



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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

**Thursday, March 6, 2008  
8:00 A.M.**

**Prescott Council Chambers  
City Hall**

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

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**AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Yavapai County	Chairman Phil Bourdon
Town of Prescott Valley	Vice-Chairman Norm Davis
ADOT Prescott District	Cliff Passmore, Alternate for Dallas Hammit
ADOT Transportation Planning Division	Sandra Gilbert
City of Prescott	Craig McConnell
Prescott National Forest	Cynthia Moody
Town of Chino Valley	Ron Gritman

**AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND**

ADOT Prescott District	Dallas Hammit
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**AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NON-VOTING)**

City of Prescott	Councilman Bob Luzius
Federal Highway Administration	Jermaine Hannon, Layne Patton
State Transportation Board	Bill Feldmeier
Yavapai County	Chris Bridges, Elise Link, Supervisor Carol Springer, Mike Willett

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

Bradshaw PR (Cavan)	Al Bradshaw
Citizens	Sal Morice, Sandy Willett
CivilTec	Richard Straub
DVCA	Walt Matthew
Fann Construction	Michael Fann
Prescott Alternative Transportation (PAT)	Lisa Barnes
Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee	Derek Brownlee
Prescott Daily Courier	Cindy Barks

**CYMPO STAFF**

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Program Manager	Joanne Scardina-Barr
Administrative Assistant	Terri Ealy

**MEETING MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 A.M.** **Phil Bourdon, Chairman**
- 2. ROLL CALL – Terri Ealy, CYMPO Administrative Assistant**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** *The public may 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 addressed highway safety concerns (east of Heather Heights) and would like the matter looked into. Chairman Phil Bourdon referred the matter to Cliff Passmore of ADOT.

Derek Brownlee, representing Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee and Prescott Alternative Transportation, presented three safety concerns regarding the SR69/89 construction. Chairman Phil Bourdon referred the matter to Cliff Passmore, ADOT Prescott District, to check into these issues at the interchange construction area.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 7, 2008**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairman Norm Davis introduced a motion to approve the February 7, 2008, meeting minutes. Member Craig McConnell seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PARA PRESENTATION (Small Area Transportation Study):  
NEW FORMAT**

*Sandy Gilbert, ADOT Transportation Planning Division*

This item number was conducted after item number 6 to allow time for the presenter, Sandy Gilbert, to arrive from Phoenix, which occurred at 8:09 A.M.

Member Gilbert presented the new Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program, which is replacing the Small Area Transportation Study (SATS) program. The presentation included the reasons for change, and details of the old system versus the new system. During this transition to the new PARA, the current SATS will continue until completion.

Other items discussed in the presentation included contractual obligations of ADOT, the application development and submittal process along with additional required information, evaluation criteria, and the next steps. ADOT Workshops will be held in March, April, and May, 2008, and applications will be mailed in May, 2008, with application due back to ADOT by June 30, 2008, by 4:00 P.M. For questions regarding this program, contact Sandy Gilbert, ADOT Transportation Planning Division.

6. **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP):  
POTENTIAL SHIFT OF CURRENT FUNDING FROM CONSTRUCTION  
TO DESIGN REGARDING THE VIEWPOINT TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE**

*Phil Bourdon, Yavapai County*

Member Craig McConnell commented that beyond the discussions of this project last month, more of a policy discussion exists in using STP funding for planning purposes versus construction. This major

construction project fits the criteria of an opportunity to leverage quite significantly with a relatively small amount of money.

Chairman Phil Bourdon affirmed that although this changes how STP funds have been used in the past, it is a system improvement. This design funding will be recognized by ADOT as part of our contribution in a partnership, and partnerships make it to the top of the ADOT 5-Year Program.

Vice-Chairman Norm Davis noted that as a group and a region, this project has been identified yearly. Chairman Phil Bourdon stated his main concern is to assure that the design goes through the ADOT Project Management as quickly as possible. Since it will be managed out of Phoenix, the selection process will be started as soon as possible, upon CYMPO Executive Board approval.

The floor was opened to public comment. Councilman Bob Luzius mentioned for the record that he stands against this decision due to setting an unusual precedent, and he would like to see the funds go to the Side Road Traffic Interchange.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairman Norm Davis introduced a motion recommending to the Executive Board the approval of FY06-07 STP funds from construction to design for the Viewpoint Traffic Interchange; furthermore, the remaining FY06-07 STP funds credited to future construction of the Viewpoint Traffic Interchange. Member Ron Grittmann seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

**7. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP):  
PROGRAMMING OF FUTURE FUNDING FY-08 & FY-09**

*Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator*

Approximately \$688,000.00 per year is allocated for projects from the STP funding program. At the Strategic Planning Session Four meeting, prominent projects in the region were addressed as potential projects for this funding.

Discussions among the M-TAC members resulted in the Side Road Traffic Interchange project being most strongly advocated for the STP FY08-09 funds. This project, estimated at approximately \$18 million, is at the point of submitting to ADOT for design concept approval; construction will commence in 2009. The Side Road TI represents a public/private partnership that includes City of Prescott, Yavapai County, Granite Dells Estates, and Cavan Investments.

**MOTION:** Member Craig McConnell introduced a motion to recommend to the Executive Board for approval consideration for the use of the FY08-09 STP funds for the Side Road Traffic Interchange. Vice-Chairman Norm Davis seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

**8. MAP: CENTRAL YAVAPAI METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION REGIONAL SYSTEM**

*Chris Bridges, Yavapai County*

The CYMPO Regional System Map, having moved through the iteration process, was presented for approval consideration to be adopted as an official MPO map.

Discussions brought forward suggestions for making a few further changes such as adding a new color to highlight an access-controlled grade-separated facility, and indicating specifically “controlled access facility.”

