



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
7501 East Civic Circle, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314**

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

**Thursday, September 3, 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

City of Prescott	Vice-Chairman Craig McConnell
Town of Chino Valley	Ron Gritman
ADOT Prescott District Engineer	Greg Gentsch
Yavapai County	Phil Bourdon
ADOT Multimodal Planning Division	Bret Anderson
Prescott National Forest	Cynthia Moody

AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Town of Prescott Valley	Chairman Norm Davis
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AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NON-VOTING)

Yavapai County	Supervisor Carol Springer, Nicole Russell, Chris Bridges, Mike Willett
ADOT Multimodal Planning Division	Jennifer Toth
ADOT Prescott District	Alvin Stump
Arizona Game & Fish Department	Trevor Buhr, Janice Stroud

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Civiltec Engineering	Richard Straub, Rick Shroads
The Nature Conservancy	Kimberly Schonek, Heather Reading
Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee	Derek Brownlee
Citizen	Gwen Sewell

CYMPO STAFF

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Program Coordinator	Jean Knight
Administrative Assistant	Deb Hernandez

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Craig McConnell called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL: Deb Hernandez CYMPO Administrative Assistant

All were present except: Chairman Norm Davis, whose absence was excused.

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: July 2, 2009

MOTION

Member Phil Bourdon presented a motion to approve the July 2, 2009, M-TAC meeting minutes. The Motion was seconded by Member Cynthia Moody.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote passed unanimously.

5. MPO COORDINATION OF REGIONAL PLANS AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

Trevor Buhr, Arizona Game and Fish Habitat Program Manager

Trevor Buhr, given responsibility for Mohave and Yavapai County indicated that as CYMPO and ADOT are preparing for the long range transportation needs of the state, the Game and Fish Department is on a parallel effort. It is taking steps to ensure that as transportation and development move forward, so does wildlife in the State of Arizona. Janice Stroud, Habitat Specialist, was introduced and gave a power point presentation which focused on one of the steps that the Game and Fish Department is taking in a statewide effort to try and provide the natural infrastructure necessary to preserve wildlife in the long range future. Ms. Stroud emphasized the importance of collaborating with federal, state and county agencies along with municipalities and non-profit agencies to bring about the highest level of protection for wildlife, yet going forth with regional development as population increases. Arizona Wildlife Linkage Assessment is a study meant to be used as a stepping stone to help with specific planning and mitigation measures required to maintain connectivity in wildlife corridors. This is a comprehensive science based effort involving road development, land contribution and management practices. Yavapai County was urged to participate in a stakeholder's workshop.

CYMPO Administrator, Jodi Rooney requested further explanation about the linkages. Trevor Buhr responded that in Yavapai County there are large fragmented areas of habitation with roadways that connect one fragmented area to another. As development continues there are more and more barriers that prevent these fragmented areas of habitation to connect with each other. This will assist with identifying where the connectivity areas are and will enable animals to move from one habitat block to another to promote genetic diversity.

Member Ron Grittman asked what projects have been looked at that will enable building roadways and still protect connectivity between habitats. Trevor Buhr indicated research is on-going to help us find answers for the future.

6. ADOT MULTI MODAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHANGE AND FUTURE FOCUS

Jennifer Toth, ADOT Multimodal Planning Division Director

Ms. Toth related that changes in leadership and realignment at ADOT have recently taken place. Originally all divisions: Multimodal Planning, the State Engineer's Office (Intermodal Transportation Division), and Aeronautics, reported to the director. There are now two executive directors: Planning and Programming Director, John McGee, and Operations Director, John Bogert. The Multimodal Planning Division along with Public, Private Partnerships, International and Bi-national offices is being realigned under John McGee. The Intermodal Transportation Division along with the Motor Vehicle Division is realigned under John Bogert. The Aeronautics Division has been realigned; airport development and grant processing are under the Multimodal Planning Division. Grand Canyon Airport, owned by ADOT, has been realigned under facilities. The revenue or the aircraft registration has been realigned under the MVD office.

In June, Jennifer Toth was appointed as ADOT's Multimodal Planning Division Director. Her primary goal and objective is to develop a collaborative partnership by building relationships internally and externally with the COGs and MPOs across the state. Ms. Toth related that the commitment from MPD (Multimodal Planning Division) is fresh. Here is where everything begins, traffic data is gathered for the traffic projections and create that vision collaboratively with all stakeholders, deciding where the state needs to go in the long term. MPD has undertaken the bqAZ Project to create a strategic vision and convert that to a long range transportation plan; which then translates to our five year program with project implementation. Ms. Toth intends to link those together in a more coordinated fashion and move that agenda forward.

