



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Executive Board
Study Session
Monday, October 2, 2023
3:00 PM

Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual)
Yavapai County
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
1015 Fair St
Prescott, AZ

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CYMPO Executive Board

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Vice-Chair	John Hughes, Town of Dewey-Humboldt
Secretary/Treasurer	Phil Goode, City of Prescott
Member	Tom Armstrong, Town of Chino Valley
Member	Kell Palguta, Town of Prescott Valley
Member	Gary Knight, ADOT District 6 Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The study session was called to order by Chairman Brown 3:00pm. Secretary/Treasurer Goode and Member Hughes were absent. Member Knight attended the meeting virtually. All other members were present in person.

Meeting Guidelines:

A reminder to those attending the meeting telephonically, please keep your phone on mute until it is your turn to speak.

Members of the public desiring to address the Committee are subject to the following: The decision to allow a member or members of the public to speak is left to the discretion of the Chair, a person may only speak if called upon by the Chair; speaking is limited to 3 minutes; the chair may limit the number of speakers; a speaker shall not be disruptive nor shall the speaker be disrespectful towards the Chair, the Committee or others; and, except during the call to the public, a speaker may only address the specific agenda item then being discussed. The Chair may terminate a person’s speaking time for violation of any of the foregoing.

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

Vincent Gallegos, CYMPO Executive Director

Mr. Gallegos said that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the State Route 69 Preservation Project will be held tomorrow, October 3rd, at the Event Spot in Prescott Valley. He noted that several members of the Executive Board, including Chair Brown and Member Palguta are guest speakers at the event. He also noted that District 1 Legislator Quang Nguyen and Anthony Brozich from ADOT Northwest Division will also be speaking.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE CYMPO PRIORITY PROJECTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 2023 RURAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT FOR CONSIDERATION FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE FUNDING

Vincent Gallegos, CYMPO Executive Director

Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC)

(Task #200)

* This item was moved to #5 *

Mr. Gallegos cited that Chair Brown requested additional discussion in order to prepare for the upcoming 2023 Rural Transportation Summit (RTS). He said that CYMPO has been working with the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) and was successful in seeking one-time funding from the state. Mr. Gallegos congratulated Member Palguta on the funding for the Glassford Hill Road improvements and thanked State Representatives Selina Bliss, Quang Nguyen and State Senator Bennett for their championship of the funding. He noted that in the upcoming year, CYMPO will be requesting \$33M in funding from the State Legislature, based on population within the CYMPO region. Mr. Gallegos discussed the three priority projects that the CYMPO funding request would focus on.

Project 1 – Will remain top priority project for this upcoming funding request. Project 1 is an approximately \$13M request to widen SR89 in Chino Valley between Road 3N and Road 5N from one to two lanes in both directions, with a 10% local contribution included following feedback from legislators. The total project is estimated at \$14.3M. The project no longer includes the proposed roundabout, and the dollars for that has been shifted to Project 2.

Project 2 – On-ramp improvements from SR89 to eastbound 89A. One lane would be designated for the exit to Larry Caldwell Drive, and two lanes would be designated for merging onto SR89A. Our local legislators have been great at championing the project, but have not been successful in funding it. The project has been designed but currently has no funds for construction.

Project 3 – Would designate \$15M for pavement preservation in the region, based on population within CYMPO region. Shared tentative breakdown for specific projects, with the projects highlighting regionally significant roads. The approach to the legislature is that these are local, regionally significant routes.

Mr. Gallegos said that the three priority projects will be illustrated at the RTS, but the strategic focus will be on Project 1. Chair Brown will make the presentation on behalf of the CYMPO region. Mr. Gallegos said that around 230 have confirmed they are attending the RTS, with a notable number of state legislators expected to attend. He cited the value of the RTS for presenting needs and priorities to state legislators and confirmed they are the

primary audience. Chair Brown noted it would be highly valuable for all Executive Board members to be well versed in all of the projects, especially Project 1.

Kevin Adam, with RTAC, spoke on the unknown revenue from the state. He stated that the pandemic provided a unique opportunity for funding that has now changed. He said that the level of potential funding is unknown, but RTAC will continue to be proactive to direct funding to infrastructure in rural Arizona. He said that fourteen legislators are scheduled to attend the RTS, and the governor may also attend. Mr. Adam also noted that the three largest counties in the state, Maricopa, Pima and Pinal, have very large transportation-related tax extension votes coming up to their voters soon, and he doubts that new transportation measures will come from state at the same time as these tax extension votes. Mr. Adam cited Project 3 could be a viable project if larger funding for other priority projects proves unavailable.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

*Vincent Gallegos, CYMPO Executive Director
(Task #200)*

* This item was moved to #4 *

Mr. Gallegos noted that this item was discussed at the last Executive Board meeting. He said that staff has been developing a Scope of Work for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The current RTP covers the years 2020-2045, but we are required by federal law to have this document and update it every five years. The RTP looks at all aspects of transportation. Mr. Gallegos reminded the Board that we are looking for input on the Scope of Work and if there are any parts that could be enhanced, based on input.

Mr. Gallegos provided a basic overview of highlighted areas of the Scope of Work. He highlighted projects such as the Sundog Connector and the State Route 89 widening, which were both in previous RTPs, based on inputs from member jurisdictions. He noted that Task 4, traffic modeling, is technical but highly essential for any regional road, and looks at road conditions, traffic count, development, origin/destination, etc. He discussed Task 7 and cited it as the environmental section. He noted that we want to ensure the RTP acknowledges all aspects of how transportation impacts the environment. He highlighted Task 10 and grant assistance, something that has not been highlighted historically. He said that this section is intended to address the question of how we may pay for and implement various projects. He said that the final Scope will be brought back to the Executive Board in November, and the project take approximately 15 months.

Chair Brown asked about a section for charging stations and Mr. Gallegos cited that the current 2045 RTP discussed technology. He noted that the RTP would highlight future need, safety issues, and future growth. Mr. Gallegos requested that any nuanced information be shared for potential inclusion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 5, 2023: Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 1:00pm (**canceled**)

October 18, 2023: Executive Board Meeting 3:00pm (**canceled**)

October 18-19, 2023: Rural Transportation Summit (Yuma)

October 20, 2023: State Transportation Board Meeting 9:00am (Yuma)

November 7, 2023: Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 1:00pm

November 15, 2023: Executive Board Meeting 3:00pm (Prescott)

November 17, 2023: State Transportation Board Meeting 9:00am (Wickenburg)

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