



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 15, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

**Yavapai County Administration Bldg.
Supervisors Boardroom**

**1015 Fair Street
Prescott, AZ 86303**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Yavapai County	Carol Springer, Chair
Town of Prescott Valley	Mike Flannery, Vice-Chair
City of Prescott	Bob Luzius, Secretary/Treasurer
State Transportation Board	Bill Feldmeier, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Town of Chino Valley	Karen Fann, Member
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AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

ADOT Prescott District	Dallas Hammit
ADOT Planning Division Director	Rakesh Tripathi
ADOT Manager Air Quality	Don Mauller
Town of Chino Valley	Ron Gritman
Town of Prescott Valley	Norm Davis
Yavapai County	Phil Bourdon, Elise Link, Chris Bridges, Mike Willett
City of Prescott	Craig McConnell

CYMPO STAFF PRESENT

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Administrative Assistant	Jean Knight

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

CivilTec Engineering	Richard Straub
Territorial Transit	Lindsay Bell

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

Carol Springer, Chair

1. INTRODUCTIONS

CYMPO Executive Board Members, CYMPO staff and meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS and CYMPO UPDATES

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator made the following announcements:

- The Rural Transportation Summit is to be held January 21st – 23rd, 2009 at the Hon-Dah Resort & Conference Center, Hon-Dah, AZ (White Mountains)

- The Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC) met last week to determine who will receive federal funding for Transportation Enhancement Projects. The Town of Prescott Valley was awarded grant funds for the Prescott Valley Pipeline Multi-Use Path Phase III, and Prescott was awarded for State Route 89, White Spar Road Bikeway and Walkway Phase I.
- Frame Work Studies Community workshops in Prescott on November 17th, 2008, 3 PM – 5 PM and 6 PM – 8 PM, to be held at Yavapai College, Multi-Purpose Room, Building #19. (BQAZ)

3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** 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 Board need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
MOTION

Secretary/Treasurer Bob Luzius introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2008 Executive Board Meeting. Vice-Chairman Mike Flannery seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **CORRIDOR STUDIES STATUS**

Phil Bourdon, Yavapai County Public Works Director

The SR 169 Connector to Fain Rd. and the Chino Valley Extension are being studied concurrently; the consultant team of CivilTec/HDR has held progress meetings on a monthly basis. A public meeting was held in July noting several initial corridor alternatives. A second public meeting will be held on November 12, 2008, from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Adult Center, 1280 E. Rosser St., Prescott, AZ, which will allow the public to see a narrowed number of preferred alternatives for each corridor location. The study is ahead of schedule and expected to be concluded a month early.

6. **ADOT – FIVE YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM: REQUEST FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Rakesh Tripathi, ADOT Planning Division Director

Dallas Hammit, ADOT Prescott District Engineer

Rakesh Tripathi explained that the 5-year construction program is discussed and presented on an annual basis. Revenues are drastically down, although the gas prices have increased, the usage has decreased. He continued on relating that in the next 3-years there won't be any money in the state budget for road projects (projects that are not preservation or small fixes). At this rate there will not be a programming process in 2-years. The Transportation Bill coming up next year is a big uncertainty if the federal funds stop, there will be tremendous repercussions as a lot of road planning is done with federal funds. The federal government has stated that if there is a recession, the federal road funding is not untouchable. The Arizona Department of Transportation is very committed to talking with the legislature when they meet in the next couple of months to discuss a solution and various ways to look at the issues. The new 5-year plan extends through the year 2014; however, 3-years is when we are faced with significant financial problems.

Mr. Tripathi related that the criteria of leverage is to be presented to the Transportation Board. An item for consideration is if the local government participation (within the MPO) or additional money exceeding the usual amount is put into the project, should that be considered an element in bumping up the project in the ranking? He stated that there was a question regarding frame work; why is it being done. He explained that "Frame Work" is a preparation for state long range plan. Per Arizona State Statute, it is required to have a 5-year long range state transportation plan; the next plan is due on July 1, 2010. Planning is usually done based on revenue forecast: plan for the money. The state is planning for the vision, what do we want Arizona to look like in terms of growth, mobility - different aspects in transportation.

