



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

**Yavapai County Administration Bldg.
Supervisors Boardroom**

**1015 Fair Street
Prescott, AZ 86303**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Town of Prescott Valley	Mike Flannery, Chairman
City of Prescott	Robert "Bob" Luzius, Vice-Chairman
Town of Chino Valley	Ron Romley, Secretary/Treasurer
Yavapai County	Carol Springer

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

State Transportation Board	William "Bill" Feldmeier
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AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Town of Chino Valley	Ron Gritman
City of Prescott	Craig McConnell
Yavapai County	Phil Bourdon, Mike Willett, Chris Bridges, Elise Link
Town of Prescott Valley	Norm Davis
RTAC	Kevin Adam
ADOT	Dallas Hammit, Don Mauller

CYMPO STAFF PRESENT

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Program Manager	Vicky McLane
Administrative Assistant	Jean Knight

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Fann Contracting	Mike Fann
Civiltec Engineering	Richard Straub
J & K Engineering	Ed Williams
Territorial Transit	Lindsay Bell
Prescott Transit	Steve Silvernale
Prescott Courier	Cindy Barks
General Public	Mike & Mary Merchant

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made through out the room.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS and CYMPO UPDATES

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney announced that there is to be a Complete Streets Town Hall, Thursday, March 26, 2009, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, to be held at Prescott College Crossroads Center, 215 Garden St., Prescott.

Chairman Mike Flannery honored Member Carol Springer for serving as Chairperson for 2008, and presented her with a pen set as thank you appreciation.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: 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 Board need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 28, 2009
MOTION**

Vice Chairman Bob Luzius presented a **Motion** to approve the January 28, 2009, Executive Board minutes. The **Motion** was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Ron Romley.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote was unanimous.

5. REORGANIZATION CHANGES IN ADOT MULTIMODAL PLANNING DIVISION (MPD)

Rakesh Tripathi, ADOT Multimodal Planning Division Director

As Mr. Tripathi was unable to attend the meeting, Chairman Mike Flannery requested this item be tabled until the next Executive Board Meeting.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Bob Luzius presented a **Motion** to table this item until the next Executive Board meeting. The **Motion** was seconded by Secretary / Treasurer Ron Romley.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote was unanimous.

6. STIMULUS PACKAGE (ECONOMIC RECOVERY)

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney indicated that on January 29, 2009, the project list and amended MTIP were e-mailed to Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), with follow-up mailing on January 30, 2009. Concurrently, a letter of support went to our Arizona Delegation. As fast as this stimulus is moving, we may need to keep this item on subsequent agendas (with possible action) to give us room to maneuver.

Once all of the projects are received by ADOT they will have to be prioritized and sent to the State Transportation Board for approval. Member Bret Anderson related that as more details are received from Congress, things will move fast and there may be requests for changes or updates to the list.

There will be a web-site available to help with the transparency component for the public with the list of projects. Transportation is just one component of the recovery money. Our region has identified \$94.6 million in projects and obviously we will not receive funding for all of this. Mrs. Rooney related that she had just received information from Gail Lewis, Policy & Governmental Affairs at ADOT, and it was discussed that there

was \$522 million to Arizona, the total “Bill” is estimated to be \$789 billion. In AZ the breakdown includes \$16 million for transportation enhancement “ready to go” projects. Of the next \$157 million, there is a 30% set-aside or “sub-allocation” that is provided to different regions in our state. Of that amount the Tucson region is \$15 million, Phoenix region is \$106 million and \$36 million for the greater Arizona area. There is still the process to get the approval from Federal Highways Administration (FHWA). The final is \$350 million from ADOT for state projects, which has to go to the State Transportation Board for the priority process. According to the information received from Gail Lewis, we could be awarded as soon as March 13, 2009.

Kevin Adam from Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) related that it is not only a very fluid process, but that things are moving very rapidly. It is still a work in progress, basically how the money is to be allocated. There are two factors on how the money is going to be distributed. Almost a month ago, the former ADOT director held a study session for the board, and at that point we thought the pot of money was a bit bigger. The State may keep some of the sub allocated funds. There is quite a bit of discussion on the way the funds are to be distributed. Where it is most relevant is in the sub allocation, which is money that is supposed to go to the locals. However, with the formulas that are being used to distribute that money, there is quite a bit of debate even in Washington, with the Federal Highways Administration over how much flexibility the states have to retain some of the money. There is a 30% requirement to sub allocate; there is indication that there is intent on the part of the State to keep some of that money. He also indicated that the rural areas may only receive 50%. There are many questions that still need to be answered. The State Board of Transportation has their next meeting Friday, February 20, 2009, so hopefully there will be better clarify, at least on the direction. The Federal government is required to have funding to the states within 21 days of enactment of the Bill, so within 3 weeks; and, states will have 120 days to obligate at least half of that money and the remaining amount has to be obligated within the year.

