

APPENDIX A. LETTER OF INVITATION TO CONSULTATION

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April 9, 2007

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Re: SAFETEA-LU Interagency Consultation
Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) Regional Transportation
Study

The Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) adopted a Regional Transportation Study in October 2006. Its major highway and transit recommendations appear in Figures 3 and 4 (Executive Summary attached). The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the Governor's designated transportation forum for the Prescott, AZ, urbanized area.

The development of the study included a coordination and public involvement process. However, new consultation requirements became applicable to MPOs across the nation as a result of February 14, 2007 guidelines associated with the federal legislation Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), August 2005. For CYMPO to comply with SAFETEA-LU's new metropolitan transportation planning consultation requirements, the CYMPO needs to consult with certain agencies not explicitly documented in the study.

Your agency is one of the agencies to be consulted and you have been identified as the appropriate representative of your agency. I respectfully request that you review the CYMPO Regional Transportation Study in comparison to your latest land management plan and/or other pertinent regulations or policies of your agency regarding transportation plans. Following your review, a meeting will take place to receive your comments. Sandra Weir, Lima & Associates consultant, and I will attend that meeting. CYMPO will prepare an amendment to the October 2006 Transportation Study documenting the consultation.

The objective is to identify areas of potential environmental sensitivity, not to identify every specific environmental concern. Consequently, where appropriate, our individual member agencies will be able to contact the proper planning/conservation entity to discuss potential environmental mitigation impacting a specific project.

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Thank you for confirming our meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at your office.

The CYMPO plan must be in compliance with the SAFETEA-LU consultation requirements by July 2007. For your information, the Executive Summary of the Regional Transportation Study is attached. The full report may be accessed at:

<http://www.cympo.com/CYMPO%20Products.htm>

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jodi Rooney
CYMPO Administrator

Cc: Sandy Weir, Lima & Associates
Enclosure: Executive Summary

APPENDIX B. AGENCY COMMENTS



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April 25, 2007

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Chief
Regulatory Branch

Jodi Rooney
CYMPO Administrator
Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO)
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File Number: SPL-2007-00444-DE

Dear Mr./Ms. Rooney:

It has come to our attention that the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed of a Regional Transportation Study, for the creation of a regional transportation system for the 2015 and 2030 planning horizon years, together with a program of short-range projects for 2010 for Central Yavapai County (i.e., Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt, portions of unincorporated Yavapai County, and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe).

Implementation of the eventual transportation components in the study may require authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. A Section 404 permit is required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into the "waters of the United States," including adjacent wetlands. Examples of activities requiring a permit are placing bank protection, temporary or permanent stock-piling of excavated material, grading roads, grading (including vegetative clearing operations) that involves the filling of low areas or leveling the land, constructing weirs or diversion dikes, constructing approach fills, and discharging dredged or fill material as part of any other activity.

Enclosed you will find a permit application form and a pamphlet that describes our regulatory program. If you have questions, please contact Daisy Eldridge at (602) 640-5385, x268. Please refer to file number SPL-2007-444-DE in your reply.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lester, P.E.
Chief, Arizona Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

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Janet Napolitano
GovernorHerbert R. Guenther
Director

June 5, 2007

Ms. Jodi Rooney
CYMPO Adminsitrator

Dear Ms. Rooney

I have completed my review of the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization Regional Transportation Study and have no comments or concerns at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the study and if you have any specific questions regarding how proposed regional transportation may impact water resource planning, management and development in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 602-771-8416.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Whitmer".

Thomas Whitmer
Manager, Regional Water Planning



United States Department of the Interior

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May 15, 2007

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Ms. Jodi Rooney
CYMPO Administrator
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Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314

Dear Ms. Rooney:

This is in response to your May 2, 2007, letter concerning the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) Regional Transportation Study.

As you requested, we have reviewed the CYMPO Regional Transportation Study and determined that Humboldt/Dewey, Prescott Valley (south of SR 69), and Pioneer Park are areas that have potential environmental sensitivity, primarily with cultural resources.

