



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**MULTI-MODAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(M-TAC)**

**Thursday, July 3, 2008
8:00 A.M.**

**Prescott Council Chambers
City Hall**

**201 S. Cortez St.
Prescott, AZ 86303**

MEETING MINUTES

AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Yavapai County	Chairman Phil Bourdon
ADOT Prescott District	Dallas Hammit
ADOT Transportation Planning Division	Sandra Gilbert
City of Prescott	Craig McConnell
Town of Chino Valley	Ron Gritman

AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Prescott National Forest	Cynthia Moody
Town of Prescott Valley	Vice-Chairman Norm Davis

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NON-VOTING)

City of Prescott	Councilman Bob Luzius
Yavapai County	Chris Bridges, Supervisor Springer

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Prescott Alternative Transportation (PAT)	Lisa Barnes
Daily Courier	Daily Courier
ADOT	Reed Henry
Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee	Derek Brownlee
DAVA & Associates	Gordon Bowers
Civiltec	Rick Shroads
Nova Asphalt Technologies	Peggy Simpson
RTAC	Kevin Adam
Citizen	Al William

CYMPO STAFF

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Program Manager	Joanne Scardina-Barr
Administrative Assistant	Cathie Bethell-Martin

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 A.M. Phil Bourdon, Chairman

2. ROLL CALL – Joanne Scardina-Barr, CYMPO Program Manager

Roll call was done by CYMPO Administrative Assistant, Cathie Martin.

3. 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.

Councilman Bob Luzius thanked Dallas for keeping the flow of traffic moving on the 69/89 interchange during Frontier Days.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 5, 2008
MOTION**

Member Craig McConnell made a motion to approve the June 5, 2008 M-TAC minutes, seconded by Member Ron Gritman.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

5. EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

This item allows introduction of topics considered of an emergency nature by two steps:

Part A: Agenda Items Requiring M-TAC Member Concurrence

Part B: Identified Agenda Items

Emergency Item to be considered:

Statewide Transportation Investment Strategy (formerly known as the Critical Needs List):

Resolution of Support

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney explained that the “TIME” coalition is gathering signatures to get an initiative on the November ballot. The purpose of the Statewide Transportation Investment Strategy is to provide a funding mechanism for transportation improvements across the State via a one cent sales tax over 30 years to commence in 2010. The purpose is for transportation funding Multi Modal; not just highways, but transit, rail, bicycle paths and also a conservation component in the plan.

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney clarified the ratification as an emergency item. She explained the process of ratifying if, it is indeed an emergency due to August recess. If so, then vote is needed for the ratification of the emergency. Member Craig McConnell commented he would like a term other than emergency. He also stated that although it is not a public emergency, it is an important item that was required to be addressed in a timely manner.

MOTION

Member Ron Grittmann made the motion to ratify the item as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Member Craig McConnell.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

The Resolution being brought before the Executive Board is in support of the TIME initiative.

Member Ron Grittmann asked for clarification on projects slated, commenting that Yavapai County has a lot of projects slated. CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney referred to the Project Program description handout, and went over projects listed on the handout.

Mrs. Rooney introduced Kevin Adam from Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) and asked for his input; he described the specifics for this region. The plan was put together rapidly. The TIME coalition's ballot initiative will be the sales tax. Investment strategy document was created by ADOT, and if passed the document would guide how the project would be done. This is a huge project effort and quite complex. Mr. Adam invited questions. Phil Bourdon asked if the language in the Ballot would restrict the way funds are used and how to address the concerns of the public that the State legislature won't use the money for other means.

Mr. Adam indicated that there are firewalls to prevent money going other places. There is always the risk that the existing transportation money could be utilized elsewhere. But if this doesn't pass the amount of money available for transportation will be diminished.

Member Ron Grittmann questioned if the State would go into a maintenance mode if the initiative did not pass. Mr. Adam indicated yes. He stated that the State has been relying on the gas tax and this is becoming less of a funding source. Construction costs have gone up, and with recent soaring gas prices people are traveling less. Mr. Adam stated that ADOT'S 5-year plan indicates only \$83 million was added for new construction and 5-10 years ago it was ½ billion. ADOT is estimating that within 3-4 years they will move into maintenance mode, with a continual decline. He also stated that the Federal Highway Trust Fund has gone broke as the obligations have exceeded the available money.