The floor was opened to the public for comment. Sal Morice addressed the M-TAC and presented a map to show a hazardous situation for a community that sits at a curve along SR169 with traffic commuting from I-17 to SR69. He requested consideration be made for these potential problem areas. Chairman Phil Bourdon referred the matter to Cliff Passmore to check into for any possible safety concerns.

**MOTION:** Member Craig McConnell introduced a motion to recommend to the Executive Board for approval the revised CYMPO Regional System map noting controlled access facility, and the inclusion of the Eastern Corridor. Member Ron Grittmann seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

## **9. GREAT WESTERN ROAD STUDY**

*Mike Willett, Yavapai County*

This 2008 study examines what it would take to build a free flow connection between SR89 and SR89A as recommended in the 2002 Corridor Location Report (Glassford Hill Road and SR89). The report identifies the difficult constructability over an existing diamond interchange, traffic control, and cost issues. At the suggestions of the ADOT Prescott District, a second location was examined at Great Western Road with a free flow connection, and the recommendation based on the report is to build a free flow connection at Great Western Road and SR89A with Glassford Hill as another connection extending north approximately 2 miles from SR89A to Great Western Road to meet the criteria of the 1.9 mile spacing per interchanges.

Member Craig McConnell commented that this major facility project, in configuration with the Great Western Traffic Interchange, is fluid enough to go into the Design Concept Report process, of which a thorough assessment of transportation demand, land use, and access will be conducted. Chairman Phil Bourdon concurred that many issues will be flushed out of the Design Concept Report. The County’s goal is to close this planning level study, move forward with completing the Design Concept Report, work as a partnership on the project, move forward in the stakeholder process, including all parties public and private, and acquire right-of-way. Access issues will be a part of the process to address mobility and working with the adjacent landowners. Member Grittmann commented on how regionally significant the proposal of this major access controlled facility is that will link I-17 to I-40. Chairman Phil Bourdon added that a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to move forward with the Design Concept Report will be made. Also discussed was the importance to link up the Side Road Connector in the Design Concept Report, and identify an appropriate connection point for that area.

Referring to the map presented, Mike Willett made final comments regarding the potential for development. Constructing the Great Western Road as a controlled access facility could increase market base as well as protect the mobility. Vice Chairman Norm Davis suggested that after the map is officially accepted and approved that it is posted on the CYMPO website for public review. Member Craig McConnell suggested including the Eastern Corridor in the final CYMPO map.

The floor was opened up to the public for comment. Al Bradshaw, owner of the Bradshaw Public Relations and Governmental Affairs firm, spoke on behalf of Cavan Real Estate Investments Company. Cavan owns the property that extends from the east side of the airport and eastward toward the town limits of Prescott Valley, and on the south from Granite Dells Estates northward to Chino Valley. Cavan has reviewed this latest study and the proposed route is adjacent to the Cavan property, which could have implications for access and land planning uses. The Cavan land planners and engineers look forward to being fully involved in the process of moving forward with all the stakeholders in discussions that will lead to a consensus on this project. Chairman Phil Bourdon mentioned that all alignments reviewed in the past will be reviewed in the Design Concept Report during the alternatives analysis.

Sal Morice requested that when posting the map to the CYMPO website to include the Prescott National Forest area in a more obvious manner than the current marking of federal land. Chairman Phil Bourdon acknowledged it would be taken into consideration.

**10. CORRIDOR STUDIES WORKING GROUP: CONTRACT UPDATE FOR SR169 CONNECTOR TO FAIN ROAD & THE CHINO VALLEY EXTENSION**

*Craig McConnell, City of Prescott*

The corridor studies contract agreement with CivilTec/HDR for the SR169 Connector to Fain Road and the Chino Valley Extension was discussed among the City of Prescott council at their Tuesday, March 4, 2008, meeting, and was placed on the consent agenda for approval at the Tuesday, March 11, 2008, meeting.

**11. STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD: JULY 2008 EVENT**

*Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator*

As noted previously, the significance of having the Board here is that we shall have the opportunity to personally discuss our transportation issues with them. The event planned for July 17, 2008, will be at the Hassayampa Golf Club; we are moving forward with preparations. This week the invitation list was sent out for modification.

**12. AGENCY UPDATES**

ADOT Prescott District, ADOT Transportation Planning Division, City of Prescott, Prescott National Forest Service, Town of Chino Valley, Town of Prescott Valley, and Yavapai County M-TAC members provided brief project updates.

### **13. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CYMPO UPDATES**

- Framework Studies have commenced at the statewide level to identify transportation needs for years 2030 – 2050.
- An opportunity has been presented for a rural safety initiative and this endeavor addresses five key goals: safer drivers, better roads, smarter roads, better trained emergency responders, and improved outreach and partnerships. Applications for the Rural Safety Innovation program are due by April 14, 2008. If interested, please contact Jodi Rooney for further information.
- The AzTA Conference will be held in Tucson from March 30 to April 2, 2008.
- The call for projects was sent out for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) initiating the process for our list of capital projects. The MTIP will be posted during a public comment period.

### **14. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- \* T-TAC Meeting: Friday, March 14, 2008, 9:00 A.M., PV Town Hall Community Room 331 (CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.)
- \* Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 6:00 P.M., YC Supervisors' Board Room (CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting.)
- \* Arizona Roads and Streets Conference: March 19-21, 2008, Tucson, AZ (A large, annual event for Arizona engineers and contractors from the public and private sectors.)
- \* State Transportation Board Meeting: Friday, March 21, 2008, Tucson, AZ
- \* M-TAC Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2008, 8:00 A.M., Prescott City Hall Council Chambers (CYMPO Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.)

### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Member Craig McConnell introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Phil Bourdon seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously, and meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.