



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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

**Thursday, February 7, 2008  
8:00 A.M.**

**Prescott Council Chambers  
City Hall**

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

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**AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND**

ADOT Transportation Planning Division	Sandra Gilbert
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**AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NON-VOTING)**

City of Prescott	Councilman Bob Luzius
Town of Dewey-Humboldt	Gloria Gray
Yavapai County	Supervisor Carol Springer, Chris Bridges, Shakeeb Shariff

**CYMPO STAFF**

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Program Manager	Joanne Scardina-Barr
Administrative Assistant	Terri Ealy

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

Citizens	Rayleen Moody, Sal Morice
CivilTec	Richard Straub
DAVA & Associates	Gordon Bowers
Fann Construction	Michael Fann
PQV	Jeff Hanna
Prescott Alternative Transportation (PAT)	Lisa Barnes
Prescott Daily Courier	Paula Rhoden

**MEETING MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 A.M.** **Phil Bourdon, Chairman**
- 2. ROLL CALL – Terri Ealy, CYMPO Administrative Assistant**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** *The public may comment on individual agenda items, as each item is considered by the M-TAC, subject to a time limit of three (3) minutes.*

No comments were made by the public at this time.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 3, 2008**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairman Norm Davis introduced a motion to approve the January 3, 2008, M-TAC meeting minutes. Member Craig McConnell seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

Member Ron Grittmann arrived at the meeting at 8:03 A.M.

5. **VIEWPOINT TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE: POSSIBLE SHIFT OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) FUNDING FROM CONSTRUCTION TO DESIGN**

*Jodi Rooney, CYMPO*

With the 89A/Viewpoint Traffic Interchange (TI) not being included in the ADOT 5-Year Program, construction dollars cannot be used, but design dollars can. Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, confirmed with ADOT that a shift of funds from construction to design was permissible.

The concerns in discussion among the M-TAC members included: (1) STP funding traditionally has been used for construction, and this could set a precedence, (2) there are projects on the ADOT construction system to which these monies can be applied in the upcoming fiscal years, and (3) there are projects in our region approaching the construction phase to be considered as well.

On the other hand, Vice-Chairman Norm Davis added that advancing design to make this project “shelf ready” is a favorable move to aid in its possible placement next year in the ADOT 5-Year Program. As an economic stimulus, ADOT looks for “shelf ready” plans to be sent out for bid. Although the 89A/Viewpoint TI did not make this year’s 5-Year Program, by shifting the funds and allowing design dollars to be applied to the 89A/Viewpoint TI, this project will be ready to go and most likely make it on next year’s 5-Year Program.

Chairman Phil Bourdon raised the question, “Does ADOT have funds available for the design of the 89A/Viewpoint TI project?” Member Dallas Hammit responded that there are no excess funds to shelf projects, and design funds are programmed with the 5-Year Program. Once a project makes it into the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the 5-Year Program that’s when design funding becomes available for the project. Member Dallas Hammit noted that some TI projects are set up as a local responsibility to build and some as an ADOT responsibility. The 89A/Viewpoint TI is an ADOT responsibility to build.

Member Dallas Hammit further stated that District minor planning funds were used to scope the 89A/Viewpoint TI project, and that scoping is complete with the Final Scope letter to be signed within the next 30 days. However, due to the size of the project, and estimates between \$7-\$8 million, District minor funds cannot be used for the design.

The discussions among all members brought concurrence of support for the 89A/Viewpoint TI and moving forward with this project, but further discussion is warranted in regard to shifting STP funds from construction to design.

**MOTION:** Member Craig McConnell introduced a motion to table this item for further discussion at the March 6, 2008, M-TAC meeting. Member Ron Gritman seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. MAP: CENTRAL YAVAPAI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REGIONAL SYSTEM**

*Chris Bridges, Yavapai County*

The CYMPO Regional System Map is designed to be easy to read, identify the regional routes, focus on the major ones, and follows the Pinal County model. Recently, Pinal County completed a Regionally Significant Routes for Safety and Mobility Study, and they are using this study and a map to preserve future right of way. The map adopted in 2007 identifies regionally significant routes in future corridors.

With two MPO corridor studies coming up and the recent completion of the Glassford Hill Extension study, this is a good time to update the CYMPO Regional System Map. An updated map was presented with additions of the SR169 Connector to Fain Road, the Chino Valley Extension, and Great Western Drive to consider making recommendation to the Executive Board to approve adopting this updated regional map.

M-TAC members discussed different ways to improve the map before submitting for approval recommendation to the Executive Board. It was agreed that the necessary changes will be made and the map will be reviewed again at the March 6, 2008, M-TAC meeting.

The floor was opened to public comment, and Mr. Sal Morice, a resident in the Whitehorse Ranch area, presented an ADOT map with potential corridor alternatives from the I-17 study as found on the ADOT website. Mr. Morice mentioned that with the proposed intersection of roads, the primary concern is the noise that will directly affect the neighboring community. Another concern mentioned was that the new roads would potentially bring in new residential development, and there are ground water issues of rare supply in the area. Additionally, the wildlife that runs through the Prescott

National Forest will be affected. Mr. Morice further pointed out that the rural culture of people in the surrounding community would not welcome these roads.

Member Craig McConnell responded that the genesis of this map is in the CYMPO 2030 Regional Transportation Study, which extended over 18 months to 2 years and looked at socio-economic data and travel demand, and as a result of the study, a map was created that includes these routes and the necessity for future capacity. Member Craig McConnell encouraged Mr. Morice to look over the CYMPO 2030 Regional Transportation Plan posted on the CYMPO website. Additionally, Member McConnell mentioned that CYMPO is discussing updating the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan in fiscal year 2009, and that would be an appropriate opportunity to have the input on the issues mentioned.