Mrs. Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, related that as Member Ron Grittmann pointed out, there would only be adequate funds available to maintain roads and that it is important to look to the future. In the 2030 plan there were several new corridors planned for this region.

Member Ron Grittmann commented that he is impressed in this area for trying to stay ahead of the curve – it doesn't happen in all parts of the state. We are doing many studies and design concept reports. CYMPO is doing this ahead of the curve so that when money comes, we are ready to go first. We are being proactive.

Member Craig McConnell stated that there is no indication that all signatures have been obtained and that all have been certified. There is no certainty that the TIME initiative would be a ballot item. He questioned the goals and objectives of the program, what to expect if the initiative is passed and will there be a report card on the projects over the 30-years. He was also concerned as the initiative was not specific about what projects were to be completed. Other concerns of Member Craig McConnell were the costs of the infrastructure, as this was not indicated and there needs to be a cost to benefit analysis done by an independent party. Also, what is the net value if the \$42 Billion does become available? He also questioned what would happen if the initiative doesn't pass. Member Craig McConnell indicated that the questions needed to be worked through before the Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee could recommend approval to the Executive Board. The public will want to know the answers.

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney related that Member McConnell's questions have been forwarded to ADOT to be answered prior to the Executive Board meeting.

Chairman Phil Bourdon stated that he has always had concerns about the identification of projects, but feels this is a good starting point. He related that we would see the local cities, towns and counties supplementing the projects. He commented that our state legislatures did not address this, and it has been talked about for many years and no reasonable proposed solution has come from the state legislature. Additionally Chairman Bourdon indicated that he was happy a group came forward which has brought this to the forefront, and that the public should have the opportunity to vote on this. He closed with the comment that he does have questions; however he does support the initiative and feels this should be brought before the Executive Board.

Member Ron Grittmann commented that the recent budget indicated that that \$106 Million was pulled from Highway User Revenue Fund and applied to Department of Public Safety.

Chairman Phil Bourdon stated that the direct impact to Yavapai County was \$1.25 million, and other losses locally. Normal funds have gone flat or are lower than last year. We are losing funds, and there is less revenue generated. He related that this is an opportunity to bring this to the Executive Board

Mrs. Rooney requested a recommendation to deliver the Resolution to the Executive Board for discussion and potential approval.

Member Craig McConnell stated the he could support the Resolution going to the Executive Board for DISCUSSION but that it is premature to recommend approval.

MOTION

Member Craig McConnell made a motion that the CYMPO Multi Modal Technical Advisory Committee (M-TAC) forward the Draft Resolution of Support for the Statewide Transportation Investment Strategy to the Executive Board for discussion by the Executive Board, but without a recommendation by the M-TAC for approval or disapproval. Member Ron Grittmann seconded.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

6. CYMPO DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney related that the Strategic Plan is a management tool that has been cooperatively developed over the last year to formulate essential decisions and actions that shape and direct our organization over the next three to five years. This plan specifically encompasses defining the organization, describing its functions and the expected outcomes of these functions. Mrs. Rooney requested a recommendation to present this to the Executive Board for endorsement. Any modifications will be performed prior to final approval.

MOTION

Member Ron Grittmann made a motion to approve presenting the Strategic Plan, subject to changes, to the Executive Board for endorsement. The motion was seconded by Member Craig McConnell.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

7. 2008 STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD EVENT

Joanne Scardina-Barr, CYMPO Program Manager

With two weeks remaining prior to our Thursday, July 17 reception and dinner, event preparation is approaching completion. As of June 26, 2008, 110 confirmed reception and dinner attendees will participate in the festivities. With the assistance of our generous sponsors, the estimated actual event cost is \$1,884 less than previously budgeted.

A few outstanding items remain:

- Entrée selection from some attendees; deadline July 7th
- July 18, 2008, STB breakfast RSVPs – 44 confirmed
- Final completion of the State and State-Partnered funded Map
- Final completion of the Informational Brochure for the STB members' Gift Baskets.

All expenses were paid out of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget. It was projected that the expense to each jurisdiction was to be \$150.00 and it appears that will be reduced to \$77.00 per jurisdiction.

A special thanks to Chris Bridges of Yavapai County and Deanna Serino of Prescott Valley for preparing maps, CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney for her fund raising efforts and all of the generous sponsors.