An organizational chart of the Multimodal Planning Division was distributed. Traditionally, Planning and Programming have been separate divisions. The COGs and MPOs will have a Director of Planning and Programming. The long range transportation plan and the bqAZ, at the regional level, will have a point person for each COG and MPO. That person would understand transit, grant applications and systems and will know what is occurring at the regional level.

Vice Chairman Craig McConnell stated he has always found an organization chart very helpful; and questioned if there will be a departmental chart available on the ADOT web site?

Ms. Toth indicated that there is a new web look that has just been launched and she will bring the comment forward to the director's office to make sure that it becomes a priority.

Member Phil Bourdon commented that he has worked with Ms. Toth a long time, welcomed her onboard, congratulated her on her new job, and looks forward to working with her.

7. ADOT FIVE YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND THE 2010 BUDGET

Alvin Stump, ADOT Prescott District

Mr. Stump gave an update of major projects in the Prescott area, as well as district recommendations for construction and scoping requests made for the 2015 fiscal year. ADOT has started programming placeholder money starting in 2012 and 2013. That money has been grouped into 2014; right now there is about \$25 Million for I-17. Cordes Junction was programmed for 2009 now in 2010. SR89 has \$25 Million spread over two years, originally that was 2012 and 2013; however, that money has been split between 2013 and 2014. The Viewpoint Traffic Interchange has been added to FY 2011.

The new construction recommendations from the district for 2015 are:

1. The Lion Springs Project
2. Programming the SR89A Spur
3. Program leftover funding on SR260 between Cottonwood and Camp Verde.
4. Continue obtaining funding to widen I-17.

For more information contact CYMPO at (928) 759-5520 or email: jknight@pvaz.net

The two scoping studies are:

1. I-17 to Fain Road (included what was gained from the CYMPO SR169 Study to Fain Road)
2. A study for a Payson Bypass

SR89 and the ADOT Five-Year Program (available on the website) were also discussed.

8. RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, related that she reviewed the markup from Chairman Oberstar's bill in regards to this re-authorization component. It speaks to "an establishment of *Rural Planning Organizations* (RPOs)". CYMPO is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and was established when the population hit 50,000, whereas an RPO would be below that threshold. Another difference is that the MPO threshold would increase from 50,000 to 100,000 in population. Mrs. Rooney related that, in his draft, Kevin Adam, RTAC, succinctly spoke, "There are many emerging "micropolitan" regions that need to plan for high growth over areas involving multiple jurisdictions and would benefit greatly from such regional planning prior to reaching the 100,000 population mark. The current 50,000 population threshold should stay intact." As this unfolds there will be debate in regards to whether or not to move that threshold up to 100,000.

9. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)

Chris Bridges, Yavapai County

Mr. Chris Bridges, Yavapai County Transportation Planner, informed the committee that the Fain Road and SR89A, Viewpoint Traffic Interchange Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Application, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is complete. He thanked ADOT and all the local jurisdictions for providing Letters of Support. He is waiting on one more support letter from Representative Kirkpatrick's office. The application will be submitted by September 10, 2009. Mr. Bridges related that FHWA is expecting about 1,000 applications.

10. ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, indicated that every year at this time, the draft calendar for meeting dates is submitted. The purpose is to schedule the room for the next year. This committee will meet here in the City of Prescott's Council Chambers at the same time (8:00 AM) on the first Thursday of each month.

MOTION

Member Gritman presented a motion to approve the 2010 M-TAC meeting calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Gentsch.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote passed unanimously.

11. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Items for October's agenda are:

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- Highway Safety Improvement Program Funding
- (November) Complete Streets Town Hall Report

12. AGENCY UPDATES

Updates and agency reports were given by the M-TAC participants on the status of particular road construction projects. An update was provided by: Greg Gentsch, ADOT Prescott District Engineer; Bret Anderson, ADOT Multimodal Planning Division; Ron Grittman, Town of Chino Valley and Craig McConnell, City of Prescott

13. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CYMPO UPDATES

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Effective Communication in Public Involvement is a course available for member agencies; information has been provided.

A Public Private Partnership (PPP) Workshop will be held on September 29, 2009, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Wilbur Smith Associates is sponsoring the event.

The Transportation Enhancement Review Committee will convene on October 7, 2009, in Globe. There are a total of 55 projects statewide that will be vying for the money this year.

The web site for CYMPO is back up, with the caveat that there are files being changed.

14. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

* T-TAC Meeting: **Thursday, September 10, 2009, 8:00 AM**, Prescott Valley Town Hall, Conf. Room #433

(CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.)

* Executive Board Meeting: **Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 6:00 PM**, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors' Room, 1015 Fair St., Prescott *(CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting.)*

* State Transportation Board: **Friday, September 18, 2009, Snowflake, AZ**

* M-TAC Meeting: **Thursday, October 1, 2009, 8:00 AM**, Prescott City Hall, Council Chambers *(CYMPO Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee)*

15. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting at 9:08 AM.