Should the CYMPO Regional Transportation Study lead to actions that effect lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the entity responsible for those actions will be required to engage in this agency's right-of-way process which will require site specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Andersen at 623-580-5570.

Sincerely,

Connie L. Stone

for

Clay Templin
Field Manager



Janet Napolitano
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Stephen A. Owens
Director

May 2, 2007

Jodi Rooney, Administrator
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SUBJECT: CYMPO Regional Transportation Study

Dear Ms. Rooney:

It was a pleasure to meet you and Ms. Weir last week, and we look forward to working with you in the continuing SAFETEA-LU interagency consultation process. After reviewing the Executive Summary, we offer the following suggestions:

The addition of a map showing the relationship between the study area, the CYMPO planning boundary, and the Yavapai County boundary would assist the reader.

The study should include the basis of the CYMPO study population estimates. Supporting data would enable the reader to agree that the growth rate used for the study is based on appropriate assumptions. It should also compare them to the lower Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) estimates that are official projections to be used by State agencies beginning March 31, 2006, and cover the entire County. DES projects the 2030 population of Yavapai County as 355,462. The CYMPO study projects the smaller study area 2030 population as 439,389. Governor's Executive Order 95-002 requires all State agencies to use the official DES estimates, and the Arizona Department of Transportation may have to approve some of the CYMPO projects. A copy of the Executive Order is enclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the study.

Cordially,

Diane L. Arnst, Attorney-at-Law
Planning Section Manager

DLA:MBL

cc: Sandra Weir, Lima & Associates

Enclosure

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 95-2
(Supersedes Executive Order 88-10)

DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY AS THE STATE AGENCY
RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING OFFICIAL POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS FOR
ARIZONA

WHEREAS, Arizona is concerned with the preparation of one set of official population estimates and projections for planning purposes required by Federal Law, and annual updates for purposes other than the distribution of State funds, except where provided for by State law, and reapportionment of the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is concerned with the preparation of one set of official estimates and projections developed only once following each decennial or mid-decade census for planning purposes required by federal law which necessitate the unincorporated area of the county. The U.S. Bureau of the Census provides the most widely recognized level of specific detail for these sub-geographic areas for planning purposes required by federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Economic Security was designated by the Governor's Office in 1967 to represent the State of Arizona in a Federal-State Cooperative Program of Population Estimating with the U.S. Bureau of the Census; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to revise Executive Order 88-10 designating the Arizona Department of Economic Security as the State agency responsible for official population estimates and projections for planning purposes required by federal law and for annual updates for other purposes specified by state law;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby designate the Arizona Department of Economic Security as the official population estimating and projecting agency for Arizona, with the following responsibilities:

1. The Department of Economic Security shall carry out the State's function of preparing official population estimates under the Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimating in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of the Census; and
2. The Department of Economic Security shall prepare official population estimates and projections and annual population updates for the State and its counties and municipalities; and
- 3.(A). The Department of Economic Security shall prepare the official population estimates and projections for the State and its counties, cities, towns and unincorporated areas which have current populations of 1,000 or more, covering a fifty year period with single year projections for the current and immediately succeeding five years and for each decennial and mid-decade year thereafter. These estimates and projections shall be prepared only once following each decennial or mid-decade census if one is taken by the State or political subdivision thereof. For portions of the State in which a mid-decade census is not taken, the Department shall prepare the official population estimates and projections only once after the fifth year following the decennial census. The official estimates and projections prepared under this section shall be used for planning purposes required by federal law which necessitate the development of estimates or projections for sub-geographic areas of a city, town, or unincorporated area of the county. The U.S. Bureau Of the Census provides the most widely recognized level of specific detail for these sub-geographic areas for planning purposes required by federal law. For the 1990 decennial census, the estimates adopted in 1992 and the projections adopted in 1993 by the Director of the Arizona

Department of Economic Security shall serve as the official estimates and projections until after 1995 for planning purposes required by federal law; and

3 (B). The Department of Economic Security shall annually prepare population updates for other than planning purposes required by federal law in Section 3 (A) for the State and its counties, cities, towns and unincorporated areas which have current populations of 1,000 or more; and