8. ARIZONA INTERSECTION SAFETY PLAN

Reed Henry, ADOT

Mr. Henry began the presentation with the 4-E's: engineering, education, enforcement and emergency response. Engineering includes planning and operations; education is very important - that everyone knows the rules and follows the rules; enforcement is also important, that everyone does what they are suppose to do. Emergency response is critical; and it is critical that those involved in accidents receive medical treatment within a reasonable time resulting in a greater success of surviving their injuries. The third leading cause of death is motor vehicle crashes. Safety is extremely important.

It was indicated that \$5.8 billion is the economic loss for crashes in 2005. The plan is zero car crashes; however the actual goal is a 15% reduce between 2008-2012. There was an executive order by the Governor in 2004 to establish a transportation safety plan. It was then that the Transportation Advisory Council was established to look at transportation safety. The plan prepared in 2004-2005 did not meet all requirements of the Federal Legislation. In August 2007 the final safety plan was completed. Mr. Henry displayed a list of all of the Transportation Safety Advisory members.

The study presented that the cause of severe crashes is lack of seat belt use. Speeding was also represented as impaired driving. There was a comparison of urban vs. rural presented and how that compares to Yavapai County, rural with the greater representation. There has been thought to presenting to legislation to increase penalties to get people to buckle-up. Yavapai County is at 77% compared to the overall State at 50%. The teen driving safety act legislation has been implemented.

The data indicated that speeding rated high, but there was not a great number that exceed the speed limit. It's important to address code enforcement as well as education. Impaired driving in Arizona has reduced significantly as Arizona may have the toughest laws in the country. Another cause of

crashes is vehicles going out of the roadway (going into other lanes of traffic) need to also be assessed as well as how to prevent. The biggest challenge is how to obtain funds to implement the program.

Mr. Henry indicated that the program presented is in the implementation phase at this time. The data will need to be evaluated to see what portions are effective. Action teams are looking at developing plans and implementation and funds to do so.

Mr. William, citizen, stated that data he researched indicated an “intersection” problem; however Mr. Henry’s data did not.

9. M-TAC AUGUST RECESS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

Ascertain if an August M-TAC meeting is requisite: M-TAC business and member availability. CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney related that if there was no pressing business that needed to be addressed in August, that M-TAC recess.

MOTION

Member Craig McConnell made a motion that the M-TAC recess for the month of August and have the next meeting the first Thursday in September. The motion was seconded by Chairman Phil Bourdon.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

10. AGENCY UPDATES

Agency updates and project/program reviews were provided by ADOT, Yavapai County, City of Prescott, ADOT Prescott District, and RTAC.

10. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Highway Safety Improvement Program Presentation (Charlene Fitzgerald and/or John Dickson, ADOT)

Regional Project Deposits on Account (COP)

2009 meeting dates

Final cost review of STB

Quarterly CYMPO Budget Review

12. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CYMPO UPDATES

- TRIP public briefing on the TRIP progress to date to be held July 24, 2008, at 2:30 PM at the Yavapai County Supervisors Board Room. Electronic notification includes regional elected officials, our attendee's electronic distribution list, our TACs, transportation providers and the press; an ad will be placed in the newspaper in addition to placement on the website.
- Transportation Enhancement submittals are due in by August 6th for consideration.
- Corridor Studies open house will be held 6-8 pm, July 23rd at the Adult Center on Rosser Street in Prescott.
- League of Cities to be held August 19-23 at the Camelback Inn in Paradise Valley.

13. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- * T-TAC Meeting: Friday, July 11, 2008, 10:30 A.M., PV Conference Community Room #331
(CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.)
- * Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 16, 2008, 6:00 PM, YC Board of Supervisors' Room
(CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting.)
- * State Transportation Board Meeting: July 18, 2008, 8:00 AM, Prescott Valley Town Hall, Magistrate Court
- * T-TAC TRIP Work Session, Friday, July 18, 2008, 1:30 PM, PV 4th Floor Training Room
- * Corridor Studies Open House, Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 6:00PM, Adult Center, Prescott
- * **August:** CYMPO's Executive Board, M-TAC and T-TAC are annually scheduled to be in recess
- * M-TAC Meeting: September 4, 2008, 8:00 AM, Prescott City Hall Council Chambers
(CYMPO Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.)

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by member Craig McConnell to adjourn the meeting with a second by Member Dallas Hammit.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.