

CENTRAL YAVAPAI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION 7501 E. Civic Circle, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Wednesday, December 16, 2009 8:00 A.M.

Yavapai County Administration Bldg. Supervisors Boardroom 1015 Fair Street Prescott, AZ 86305

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Town of Prescott Valley Mike Flannery, Chairman

Town of Chino Valley Ron Romley, Secretary/Treasurer

Yavapai County Carol Springer Town of Dewey-Humboldt David Nystrom

State Transportation Board William "Bill" Feldmeier City of Prescott Marlin Kuykendall

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Yavapai County Phil Bourdon, Chris Bridges, Mike Willett

City of Prescott Craig McConnell

Town of Prescott Valley Vice-Mayor Lora Lee Nye

Yavapai County Elise Link

CYMPO STAFF PRESENT

Administrator Jodi Rooney
Program Coordinator Jean Knight
Administrative Assistant Deb Hernandez

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Arizona Game & Fish Trevor Buhr

Citizen Sandy Willett, Mike Merchant, Mike Damiano

Prescott Bicycle Advocacy Committee Derek Brownlee

The Nature Conservancy Magill Weber, Kimberly Schonek

Sierra Club Gary Beverly
Prescott Courier Cindy Barks

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Flannery at **8:01 A.M.** Deb Hernandez, CYMPO Administrative Assistant, performed roll call.

2. 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 not comments from the public.

3. BUILDING A QUALITY ARIZONA (bqAZ)

Mike Flannery, CYMPO Chairman

CYMPO Chairman Flannery related ADOT has sponsored a framework study of Arizona's integrated transportation system. They are still in the process of taking public comment before finalizing this study in January 2010. CYMPO has been involved and it is necessary certain issues be addressed.

Magill Weber from the Nature Conservancy indicated their displeasure of the placement of the Verde River crossing. When comparing the natural infrastructure study with ADOT's proposal, she had concerns with Big Chino Valley – Verde River crossing. A bridge going over Stillman Lake would be detrimental to wildlife mitigation. The Nature Conservancy supports the plan CYMPO presented to ADOT and would like to see a change in ADOT's mapping.

Bill Feldmeier asked how long the Nature Conservancy has been requesting this change. Ms. Weber indicated since 2008.

Yavapai County Assistant Public Works Director Mike Willett presented a power-point showing the roadway CYMPO proposed after the regional corridor studies were completed. This proposed roadway would potentially connect I-17 to I-40. Yavapai County has worked for years on the Great Western Corridor study, which is nearing completion. This planning study looks to the year 2030, bqAZ goes to 2050; CYMPO might consider extending planning efforts. The Statewide map CYMPO proposed did not include the level of grid mapping currently considered.

Member Feldmeier asked how the grid stayed involved – how did it live beyond our decision? Chairman Flannery responded, that at the last meeting in Flagstaff, it was requested of ADOT to remove the grid from their map; possibly ADOT is waiting until the end of the comment period to clear the grid from their maps.

1. Chino Valley Extension Map Modification / Verde River Crossing

MOTION

Member Springer presented a **Motion** to request that ADOT modify bqAZ maps by removing the line on all maps that show a crossing of the Verde River near SR89. The maps in the bqAZ study should be consistent with the results of the CYMPO Chino Valley Extension study to show that roadway would terminate at SR89 in the vicinity of Road 5 North and Road 6 North. The **Motion** was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Romley.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote was unanimous.

2. Big Chino Valley / I-40 Grid Network

MOTION

Member Springer presented a **Motion** to request ADOT to remove the Big Chino Valley I-40 grid network from all the bqAZ maps (and show only one major route through that area as indicated by the "blue line" on the map presented to the Executive Board). The **Motion** was seconded by Member Nystrom.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The vote was unanimous.

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The Executive Board gave direction for CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney to draft a letter to ADOT clarifying CYMPO's position on these two items. Mrs. Rooney indicated she would immediately draft a letter and submit it to the Executive Board Chairman for signature prior to electronically mailing to ADOT. Additionally, the original would be personally delivered to the Arizona State Transportation Meeting Friday, December 18, 2009.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Flannery adjourned the meeting at 8:35 AM.