Dallas Hammit related that ADOT is programming for 2014 and the funds allocated are: 2012 -\$15 Million; 2113 - \$10 Million. District projects for consideration in the 2010-2014 5-year construction program are as follows:

Construction Projects

- *SR 89 / SR89A to Chino Valley Town Limits*
- *SR 260 Lyons Springs*
- *Viewpoint Traffic Interchange (TI)*
- *I-17 Black Canyon City to Cordes Junction*

Scoping Projects

- *SR 69 (SR169 to SR89)*
- *Payson Bypass*
- *SR169 (Fain Road connector to I-17)*

At the prior October M-TAC meeting, Dallas once again noted Prescott District projects and the members provided concurrence in identification of the projects, respective to the CYMPO boundary, with the recommendation to the Executive Board to approve the presented list of projects to be included within the upcoming ADOT Five-Year Transportation Construction Program:

Construction Projects:

- Viewpoint TI
- 89A Spur (Fain Rd)

Scoping Project:

- SR169 from I-17 to SR69
- SR69 from SR169 to SR89

Bill Feldmeier arrived at 6:30 PM.

The prior year ADOT approved projects were related to the Board of Directors as well as the approved dollar amount.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Mike Flannery introduced a motion to approve the construction and scoping projects as identified to be included into the FY10-14 ADOT Five-Year Transportation Construction Program. The Motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Bob Luzius.

Construction Projects:

- Viewpoint TI
- 89A Spur (Fain Rd)

Scoping Project:

- SR169 from I-17 to SR69
- SR69 from SR169 to SR89

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

7. FEDERAL FUNDING CHANGES

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Recent correspondence from the national MPO headquarters in Washington D.C. has brought to light that planning funds may become subject to rescission as noted by Delania Hardy, Executive Director

of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO). She states, “Planning funds have not been subject to rescission until the Energy Independence Security Act of 2007. Now, we have a precedent for the administration to open the door to a continued threat to funding for metropolitan planning.” She had sent a letter to FHWA stating that the planning funds should not be subject to rescission alongside other transportation program funds. The response from the Administration rejected this position. Rescission of funds could affect all of the MPOs across the United States. Rakesh Tripathi related that all funds, including the State Planning and Research money is not considered safe; however, the MPOs should not believe all of the negative talk across the Country.

At this time I cannot predict what, if anything may occur; however, the possibility of this action is one that I wanted to make the Board informed of. I will be doing research to gather more information on this matter and bring it back to you.

8. TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (TRIP)

Norm Davis, Prescott Valley Public Works Director on behalf of Vicky McLane

Norm Davis, Prescott Valley Public Works Director, related a report by Vicky McLane, Project Management Oversight. She noted that the MPO held two public meetings, one in Prescott and one in Prescott Valley, on September 15th and 16th, to obtain input on the draft Transit Implementation Plan to date. The information presented was similar to that given to elected officials on July 24th, but it had been updated to reflect comments received at the July presentation. About 30 people attended each of the two evening events which yielded several helpful comments.

She also noted that Technical Memo 3, “Routing, Scheduling and Cost Allocation” was discussed at a TRIP Group Meeting on September 15th and the recommendations made there will be incorporated in the draft final Implementation Plan, which should be completed around the middle of October. We anticipate that, after review by the TRIP working group, a draft Implementation Plan should be presented at the November Executive Board meeting.

9. FTA GRANT MANAGEMENT

Norm Davis, Prescott Valley Public Works Director

At the September T-TAC meeting, the members took action to recommend Suzanne O’Neill’s firm to the Executive Board for the FTA 5307 grant management; consequently, they approved moving forward with contract negotiations. CYMPO Administrator, Jodi Rooney, delegated facilitation of the contract to Vicky McLane. She reports: Vicky and Suzanne discussed the contract for the 5307 grant management. Suzanne pointed out that she thinks there may be a fair amount of money in her current contract with CYMPO that could be used to slide into the grant management task. Suzanne will review the financial standings to see if this can be accommodated. In terms of cost for the entire grant management project, she approximates that it will cost \$20,000 per year.

10. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

November potential topic items:

Corridor Studies	Safe Routes to School – Letter of Support
FTA 5307 Transit Grant	Transit Implementation Plan
Side Road Interchange-Associated IGA’s between:	JPA for Viewpoint TI
1. CYMPO and ADOT	
2. City of Prescott and ADOT	
Intergovernmental Public Transit Authority – boundary caucus	IGA for the Viewpoint TI

11. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- * State Transportation Board: Friday, Oct. 17th, 2008, 9 AM, Wickenburg, AZ
- * TRIP Work Group Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 30th, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, Prescott Valley Town Hall, Room #331
- * M-TAC Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 6th, 2008, 8:00 AM., Prescott City Hall Council Chambers
(*CYMPO Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.*)
- * T-TAC Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 13th, 2008, 8:00 AM., Prescott Valley Town Hall, Conference Room #406
(*CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.*)
- * Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 2008, 6:00 PM, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Room
(*CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting.*)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.