3 (C). The Regional Councils of Governments may provide population projections for each decennial and mid-decade year, up to 50 (fifty) succeeding years, to the Department of Economic Security for all cities, towns and unincorporated areas within the designated regional planning district in cooperation with the Department of Economic Security in Section 3 (A). Also, they may provide annual population updates for all cities, towns, and unincorporated areas in cooperation with the Department of Economic Security in Section 3 (B). The official population estimates and projections provided by the Councils of Governments must be consistent with Department of Economic Security's countywide projection figures and shall comply with standards established by the Department of Economic Security for developing population estimates and projections in Section 3 (A) and annual updates in Section 3 (B) for cities, towns and unincorporated areas in Arizona; and

4 (A). The population estimates and projections made by the Arizona Department of Economic Security shall be subject to review and advisory recommendation by a Population Technical Advisory Committee prior to submission to the Director as provided in Section 5. Also, the standards established by the Department of Economic Security for developing population estimates and projections shall be subject to review and advisory recommendation to the Director by the Population Technical Advisory Committee before implementation. The committee shall be comprised of one voting representative from each of the following agencies and institutions:

Department of Commerce
Department of Economic Security
Department of Education
Department of Health Services
Department of Revenue
Department of Transportation
Department of Water Resources

Arizona State University
Northern Arizona University
University of Arizona

Each Regional Council of Governments
County Supervisors Association of Arizona
League of Arizona Cities & Towns

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
The Navajo Tribe

4 (B). For purposes of population estimates and projections other nonvoting members may be added to the Population Technical Advisory Committee by a majority vote of the members; and

4 (C). A Chairman shall be selected at the December annual meeting of the Population Technical Advisory Committee. The Chairman shall be selected from the State agency members on an annual rotating basis; and

5. Upon review and advisory recommendation by the voting members of the Population Technical Advisory Committee, population estimates and projections shall be transmitted to the Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security for consideration. The population estimates and projections approved by the Director shall become the official State population estimates and projections and shall become the official State population

estimates and projections and shall be used by all State agencies. For planning purposes required by federal law, which necessitate the development of estimates or projections for sub geographic areas of a city, town or unincorporated area of the county, the official estimates and projections developed in Section 3 (A) shall serve these purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Fife Symington

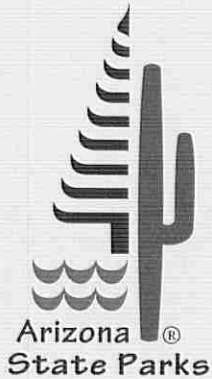
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DONE at the capitol in Phoenix this tenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Nineteenth.

ATTEST:

Jane Dee Hull

SECRETARY OF STATE



"Managing and conserving natural, cultural, and recreational resources"

May 3, 2007

Jodi Rooney, Administrator
Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization [CYMPO]
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RE: Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regional Transportation Study
SHPO-2007-0791 (32881)

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Ms. Rooney:

Thank you for submitting to the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office a copy of the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization Regional Transportation Study [2006] by Lima & Associates for review and comment. We have reviewed the submitted materials and offer the following comments.

It is obvious that conducting analyses, soliciting public comment, and assessing alternatives constitute an arduous and time consuming process. Our office will restrict our comments to two. Commonly overlooked are tribal entities, now an obligatory party in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation process as the result of changes in the federal legislation in the early 1990s. Tribal participation is essential given the presence of tribal land within the study area of the CYMPO. The second comment regards historic properties; the construction of the highways and other transportation related projects will undoubtedly impact numerous historic properties, with archaeological sites and historic-era building probably being the most apparent. It needs to be noted that some of the existing roads themselves are important historic properties, and significantly contribute to the historic development, and indeed the character, of the study area of the CYMPO.

We appreciate your cooperation with this office in considering the impacts of federal undertakings on cultural resources situated in the State of Arizona. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [602] 542-7140 or electronically via djacobs@azstateparks.gov.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Office

ANNOTATED REFERENCES

Arizona Department of Water Resources, Verde River Watershed Study, 2000.

An exhaustive review of surface and groundwater in the Upper and Middle Verde River and surrounding lands.

-----, Arizona Water Atlas, Volume 5, Central Highlands Planning Area (organized by groundwater basin), and in preparation, Arizona Water Atlas, Volume 8, Active Management Area Planning Area, Summer 2007, (forthcoming)

Water atlas, organized by planning area, is to provide a comprehensive overview of regional water supply and demand conditions. First statewide review since 1994.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Vehicle emissions: what vehicles need to be tested? 2007, < <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/vei/tested.html> >

The requirement notes that if you work in the Maricopa County emission test area, but are registered outside of the area, Arizona law requires that you have the vehicle inspected in the area to which you commute. The requirement applies to Yavapai County residents who commute into Maricopa County

Arizona Department of Transportation, Yavapai Area Governments, AIR AWARE, 2001.
< <http://tpd.azdot.gov/air/pdf/Yavapai%20County%20AirAware.pdf> >

“Air Aware” is a campaign to encourage voluntary efforts on the part of individuals, businesses, and local governments to keep our air clean, even if there is significant population growth in the region over the next twenty years.

Deans, Charlie, AICP, Tri-City Area Conceptual Plan for Arizona State Land Department Lands, 2000.

Conceptual plan for development of ASLD lands in and near the Tri-Cities.

Federal Highway Administration, SANDAG’s Multiple Species/Habitat Conservation Programs and Transportation Planning, 1998,
< <http://tmip.fhwa.dot.gov/clearinghouse/docs/gis/sandag/> >

San Diego Association of Governments launched a massive effort to complete multiple jurisdiction/habitat/species conservation programs, requiring extensive biological and land management databases. Transportation planners can use them to make decisions about transportation facility locations and mitigation options.

Lima & Associates, The Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) Regional Transportation Study, 2006.

The CYMPO long-range plan to which this report is an amendment.

ANNOTATED REFERENCES (CONTINUED)

Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, CYMPO Regional Transit Needs Study, Final Report, 2007.

A suggested vision statement for public transportation in Central Yavapai is as follows: Central Yavapai local governments aspire to build a modern, affordable and sustainable public transit system that supports the mobility needs of area residents and contributes to a livable and healthy community both now and in the future.

University of Arizona School of Natural Resources, for the Southwest Region, USDA Forest Service. Socio-Economic Assessment for the Prescott National Forest, 2005.

The "Forest Access and Travel" considerations are a key source for travel demand generated by the multiple uses on Forest Lands.

-----, for the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Reconnaissance Watershed Analysis on Upper and Middle Verde Watershed. 2002.

The analysis addressed the quality, quantity, and timing influences on surface water generated as the result of land uses and condition at local scales, through compilation and summary of existing information, with limited collection of new data.

U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Collins Science Center, Ouren, D.S., and R.D. Watts. Roads and traffic: effects on ecology and wildlife habitat use -- applications for cooperative adaptive management. Fort Collins, CO: Fact Sheet 2005-3102. 2 p., 2005.

The key to understanding the effects of traffic on wildlife is to observe traffic and wildlife simultaneously. With simultaneous application of traffic counting and GPS tracking of wildlife, researchers can determine traffic effects on selected species.

U.S. Forest Service, Southwestern Region, (November 1986 Includes Amendments 1- 12 through 2004). Prescott National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, 2004.

There are fourteen planning principles in the National Forest Management Act, all of which were integrated throughout the Prescott National Forest planning process. The ninth principle is: Coordination with the land and resource planning efforts of other Federal agencies, State and local governments and Indian tribes.

U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Agua Fria National Monument and Bradshaw-Harquahala Draft Resource Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, 2006.

A source for travel demand for recreation. Executive summary states: The planning areas are on the northern and western fringes of the rapidly urbanizing Phoenix Metropolitan area... As the population grows, recreation demand grows as well. Studies indicate the rate of growth in recreation demand exceeds the rate of population growth.