



MINUTES

**Multimodal Technical
Advisory Committee (M-TAC)
Thursday, March 4, 2010
8:00 A.M.**

**Prescott City Council Chambers
201 S. Cortez Street
Prescott, AZ 86303**

AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman	Craig McConnell, City of Prescott
Vice-Chairman	Ron Gritman, Town of Chino Valley
Member	Norm Davis, Town of Prescott Valley
Member	Cynthia Moody, U.S. Forest Service
Member	Joel Berman, Town of Dewey-Humboldt
Member	Charla Glendening, ADOT MPD
Member	Greg Gentsch, ADOT Prescott District
Member	Phil Bourdon, Yavapai County

CYMPO STAFF

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Program Manager	Vicky McLane
Program Coordinator	Jean Knight

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Yavapai County	Supervisor Carol Springer, Chris Bridges, Mike Willett, Elise Link
Town of Chino Valley	Vice-Mayor Ron Romley
The Natures Conservancy	Kim Schonek
Citizen	Bob Luzius

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND/OR INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. Jean Knight, CYMPO Program Coordinator, performed roll call. Member Greg Gentsch arrived at 8:10 AM.

- 2. 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 public comments

ACTION

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting of February 4, 2010 MOTION

Vice-Chairman Gritman presented a Motion to approve the February 4, 2010, M-TAC regular meeting minutes. The Motion was seconded by Member Davis.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

UPDATE

4. TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) DISCRETIONARY GRANT

Chris Bridges, Yavapai County

Chris Bridges, Yavapai County, announced that the Tucson Streetcar Project received TIGER funding. He indicated that there is a second round of TIGER funds in the amount of approximately \$600 million and the same processing criteria will be followed. He will continue to check the web site for the criteria and will submit an update to the committee. Mr. Bridges modified the SR89A and Fain Road Widening application. This project comes in around \$50 million, of which almost \$40 million is being requested through the grant application.

Vice-Chairman Gritman questioned the limits on the second round of TIGER grant applications. Mr. Bridges responded the amount is \$10 million; but, could be as low as \$1 million. The language directs it more toward the rural areas.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

5. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA II) JOBS FOR MAIN STREET ACT, 2010

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, related the Senate has taken action to move forward with a Jobs bill. It differs from the House version in that: the size is reduced; it extends funding for highway/transit through the end of December; it boosts the Highway Trust Fund; it provides tax breaks for small businesses; and, restores the rescission that occurred last September. Because this was a cloture vote, rapid action is anticipated; furthermore, they will negotiate this bill with the larger House bill.

Mrs. Rooney announced that SAFETEA-LU expired last Sunday and Congress did not provide a continuing resolution. This is now taking center stage and pushed back ARRA II at this time. Earlier this week they did provide a one month continuing resolution. FHWA and ADOT are asking us to look at the projects that are eligible, anticipating that the same amount of money will be received.

Thus far, Yavapai County has identified Pioneer Parkway, which consists of a 3.5 mile long rehabilitation and the Town of Dewey-Humboldt may have a sign rehabilitation project. The M-TAC will need to determine which project(s) to recommend that the Executive Board include in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP); subsequently, amendment would be needed that could be addressed in agenda item seven.

Chairman McConnell commented about the Dewey-Humboldt project and stated that the federal requirements could force the project to double in amount. Member Berman was in agreement.

There was discussion of a County-wide sign project. The Town of Dewey-Humboldt would participate should this occur.

Member Bourdon noted that the challenge to the County is to bundle together federal funding for a project. They will look at several other funding mechanisms for the Pioneer Parkway project and will have to bundle funds. He indicated the County will look at milling and filling the Fain Road project within the next couple of years.

Vice-Chairman Grittmann discussed the Chino Valley Road 4 and 5 North safety issues. Chino Valley has a single project that could utilize all of the available funds. He commented that he does not know the status of the Hazard Elimination Study (HES) program funds that were to be used for this project. Member Gentsch commented that HES is now Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Additionally, Alvin Stump, ADOT Prescott District, is working on this.

MOTION

Member Bourdon presented a motion to nominate the Pioneer Parkway reconstruction for the funding that is available through the ARRA II. The motion was seconded by Member Gentsch.

Discussion ensued as to whether a back-up project should be considered. Member Davis questioned if the Town of Chino Valley projects were “shovel ready”, Vice-Chairman Grittmann related they were not. There was also discussion regarding a regional sign project and how this project could occur on a mass basis and what environmental work would be required. It was determined the roads that qualify have to be collector roads.

Member Bourdon made a second motion recommending adding the Fain Road rehabilitation project as a second priority for ARRA II funding. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Grittmann.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote passed unanimously.