Chairman Phil Bourdon added that the CYMPO 2030 Regional Transportation Study underwent considerable public comment at numerous public meetings at Prescott City Hall and the City Councils. Chairman Bourdon stated there was much discussion and presentation before the public, and he also recommended taking a look at the CYMPO 2030 Regional Transportation Study on the website to review the entire development of the study, and mentioned that an agenda item coming up today will have discussion on one of the routes Mr. Morice had mentioned. Chairman Bourdon added that the process is clearly being started that was recommended out of the overall regional transportation study, which is to further evaluate the SR169 Connector to Fain Road corridor. These are roads that have been reviewed and examined in the CYMPO study and recommended for further conceptual level planning. So where they tie into and what properties they may or may not have an impact on will again go through a public process in which the public is welcomed to get involved with. Chairman Bourdon concluded with encouraging Mr. Morice to review upcoming CYMPO meeting agendas, subsequent studies, and consider attending future meetings.

Member Ron Gritman added that there is nothing cast in concrete about where these corridors will be exactly. The studies in discussion looked at a 3-5 mile corridor, and then it is narrowed down from there. These are all travel demand models and whenever a certain population threshold is reached, whether in 2010 or 2050, these will be the transportation problems that we have to face. The goal is to resolve those transportation issues and preserve corridors for future development.

## **7. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP): FY-09 ACTIVITY**

*Jodi Rooney, CYMPO*

As the FY09 cycle approaches, a needs discussion should begin. This document is brought to the M-TAC for activity input before generating a new document for this year and moving into the budget component.

Some of the tasks within the elements of the UPWP have been completed and will drop off in this year's document, some tasks will roll over, and appropriate new tasks added. The current UPWP task

list was presented for the M-TAC's review and subsequent input on activities to bring into the upcoming UPWP.

It was noted that regional transit planning will be included in this year's UPWP. Updating the 2030 Plan was briefly discussed and shall be considered for adding as a task in the updated UPWP document. Further discussions will take place over the next month and this item will be presented again to the M-TAC possibly as early as the March 6, 2008, meeting.

## **8. CORRIDOR STUDIES WORKING GROUP: APPROVAL OF FINAL SCOPE OF WORK RECEIVED FROM CIVILTEC/HDR**

*Phil Bourdon, Yavapai County*

A scope of work has been under development over the last two months with CivilTec/HDR, the selected consultant firm, along with the costs and has been provided to all the M-TAC members. The consultant firm has refined the scope to address all the issues presented by the Corridor Studies Working Group, and the finalized scope of work for the controlled-access corridors, i.e., SR169 Connector to Fain Road and the Chino Valley Extension, has been received. The next step is moving forward with a contract.

Vice-Chairman Norm Davis and Chairman Phil Bourdon mentioned that the funding for this project is through CYMPO State Planning and Research (SPR) funds, where \$400,000.00 is available for this project, and there is a 20% match requirement from the local entities.

Member Craig McConnell commented that when the contract is awarded, assuming that it is awarded, and as it proceeds, there will be multiple opportunities for public input with respect to where the corridor will be located. Richard Straub from CivilTec/HDR, who is working as project manager on this project, commented that they have received several calls from residents already and have sat down in 3 to 4 meetings with residents discussing the 2 corridors and their concerns. Richard Straub mentioned he would be happy to talk to Mr. Morice about the process and how he can be involved.

**MOTION:** Member Craig McConnell introduced a motion for the M-TAC to recommend the following to the Executive Board: (1) approve entering into a contract with CivilTec/HDR for concurrent corridor studies of the Chino Valley Extension and the SR169 Connector to Fain Road, (2) request that the City of Prescott approve the agreement with CivilTec/HDR on behalf of CYMPO pursuant to the MOU for purchasing, personnel, and accounting services. Vice-Chairman Norm Davis seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

## **9. AGENCY UPDATES**

ADOT Prescott District, City of Prescott, Prescott National Forest Service, Town of Chino Valley, Town of Prescott Valley, and Yavapai County M-TAC members provided brief project updates.

The floor was opened to public comment. Lisa Barnes with Prescott Alternative Transportation (PAT) announced their submission for grants this year in partnership with the City of Prescott, and how the use of these monies will benefit the community and improve safety around the schools. Currently, they are anticipating a response in April or May to a \$44,000.00 education and encouragement activities and a \$199,000.00 infrastructure grant application.

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

- The CYMPO 2008 meeting schedule was published in the Prescott Daily Courier, and it included the schedule for T-TAC, which was just formed in the fall of 2007.
- The replacement for Dale Buskirk, ADOT Transportation Planning Division Director, will be Rakesh Tripathi, who comes from the Texas Department of Transportation where he has been the Assistant Director of Planning for the Houston District since 2000.
- AzTA will host the 2008 Legislation Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, to discuss transit related issues facing Arizona.
- The State Transportation Board will be here on July 17-18, 2008, and more information will be presented as it becomes available.

#### **11. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- \* T-TAC Meeting: Friday, February 8, 2008, 9:00 A.M., PV Conference Community Room #331 (CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.)
- \* State Transportation Board: Friday, February 15, 2008, Phoenix, AZ
- \* ADOT Grant Sections 5310, 5316 & 5317 Workshops / 2008 Regional Transportation Coordination Plan Meeting: Friday, February 15, 2008, 9:00 A.M., YC Board of Supervisors' Room (Workshop and annual regional transportation coordination planning meeting for transportation providers.)
- \* Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 6:00 P.M., YC Board of Supervisors Rm (CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting.)
- \* M-TAC Meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2008, 8:00 A.M., Prescott City Hall Council Chambers (CYMPO Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.)

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairman Norm Davis introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Ron Grittmann seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 A.M.