



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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

**Thursday, February 5, 2009  
8:00 A.M.**

**Prescott Council Chambers  
City Hall**

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

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***MEETING MINUTES***

**AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Town of Prescott Valley           | Chairman Norm Davis                   |
| City of Prescott                  | Craig McConnell                       |
| ADOT Prescott District            | Alvin Stump (Proxy for Dallas Hammit) |
| Yavapai County                    | Chairman Phil Bourdon                 |
| Town of Chino Valley              | Ron Grittmann                         |
| Prescott National Forest          | Cynthia Moody                         |
| ADOT Multimodal Planning Division | Bret Anderson                         |

**AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NON-VOTING)**

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| Town of Chino Valley   | Councilman Ron Romley                                       |
| Yavapai County         | Carol Springer, Mike Willett, Chris Bridges, Nicole Russell |
| Town of Dewey-Humboldt | Kevin Manley                                                |

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

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| Civiltec                            | Richard Straub                                |
| Dava & Associates                   | Gordon Bowers                                 |
| Fann Contracting                    | Mike Fann                                     |
| C.W.A.G                             | Ken Janecek                                   |
| Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee | Derek Brownlee                                |
| Courier                             | Cindy Barks                                   |
| P.A.T.                              | Lisa Barnes                                   |
| RTAC                                | Kevin Adam                                    |
| Citizens                            | Mike & Mary Merchant, Gwen Sick, Mike Damiano |

**CYMPO STAFF**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 A.M.**

**Norm Davis - 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.

There were no comments from the public.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 8, 2009**  
**MOTION**

Vice-Chairman Craig McConnell presented a **Motion** to approve the January 8, 2009, M-TAC Meeting Minutes. The **Motion** was seconded by Member Ron Gritman.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **ECONOMIC RECOVERY (STIMULUS) PACKAGE**

*Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator*

On January 28, 2009, the Executive Board approved a tier of eleven projects that the M-TAC recommended, as well as amendment to the MTIP. On January 29, 2009, the project list and amended MTIP were e-mailed to ADOT and FHWA, with follow-up mailing on January 30, 2009. Concurrently, a letter of support went to our Arizona Delegation. As fast as this stimulus is moving, we may need to keep this item on subsequent agendas (with possible action) to give us room to maneuver.

Once all of the projects are received by ADOT they will have to be prioritized and sent to the State Transportation Board for approval. Member Bret Anderson related that as more details are received from Congress, things will move fast and there may be requests for changes or updates to the list.

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney, reviewed the “Project List” for those in attendance.

6. **CORRIDOR STUDY: SR 169 CONNECTOR TO FAIN ROAD**

*Phil Bourdon, Yavapai County*

Member Phil Bourdon indicated that he wished to discuss this item and Item #7 together, even though they are two (2) separate projects. The comments were due last week, any remaining comments need to be sent in as soon as possible. At the Executive Board meeting on January 28, 2009, it was clear from the discussion regarding the Chino Valley alternate route that consensus was that their desire was the ending of that route coinciding with previous documents that were already approved. The Executive Board did not want the route going across the Verde River, but ending at the Road 5 North – Road 7 North point.

Member Ron Gritman related that the intention of the corridor study is to discuss the alternatives, whether favorable or not favorable. Future studies are to identify various alternatives and some may be ruled out. The route north of Chino Valley fails unless a high speed alternative is looked at between Paulden and Chino Valley. The alternatives allow us to stop just short of the Verde. Going north of the Verde should still be in the study. Future studies determine alternatives based on future needs, land uses and economic conditions. The corridor study is to just look at the alternatives, and the study should have all alternative routes placed in the

final report, with the caveat that the Executive Board does not support or agree. All comments as well as the opposition should be in the report.

Member Phil Bourdon stated that the M-TAC needs to direct the consultant to conclude the document with the comments, noting that the Executive Board and TAC have indicated the preferred route end at that location. He also related that he was not asking for the consultant to omit the information from the report but rather to amend the report, based on the Executive Board comments.

Member Phil Bourdon reminded the TAC that the Executive Board did not want the Corridor Study brought to them, and suggested that it be given to the Executive Board as an update and discussion only.

#### **MOTION**

Member Phil Bourdon presented a **Motion** to direct the consultant to finalize the study with comments incorporated. The **Motion** was seconded by Member Ron Grittman.

#### **VOTE ON THE MOTION**

The motion passed unanimously.

### **7. CORRIDOR STUDY: CHINO VALLEY EXTENSION**

*Phil Bourdon, Yavapai County*

#### **MOTION**

Member Phil Bourdon presented a **Motion** to direct the consultant to conclude the study and edit the document as directed by the Technical Group to identify the preferred alternative from the MPO to end at the Road 5 – 7 North location, shown on the map in “green” not traversing or crossing the Verde River. The **Motion** was seconded by Member Ron Grittman.

Citizen Mary Merchant commented on the alternative route, which she understood to be Road 5 and Road 6, not Road 5 and Road 7 as previously discussed. Member Phil Bourdon related that because it is a planning study and seeking ADOT funding in the future, it could not be actually defined as “ends here” on Highway 89. (Green on the Corridor Study map) This corridor will be reviewed in the design concept level in the future. By that point in time it will be decided if this is the preferred point. (Road 5 North, Road 6 North or Road 7 North)

Member Ron Grittman indicated that should this area become developed prior to the alternative route being complete, that would determine “exactly” where the road be. Future land uses would influence the design concept report, where the connections actually occur.

Citizen Mike Damiano, resident of Rimrock Subdivision, Paulden, commented that he did not understand why, if a route is not going to be considered, that it would be added to the report.

Citizen Mike Merchant, resident of Rimrock Subdivision, Paulden, clarified for his understanding that it is Road 5 and 6 North. He also, requested that the Verde route be excluded from the report.

Member Bourdon clarified the Motion based on the audience comments:

Discussion ensued respective to the previous motion given by Member Phil Bourdon, with the recommendation from the M-TAC to end the study and provide the TAC recommendation that the study alternative end at Road 5 North to Road 6 North, if that is what the study says, the green route that is shown on the Corridor map, that is

where the study is to terminate. Changing the study is not necessary because this recommendation is what the TAC is comfortable with. It does not include going north across the Verde River.

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney indicated when it comes to federal process, when you do studies you have to look at many alternatives. Otherwise they will come back and question why you did not look at this, even if it does not make sense. They will look at the records to see what process was used.

#### **MOTION CLARIFIED**

Member Phil Bourdon made a **Motion** for the M-TAC to make a recommendation to direct the consultant to place in the study the M-TAC recommendation that the alternative end at Road 5 – 6 North location shown on the Corridor Study map in “green”, not traversing or crossing the Verde River. The **Motion** was seconded by Member Ron Gritman.

#### **VOTE ON THE MOTION**

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. REORGANIZATION CHANGES IN ADOT MULTIMODAL PLANNING DIVISION (MPD) *Update***

*Bret Anderson, ADOT*

An organizational change is occurring in MPD along with new positions being created. A copy of the most recent, although incomplete, organizational chart was passed around to all of the M-TAC indicating the Reorganization Plan. The Transit section has been combined with the MPD. It is now the Multimodal Planning Division, and Rakesh Tripathi is the Division Director. There have been retirements and positions not filled as well as the combining of many positions. Those positions vacated have not been filled, due to a hiring freeze. The goal of the MPD is to have a “world class planning division”. Studies will be more professional to provide assistance to local governments. The goal is to help bridge some of the gaps that have existed in the past. Member Bret Anderson indicated that he is the point of contact. Once the bigger picture is defined this will be brought forward.

#### **9. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator*

- *Economic Recovery (Stimulus) Package*
- *Budget Draft / UPWP*
- *Finalization of Corridor Studies*

#### **10. AGENCY UPDATES**

Agency updates were provided by ADOT Prescott Region, Yavapai County and ADOT MPD.

#### **11. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CYMPO UPDATES**

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney related the following items for update:

- Received correspondence this week from ADOT MVD Traffic Records Manager in reference to the change in which they collect data. What will occur is we will be required to electronically submit crash data thru the Electronic Incident Data Submissions, which is out of the ALISS Data Base. What is different, is the crash data will no longer be provided to ADOT Traffic records. For us to access the new traffic records system, we need to enter into a data exchange agreement with the department. The problem is that someone needs to be specified as the designated contact person to collect the data and submit it. At this time there is not staff available to complete this task. They will be asking for an agreement to be signed by CYMPO.
- There will be a Complete Streets Town Hall on Thursday, March 26, 2009, from 6 PM to 8 PM at Prescott College Crossroads Center, located at 215 Garden St., Prescott.

**12. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

\* ~~T-TAC Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2009, 8 AM, Prescott Valley Town Hall, Conf. Room #406~~ **The T-TAC Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2009 has been cancelled due to lack of business to discuss.**

*(CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.)*

\* Executive Board Meeting: **Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 PM**, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors' Room *(CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting.)*

\* State Transportation Board Meeting: **Friday, February 20, 2009**, Bullhead City, AZ.

\* M-TAC Meeting: **Thursday, March 5, 2009, 8 AM**, Prescott City Hall, Council Chambers *(CYMPO Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee)*

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Norm Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:55 AM.