



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Ecosystem Connectivity Mitigation
Advisory Committee (EMAC)
Special Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020
10:00 AM**

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CYMPO Ecosystem Connectivity Mitigation Advisory Committee

Chair	Tammy DeWitt, City of Prescott
Vice-Chair	Elizabeth Johnston, Arizona Game and Fish
Member	Chuck Budinger, ADOT Northwest District
Member	Francisco Anaya, Prescott National Forest
Member	Ron James, Private Citizen
Member	J. D. Greenberg, Private Citizen
Member	Deb Pastor, Private Citizen

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Members Anaya, and James absent. Vice-Chair Johnston absent, with Dee Kephart attending as proxy.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

No announcements or updates were provided.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EMAC

MOTION

Member Greenberg motioned to approve the February 24, 2020 regular meeting minutes of the EMAC. Madam Chair DeWitt seconded the motion.

VOTE

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

4. UPDATE OF STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD 5-YEAR PROGRAM

Mr. Harmonick, CYMPO Transportation Planner, noted that the State Route 69 Widening Project between Prescott Lakes Parkway and Frontier Village is still in the State Five-Year Program, and that the State Transportation Board will vote to approve the Program tomorrow, October 27th.

5. UPDATE OF CYMPO PLANNING STUDIES

Mr. Harmonick explained that Alternatives Selection Reports are wrapping up for the SR69/SR169 intersection and SR89A/ Robert Road intersection.

6. UPDATE OF STATEWIDE WILDLIFE-VEHICLE MITIGATION PLAN

(John Wennes, ADOT MPD)

Mr. Wennes explained that the first Working Paper for the study is expected to be complete by the end of 2020 and will include a list of proposed migration projects. Noted that the study is striving to evaluate multiple sources of data to mitigate the risk of missing data.

Member Greenberg noted that standardized terminology needs to be established across multiple agencies for consistent data collections.

Madam Chair DeWitt suggested reviewing the Working Paper as a committee at the scheduled meeting in January 2021.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FUTURE CYMPO WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PLANNING

Member Budinger noted goal for future wildlife corridor planning is to get a general idea of where antelope migrate and how they can be protected by keeping their habitat available to them, and where those areas cross major highways. Madam Chair DeWitt inquired if this is what the Statewide Vehicle-Wildlife Mitigation Plan is accomplishing. Member Budinger clarified that he thinks the EMAC should also look at this for CYMPO and supply information to the statewide plan. Madam Chair DeWitt noted that approval is needed from the CYMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Executive Board before allocating staff time to such a plan.

Member Greenberg requested that such a study should incorporate additional wildlife in addition antelope.

Member Budinger suggested he provide the EMAC with a drafted proposal for review. Madam Chair DeWitt confirmed this would be a good idea. Mr. Harmonick noted that the next corridor study programmed with CYMPO is the Great Western Corridor Study Update in fiscal year 2022.

Member Greenberg inquired when is the best time for EMAC to evaluate wildlife needs for a project in order to influence the project before it is too late. Mr. Harmonick noted that the EMAC would be included with the study process which will allow for the EMAC's input to be included with the study.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION

Member Greenberg motioned to approve the 2021 EMAC meeting schedule as presented with the option to schedule additional Special Meetings as necessary. Proxy Kephart seconded the motion.

VOTE

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

9. ADJOURNMENT 10:50 AM

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