6. PROGRAMMING OF FY-11 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) FUNDS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney will continue to bring this item back for discussion. Supervisor Springer previously indicated that if a percentage of the FY-10 funds are reduced, we may be forced into programming the FY-11 STP funds to offset the difference for the SR69 Median Barrier Project. Alvin Stump, ADOT, communicated that the Department was willing to “step up” to cover the gap in financing on this project.

Mrs. Rooney reported that in the communications with ADOT at the Tuesday morning ARRA II meetings, it has been discussed these funds will be reduced due to a federal rescission. John Fink, ADOT, related that the rescission will impact FY-10 (and forward) by an approximate amount of 30% per year. She indicated that she has a conference call scheduled for March 25th to discuss the obligation authority amount and should be able to provide a more comprehensive picture of the current impact on STP funds. ADOT is in the process of reconciling the “Ledgers”, which will tell us exactly how much money is currently available allowing us to plan in the forth coming years.

Member Glendening related that there have been staff changes at ADOT that has impacted this. She indicated that caution should be used in taking any action until the dollar amount is known. Mr. John Fink will be specifying the actual dollar amount to the COGs and MPO’s during the conference calls.

Member Bourdon related that it is important to have a final dollar amount on the STP and quickly.

Chairman McConnell indicated that with the uncertainty of the dollar amount we are working with, we are not in a position to take action on this item.

7. FY 11-15 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP)

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, announced that notification went out this week to the MPO members that we are now in the MTIP cycle. This cycle takes approximately four months. The document is spread over five fiscal years and is fiscally constrained. Once the staff receives the information, it is compiled and provided back to the committee for review. A recommendation is then forwarded to the Executive Board for approval in draft form, and then sent out for 30-day public review. It then comes back to each of the committees for final review returning to the Executive Board for approval.

Part II is whether a recommendation needs to be made to the Executive Board per the potential ARRA funding.

Member Bourdon related that a recommendation should be made to the Executive Board for the ARRA recommendation. Member Davis discussed fiscally constrained projects. Mr. Bourdon commented that the Fain Road widening project is already in the MTIP and we may need to just adjust the year.

MOTION

Member Bourdon presented a motion to recommend the Executive Board amend the FY10-14 MTIP to include the Pioneer Parkway rehabilitation/reconstruction in FY-11. The motion was seconded by Member Davis.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote passed unanimously.

8. FY-11 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, stated the UPWP budget component will be updated in conjunction with the budget preparation for the City of Prescott, which is currently underway. A few work elements for consideration would be Title VI/Environmental Justice, the State-wide Long Range Plan Update and incorporating the In-Kind contributions into the work plan. Further work elements that may need to be included are Livability and Greenhouse Gases (per upcoming Reauthorization). A conference was held February 23, 2010, between FHWA, ADOT, COGs and MPOs and there are additional changes that will need to be incorporated into the work program.

The draft UPWP, with the above noted changes, should be available to the M-TAC committee sometime in March. If the committee has additional recommendations or changes, now would be the appropriate time to bring them forward.

It was questioned if we will be required to add Environmental Justice. Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, commented that we would not need to reference any more this year than last year. She also indicated that when we update the Long Range Plan, an Environmental Justice component would be required.

Member Glendening commented that ADOT staff is looking to implement a new template for the current year UPWP. She also noted the UPWP is Due May 1, 2010; however, there would be some flexibility due to the required changes. Mrs. Rooney commented that the UPWP final draft would need to be completed before the Fed Review date, which is to be late April. Ms. Glendening noted that in the future FHWA will be requiring the work program earlier; consequently, ADOT will need it earlier.

DISCUSSION

9. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Mrs. Rooney proposed the following as future agenda items:

- ARRA II
- UPWP
- MTIP

10. AGENCY UPDATES

Agency updates were provided by Chairman McConnell, City of Prescott; Member Bourdon, Yavapai County; Member Gentsch, ADOT Prescott District; and, Member Glendening, ADOT Multimodal.

There was significant discussion regarding HSIP funds and the date the funds need to be obligated. Vice-Chairman Grittman related an issue regarding the response from ADOT, which was not forthcoming. Member Glendening indicated that she would look into and get back with Mr. Grittman.

11. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CYMPO UPDATES

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney announced there will be a public meeting regarding the Viewpoint Traffic Interchange on March 24, 2010, 5 – 7 PM at the Prescott Valley library.

12. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- T-TAC Meeting: **Thursday, March 11, 2010, 8:00 AM**, Prescott Valley Town Hall, 7501 E. Civic Cir, Prescott Valley, Conf. **Room #433** (*CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting*)
- Executive Board Meeting: **Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 6:00 PM**, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors' Room, 1015 Fair St., Prescott (*CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting*)
- State Transportation Board: **Friday, March 19, 2010, 9:00 AM**, Phoenix, AZ
- M-TAC Meeting: **Thursday, April 1, 2010, 8:00 AM**, Prescott City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 S. Cortez, Prescott (*CYMPO Multimodal Technical Advisory Committee*)

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM.