mike Willett, Chris Bridges, Nicole Russell |

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

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| ADOT | Bill Williams |
| Civiltec | Richard Straub |
| Dava & Associates | Gordon Bowers |
| C.W.A.G | Ken Janecek |
| Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee | Derek Brownlee |
| Courier | Cindy Barks |
| Sierra Club | Thomas Slaback |
| Paulden Area Community Organization | Creagan McConnell |
| Center for Bio-Diversity | Joanne Oellers |

CYMPO STAFF

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| Administrator | Jodi Rooney |
| Administrative Assistant | Jean Knight |
| Program Manager | Vicky McLane |

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 A.M.** **Phil Bourdon - Chairman**
- 2. ROLL CALL: Jean Knight, CYMPO Administrative Assistant**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** This item is to provide an opportunity for presentation of comments by the public on subjects not on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address the M-TAC need not request permission in advance

and are limited to three (3) minutes. The public may also comment on individual agenda items, as each item is considered by the M-TAC, subject to a time limit of three (3) minutes.

Mr. Mike Merchant, an individual whom stated that he lives in the Rimrock area of Paulden, spoke in opposition to the Corridor Study Plan for the Paulden area. He stated that the CV 9 (as indicated on a map he presented) route is a more common sense route. He also related his opinion that the environment would be negatively impacted as well as the Verde River.

Mrs. Mary Merchant, read a letter of opposition to the CV 8 Corridor Study, prepared by Mrs. Gwen Sick, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Numerous other individuals from the public that live in the Rimrock area spoke in opposition to the CV 8 Corridor Study, stating environmental issues and that the addition of the road would present a negative.

County Board of Supervisor Carol Springer, related that she is opposed to the CV 8 Corridor Plan due to the damage that would be done to the area and the Verde River. Prescott City Councilman Bob Luzius spoke in opposition to the Corridor Study Plan; however, added that CYMPO (As he is on the Executive Board) is a professional organization that related to the consultant what was expected from the study and that the firm did perform accordingly.

Joanne Oellers, a representative from the Center for Bio-Diversity related that crossing the Verde River should be abandoned as this is a deterrent to the wildlife and environment. Also speaking in opposition to the Corridor Study were representatives from Sierra Club and Paulden Area community Organization.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joint Meeting, December 4, 2008

MOTION

Member Ron Gritman introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2008 Joint, Executive Board and M-TAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Norm Davis.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

5. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator related that January is the designated month to rotate the officer positions for the Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee with consideration to the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Current Chair is Phil Bourdon and current vice-chair is Norm Davis.

MOTION

Member Craig McConnell nominated Norm Davis for Chairman of the M-TAC. The Motion was seconded by Member Ron Gritman.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Member Ron Gritman nominated Craig McConnell for Vice-Chairman of the M-TAC. The Motion was seconded by Member Phil Bourdon

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

6. STIMULUS PACKAGE

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator stated that the CYMPO jurisdictions provided a list of potential projects, which were bundled and sent to RTAC prior to Thanksgiving; additionally, AGC later received the list. Layering the information, our office sent the updated version of the list to our congressional delegation just before Christmas.

Worthy to note: At the December 19, 2008, State Transportation Board meeting in Tucson, Chairman Si Schorr directed State Engineer Floyd Roehrich to speak with the COGs about what projects are “shovel ready”. Victor Mendez noted that (from the Federal side) “nothing is in writing right now. We do need to be prepared because it (Stimulus Funding) will move very fast.” It was also noted that the State Transportation Board will have to call a special meeting to approve the projects. Mrs. Rooney distributed a letter received from ADOT, in draft form. ADOT is working with federal highways, all projects should be prepared to federal standards, and they are talking about a 90 – 120 day window of having it ready to go. There will be a list they will ask us to review and get back to them, by January 23, 2009, unless the date changes. This is the first time we have seen something in writing. The priority of the area projects is to get them on the list, if they are ready to go.

Kevin Adam, with Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC), reiterated what Mrs. Rooney stated. Nothing has been enacted yet, we dealing with very preliminary information. It is a clear demonstration of the direction that the debate is going on in Washington. The information that ADOT is basing the letter on, and described by Mrs. Rooney, has essentially been generated from what came out of the house committee report. It was requested of the house committee on transportation and infrastructure had a request from congressional leadership to start on the possible stimulus package. A lot of things can change. One of the areas that the ADOT letter is going to address that we have been involved in, is how is this money going to get to the project.

RTAC wants to make sure that some of the funds will get to the local area. In order to make local projects eligible for federal funding, there is probably going to have to be some flexibility provided as far as the level of design standards that are used. This does interfere with some of the accountability standards that folks are looking for in Washington; they want assurances that there are not “bridges to nowhere”. They want a safeguard, which is why the money will be funded for the states, for built in screening. Nothing has been finalized yet.

He also related the one of the eligibility requirements for federal aid, is to have the local projects voted into the regional plan, if they are not already. (MTIP) One of the concerns with all of the work with the list of potential projects the additional work that ADOT is requesting; there is a concern that may raise unrealistic expectations as far as what is actually going to be funded. The amount continues to rise and there may be a false expectation of how much of that is going to be dedicated to infrastructure. He stated that it looks like it is going to be a small portion, for highways and transportation. It has been speculated that the amount is \$30 billion for highways and bridges and \$12 billion for transit, nationwide. AZ can probably expect only 2% of that funding.

This is going to be an extremely competitive process, the monies received a very small fraction of the projects may be covered.

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator related that the prepared list of stimulus projects has been sent with a cover letter to Senator McCain, Senator Kyle and Congresswoman elect Kirkpatrick offices.

MOTION

Member Phil Bourdon presented a Motion to direct CYMPO Staff to forward “ready to go” projects to ADOT, with the Chino Valley correction; advise the Executive Board on the upcoming agenda that action was taken without Executive Board approval/endorsement due to the time constraint (January 23, 2009). The Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Craig McConnell.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

7. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

- Stimulus Package
- Reorganization Changes in ADOT MPD
- MTIP Amendment
- Corridor Studies

8. AGENCY UPDATES

Updates were presented by ADOT Prescott area and Yavapai County.

9. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CYMPO UPDATES

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator announced: the State Transportation Board schedule of meetings is out and on their web site. The public hearings held by them this spring would be an opportunity for us and elected officials to stop in and thank them. Safe Routes submissions were due December 31, 2008 and we do have a local submission from Prescott Alternative Transportation, who has been successful in the past. They have received federal funding in the past. The last announcement was that the 2009 CYMPO meeting schedule will be publicized Sunday, January 11, 2009, in the Courier.

10. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- * T-TAC Meeting: **Thursday, January 15, 2009, 8 AM**, Prescott Valley Town Hall, Conf. Room #406
(*CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.*)
- * Rural Transportation Summit, **January 21-23, 2009**, Hon-Dah Resort, Hon-Dah, AZ
- * Executive Board Meeting: **Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 6:00 PM**, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors’ Room (*CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting.*)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Norm Davis adjourned the meeting at 9 AM.