Mr. Adam also added that \$8.4 billion was appropriated for transit and \$1.1 billion for airports. Those projects will have to go through the state process as well; projects will have to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program. The previous ADOT Director had proposed that the RAAC is the formula to be utilized. The sub allocated money, (the money to the local areas) are federal formulas that heavily favor the bigger urbanized areas, which are over 200,000 in population. They tend to favor per capita of formula funding.

Steve Silvernale, Prescott Transit Authority, questioned if there was anything ready to go to put forward for the stimulus package for the transit. Mrs. Rooney responded that we do not as there is criteria that has to be met, primarily, as the transit money is Capital Money; the issue is that we do not have the operations part of the transit system. The FTA would not allow us to purchase buses that were just going to be parked.

Kevin Adam, RTAC, responded that there is a two tier funding process of transit as there is with highways, where the first half needs to be obligated in 180 days, and the second tier is a year out. There is time to participate on the second tier.

Lindsay Bell, Territorial Transit, related that she also requested that CYMPO at least explore the possibility of discussing this at the T-TAC meeting. She questioned if we could take advantage of the transit stimulus money through partnerships with some of the local providers. Chairman Mike Flannery requested that CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney research and respond to Lindsay Bell.

7. BUDGET CYCLE

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney related that CYMPO staff is underway with budget preparation. One item that is forecasted last cycle was an interim update to the long range plan. If there are any other work items that will need to be incorporated into the budget/UPWP, please bring them forward. At this time Mrs. Rooney does not anticipate much change on the operations end of the budget and explained that the City of Prescott is the fiduciary arm for CYMPO. What occurs is that with most federal money, everything has to be paid upfront and wait for reimbursement to come back to the organization. She then explained what studies were just completed

and what may overlap. Mrs. Rooney questioned the board if there were other projects that they may want to add and related that for the fiscal year 2010, that the 2030 Plan update was scheduled.

There were no additional projects brought forward by the Executive Board. CYMPO Administrator advised the board that a draft will be brought before the TAC and the Executive Board before this would be finished.

8. CORRIDOR STUDY: SR 169 CONNECTOR TO FAIN ROAD

Phil Bourdon, Yavapai County

Phil Bourdon stated that this is part of the two studies being completed by Civiltec Engineering. This study did come to the M-TAC on Feb 5, 2009, and the committee unanimously approved the study as final. This has been brought to the Executive Board has the option to accept the study as final, have the item brought back to the Executive Board after further review, or for the Executive Board to take no action.

Secretary/Treasurer Ron Romley questioned if the board had reviewed the final document; Mr. Bourdon related the actual document had not been reviewed but over the study period all aspects have been discussed. The maps of the corridor study for the Fain Road project were presented to the public and explained by Mr. Bourdon. The recommendation for this corridor came with minimal opposition. Member Carol Springer related that there wasn't any controversy over this particular study; issues with property owners were discussed and resolved and public comments were addressed.

MOTION

Member Carol Springer presented a **Motion** to accept the study as final. Secretary/Treasurer Ron Romley seconded the **Motion**.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote was unanimous.

9. CORRIDOR STUDIES CHINO VALLEY EXTENSION

Phil Bourdon, Yavapai County

Chairman Mike Flannery commented that this item needed to come back to the Executive Board for final execution. He also noted that although the routes studied were neither approved nor acceptable to the public and some of the Executive Board members, the information needed to remain in the document to show the "homework".

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator, related that the M-TAC took into consideration the Executive Board comments from last month regarding this item. Phil Bourdon indicated that the comments of the Executive Board are incorporated into the final document. He read the actual action that the M-TAC recommended at their meeting on February 5, 2009.

MOTION

Member Carol Springer presented a **Motion** to accept the study providing a disclaimer noting the Executive Board preference of Alternative CV8 to end at a point on SR89 approximately at Road 5 North to Road 6 North and not to extend CV8 north across the Verde River. The **Motion** was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Ron Romley.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote was unanimous.

10. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

- Economic Recovery-Stimulus Package
- UPWP / Budget
- Transit Preference Survey
- MTIP (Economic Recovery)
- Update Boundary MPO Map
- MPD Reorganization Changes

11. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- State Transportation Board Meeting, Feb. 20, 2009, Bullhead City.
- M-TAC Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 5, 2009, 8:00 AM, Prescott City Hall Council Chambers.
(*CYMPO Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.*)
- T-TAC Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 12, 2009, 8:00 AM, Prescott Valley Town Hall, Conf. Room #406.
(*CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.*)
- Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, Mar.18, 2009, 6PM, Yavapai County Board of Supervisor's Room, Fair St., Prescott.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mike Flannery adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.