



MINUTES

**Ecosystem Connectivity Mitigation
Advisory Committee (EMAC)
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
10:00 AM**

**Yavapai County
Training Room
1120 Commerce Drive
Prescott, AZ 86305**

CYMPO Ecosystem Connectivity Mitigation Advisory Committee

Chair	Kendra Bull, Prescott National Forest
Vice-Chair	Tammy DeWitt, Yavapai County Development Services
Member	Chuck Budinger, ADOT Northwest District Arrived at 10:06
Member	Elizabeth Johnston, Arizona Game and Fish
Member	Ron James, Private Citizen
Member	J. D. Greenberg, Private Citizen
Member	Deb Pastor, Private Citizen

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- Vice-Chair DeWitt absent
- Member Pastor absent

2. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Elizabeth Johnston, Arizona Game and Fish

3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

Member James motioned to approve the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Ecosystem Connectivity and Mitigation Advisory Committee. Member Greenberg seconded the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF OPEN MEETING LAWS

Mr. Bridges reviewed rules and policies of Arizona Open Meeting Laws.

5. REVIEW OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) AND TIMELINE OF LIFE OF A PROJECT

Ms. Stotler provided overview of MTIP and explained how document outlines projects in which CYMPO is involved. Encouraged EMAC members to attend public meetings to gather information and gain familiarity with plans and projects throughout the region.

Mr. Bridges provided overview of timeline of a project and explained timing in which EMAC will get involved in projects.

Member of public, Joe Trudeau (*Center for Biological Diversity and Save the Dells*), inquired about how to access the CYMPO MTIP. Mr. Bridges explained the document is available on the CYMPO website.

6. EMAC PARTICIPATION IN UPCOMING HIGHWAY 69-WIDENING DESIGN PROJECT

Mr. Bridges explained the Hwy 69-Widening Design Project was approved for design at the State Transportation Board Meeting on June 5. Invited Committee to attend design kickoff meeting, date to be announced. Member Budinger suggested scheduling an EMAC Working Session to discuss wildlife disturbances on Highway 69 and prepare information for possible grant opportunities. Mr. Bridges informed Committee that a 15% Design Project Assessment document is available online, proposed including item on next month's agenda to address EMAC's role in design phase, and suggested preparing a draft outline for proposal to ADOT Research Group.

7. POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS BY THE EMAC

Mr. Bridges explained that Grants.gov is a good option to seek federal funding. Encouraged group to search grant opportunities and report findings to Committee. Member Budinger explained the Prescott Library has resource that lists possible private funds.

Member of public, Joe Trudeau (*Center for Biological Diversity and Save the Dells*), inquired about timing of involvement of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the Highway 69-Widening Design Project. Mr. Bridges explained NEPA typically becomes involved at Public Meetings phase.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING EMAC'S ROLE IN THE UPCOMING 2045 DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Bridges explained federal process requires RTP to be updated every five years. Discussed inclusion of recommended funding options in 2045 RTP. Explained that Chair Bull will represent the EMAC during consultant selection made by Technical Advisory Committee.

Member of public, Jeff Gagnon (*Arizona Game and Fish*), inquired about where to find advertisement for consultant. Mr. Bridges explained Notice of Request for Proposals can be found on CYMPO website.

9. 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 Committee need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes.

Joe Trudeau (*Center for Biological Diversity and Save the Dells*) announced Community Forum on June 25 at Yavapai College. Presented map of State Trust Land and explained relevancy to Highway 69 discussion with regards to wildlife habitats in the area.

10. CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Status update of Highway 69-Widening Design Project
- Update of potential grant opportunities

11. ADJOURNMENT 11:15 AM

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