



**METROPOLITAN
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ORGANIZATION**

**CENTRAL YAVAPAI
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2007
6:00 PM**

**Yavapai County Administration Bldg
Board of Supervisors**

**1015 Fair Street
Prescott, AZ 86303**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town of Chino Valley	Karen Fann, Chairperson
City of Prescott	Bob Roecker (Alternate for Bob Bell, Vice-Chairperson)
Yavapai County	Carol Springer, Secretary-Treasurer
Town of Prescott Valley	Bob Edwards (Alternative for Mike Flannery, Member)
AZ State Transportation Board	William (Bill) Feldmeier, Member

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

ADOT Prescott District	Dallas Hammit
City of Prescott	Bob Luzius, Craig McConnell
Town of Prescott Valley	Norm Davis
Yavapai County	Phil Bourdon, Mike Willett, Chris Bridges, Elise Link

STAFF PRESENT:

CYMPO Administrator	Jodi Rooney
CYMPO Admin. Assistant	Joanne Scardina-Barr

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Citizens	T. Aldington, Alvin Charter, Gertrude Charter, Joe Morley, Sofia Mitchell, James Quinlan, Natalie Tilman, Sandy Willett, Jack Wilson
CIVILTEC	Rick Shroads
Dava & Associates	Dava Hoffman
D.V.C.A.	Walt Matthew
NACOG (Agency on Aging)	Patricia Perez
Prescott Transit	Steve Silvernale
Prescott UU Fellow.	Ann Tourie
NAIC	Doris Piatak, Roger Robinson, Thelma Robinson, Mike Wilkey
Territorial Transit	Lindsay Bell

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Fann called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board members and attending elected officials were introduced.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS and CYMPO UPDATES

- ADOT's new Road Safety Audit (RSA) program is a formal user safety examination of future and existing roadways by an independent multi-disciplinary team.
- Arizona Transportation Association's (AzTA) annual conference is to be held in Sedona, April 17 – 19th.
- A letter of support was mailed last month for the Del E. Webb School of Construction at ASU.
- The Corridor Studies Working Group will be meeting March 26, 2007 focusing on prioritizing existing corridors within our region for the purpose of allocating planning funds.
- A call for projects has been made for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) which consists of regional and local projects. These projects will become part of ADOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).
- Transportation and Infrastructure Moving Arizona's Economy Coalition (TIME) is requesting Yavapai County representation on their 12-member committee.

3. **CALL TO 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.

Patricia Perez, representing the NACOG Area Agency on Aging, voiced support for public transportation to assist area senior citizens participating in their agency's employment training and placement program.

Board Member Springer proposed that the CYMPO TAC and Executive Board consider coming update of the 2030 Long Range Plan including possible expansion of the CYMPO Planning Boundary Area.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
MOTION

Board Member Feldmeier introduced a motion to approve the Executive Board Meeting minutes of February 21, 2007. Board Member Springer seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. **RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY COUNCIL (RTAC)**

Kevin Adams from RTAC provided a 2007 State Legislative update, commenting on the status of various House and Senate Bills which impact rural Arizona. (*Attachment I*)

ADOT estimates that long-term transportation needs will require approximately \$50 billion. 2007 Legislative Session activity is proactive in addressing the State's short and long-term transportation needs; future ballot measures for funding will likely be proposed. Allocation of such funds to insure appropriate distribution throughout the State will be a continuing issue.

6. **2030 LONG RANGE PLAN – SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE**

Mike Willett, Yavapai County, commented that the recently adopted 2030 Long Range Plan requires environmental and land management amendments be SAFETEA-LU compliant by July 1, 2007. Lima & Associates have prepared a scope of work and budget to meet this Federal requirement. At their March 1, 2007, the TAC meeting approved a motion recommending Executive Board approval of this document.

MOTION

Board Member Springer introduced a motion to approve the 2030 Long Range Plan scope and budget to bring this document into SAFETEA-LU Compliance. Alternate Board Member Roecker seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion was approved unanimously.

7. **DRAFT TRANSIT STUDY PRESENTATION & PROPOSED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

David Sharfarz of Nelson/Nygaard, the CYMPO Regional Transit Study consultant, provided an overview of the Draft Final Report of the Transit Study Preferred Service Alternatives and general update since his presentation to the Board in October 2006. (*Attachment II*)

The four preferred service alternatives are:

- Alternative 1: Improved Locally Funded Voucher Program building incrementally on the existing voucher program with little increased cost.
- Alternative 2: Federally Assisted Voucher Program with General Public Shared Ride Taxi System (SRT) that would include general public participation in the voucher program allowing for a new fare policy and eligibility for Federal Transportation Association (FTA) Section 5307 funds. Ridership under this alternative would be more than double that of the FY 06 existing voucher program.
- Alternative 3: Limited Service Fixed Route System with ADA Complementary Paratransit Vouchers is a three-fixed route system in Prescott and Prescott Valley utilizing five buses for weekday and Saturday service. The existing voucher system would be refocused to meet ADA Complementary Paratransit requirements and be available to the public in outlying areas. This alternative is eligible for FTA Section 5307 funding.

- Alternative 4: Full Service Fixed Route System with ADA Complementary Paratransit Vouchers would encompass a 6-fixed route system in the CYMPO service area requiring 11 buses with weekday/Saturday service. This alternative is also eligible for FTA Section 5307 funding and requires refocusing the current voucher program to meet ADA complementary paratransit requirements.

Projected Annual Ridership Alternatives comparisons for 2010 – 2025 notes suggest consistent ridership for Alternatives 1 & 2 and increased ridership over time for Alternatives 3 & 4. Respectively, Alternatives Cost Comparison from 2010 – 2025 illustrated relatively flat cost increases for Alternatives 1 & 2 but incremental escalation for Alternatives 3 & 4. Mr. Sharfarz noted that the information presented for both ridership and costs from 2010 – 2025 were based only on the initial service levels and not extrapolated by increased demand or service levels. New local funding will be required for Alternatives 3 & 4.

Those members of the public commenting so far have expressed a clear preference for a fixed route system.

Mr. Sharfarz remarked that Alternative 2, Federally Assisted Voucher Program, was a legitimate effort to enhance transit service and could be monitored for 1-2 years while the next steps to be taken are considered.

Questions from the Executive Board and public included: whether transit usage can be combined with local school transportation; the need for transit service by senior citizens and other specific populations; once the public is educated on the use and availability of the refocused voucher system a significant unmet demand may result; and, the impact on a transit system on non-profit agencies van systems.

The next step for the Draft Final Transit Study is an opportunity for public comment to be incorporated into the Final Study. The proposed public comment period is from March 22 – April 4, 2007. Copies of the Final Draft Transit Study will be available on the CYMPO website, Prescott's Town Clerk's Office, the Prescott Library, Prescott Valley's Town Clerk Office and Library, and Chino Valley's Town Clerk's Office and Public Library.

The Technical Advisory Board (TAC) and the Executive Board will review the public comments received at their April 5 and April 18 meetings, respectively.

MOTION

Board Member Springer introduced a motion to approve a Final Draft Transit Study public comment period from March 22, through April 4, 2007. Alternate Board Member Roecker seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion was unanimously approved.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- * TAC: Thursday, April 5, 2007, 8:00 AM, Prescott Council Chambers
- * State Transportation Board: Friday, April 13, 2007, ADOT Tentative 5-Year Program Public Hearing, Tucson, AZ
- * Executive Board: Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 6:00 p.m., Yavapai County Supervisors Board Room
- * State Transportation Board: Friday, April 20, 2007, Public Hearing & Meeting, Phoenix, AZ

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fann called for meeting adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

MOTION

Alternate Board Member Roecker presented the motion to adjourn; seconded by Board Member Springer.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion was unanimously approved.