

**CENTRAL YAVAPAI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 7, 2006
8:00 a.m.
Prescott Council Chambers
201 S. Cortez St., Prescott, Arizona**

AGENCY VOTING TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NON-VOTING)

City of Prescott	Bob Bell
Federal Highway Administration	Jermaine Hannon
State Transportation Board	Bill Feldmeier
Yavapai County	Carol Springer, Mike Willett, Chris Bridges

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

DVCA	Walt Matthew
Citizens	Michael Fann, Sandy Willett
CWAG	Ken Janecek
League of Women Voters- Yavapai County	June Ruth
NAIC	Doris Piatak
Prescott Alternative Transportation	Lisa Barnes

CYMPO STAFF

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Administrative Assistant	Joanne Scardina Barr

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

CYMPO Administrative Assistant, Joanne Scardina Barr, called roll by jurisdiction. All were present with the exception of Sandra Gilbert who arrived at 8:05 a.m. and Vice-Chairman Ron Grittman who arrived at 8:30 a.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman McConnell explained that the public may comment on individual agenda items as each item is considered by the TAC, subject to a time limit of three (3) minutes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 2, 2006

MOTION

Norm Davis introduced a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2006, TAC meeting with Vice-Chairman Grittman seconding the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADOPTION OF THE LONG RANGE PLAN (2030 Travel Demand Model)

Mike Willett, Yavapai County

Mike Willett reported that this document has completed the required 30-day public review period on November 17, 2006. A few comments were received, primarily from unincorporated areas of Yavapai County and subsequently incorporated into the document along with the responses to those comments. The document is now ready for TAC consideration and approval for submission to the Executive Board at their special meeting slated for 9:30 a.m. today.

Appreciation for their extensive efforts in producing a good, concise and understandable document was extended to Mike Willett, Yavapai County Staff and the consultants, Lima & Associates. Additionally, this document complements the Regional Transit Study due to be completed in February 2007.

Chairman McConnell opened the discussion for public comment. Ken Janecek, a resident of Williamson Valley and representing CWAG, mentioned that he is awaiting a reply to his comments on the 2030 Plan. Jodi Rooney remarked that the public involvement process includes providing a formal response to all comments received after the document is reviewed and approved by the CYMPO Executive Board.

MOTION

Phil Bourdon moved to recommend the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan, also known as the 2030 Travel Demand Model, to the Executive Board for endorsement. Norm Davis seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO

Jodi Rooney reviewed the Plan history noting that it was developed prior to February 2006 and had completed the public process review period. Due to the resignation of the former CYMPO Administrator during that timeframe, however, the document was not formally adopted. In order to meet current Federal regulations, the plan was revised and updated; and is now ready to be recommended to the Executive Board for approval. For the benefit of those attending the meeting, Jodi Rooney reviewed the table of contents of the Public Participation Plan.

Chairman McConnell noted that this plan is a key element of Federal SAFETEA-LU compliance. Jodi Rooney mentioned that Jermaine Hannon from the Federal Highways Administration provided information which was incorporated into this document. Mr. Hannon stated that document is SAFETEA-LU compliant.

Prior to the motion, a few, non-substantive, minor corrections were noted which will be incorporated into the final document.

MOTION

Norm Davis moved to recommend the Public Participation Plan with minor edits to the CYMPO Executive Board for adoption. Phil Bourdon seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion was unanimously approved.

7. AGENCY UPDATES

Dallas Hammit, ADOT, Prescott District

- On December 6, 2006, ADOT celebrated 15 years of partnering with their project contractors and other stakeholders. Initially, it began as a communication tool in working with contractors but it soon incorporated stakeholders as well involving those affected by a project. Statewide partnering awards were presented at this event.
- The Chino Valley SR 89 project contract design proposals were delivered with 12 responses received. Winning firm notification is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 in order to begin cost proposal and negotiations. The selection for the Construction Manager (Contractor) is scheduled for January. This is the first time ADOT has used Contract Manager At Risk which will select a contractor based on qualifications rather than low bid affording an opportunity for more innovative project ideas
- SR 89/89A Traffic Interchange (TI) project is being advertised with submissions due January 11, 2007, and award (contingent on an acceptable bid) at the February 2007 State Transportation Board meeting.
- On December 7, 2007, a public meeting will be held in Mayer to discuss the Cordes Junction TI. In June 2006 two plans were presented. Subsequent to that presentation, a request was made to ADOT to revise the plans without the use of, or at least reduce the number of roundabouts on the project. That concern was addressed and a revised plan will be presented at this meeting.
- ADOT reported to the local agencies a plan that would meet the Hazard Elimination Enhancements for Safety funding on the SR 69 Safety Improvements. Although ADOT had developed a plan to make SR69 safer and preserve functionality for users, local governments requested that alternatives to the proposed Jersey barrier be explored. Accordingly, the approach is being reconsidered to possibly include "out-of-the-box" alternatives balancing safety, access, and aesthetics. ADOT's goal is to vehicles from crossing over the barrier. What would constitute an acceptable reduction is still to be determined. Once a plan is completed and approved, given the high priority and since funding is available, construction could begin late in the current fiscal year.
- The State Transportation Board approved reprogramming of the SR69/SR89 traffic interchange project. A few additional meetings will be scheduled for review of the design plans, and to provide any public information/involvement which may be necessary. Advertisement of the project for construction bids is anticipated later in the current fiscal year.

Vice-Chairman Ron Grittman, Chino Valley

- A discussion with Bill Leister, CAAG, sponsoring agency for the January 2007 Rural Transportation Summit, resulted in the possibility of including an item on this event agenda; perhaps a panel discussion or action item of where to go from here based upon the three transportation summits presented this year. The TAC agreed that a working group meeting should be arranged to develop a proposal to present to CAAG on this opportunity. CYMPO will arrange the meeting prior to the January 4, 2007, TAC

meeting. Jodi Rooney also mentioned that the COGS and MPOs are currently in dialog on short range and long-range infrastructure needs and solutions such as immediate needs reconnaissance studies, tolls roads, gas indexing, and public surveys.

Chairman McConnell, City of Prescott

- An unsolicited comment to Chairman McConnell from a local resident taking her children to school via Iron Springs Road noted that the traffic was flowing better with the construction contract traffic control measures than it did before. This project will be ongoing for over a year.
- Based on intergovernmental agreements between ADOT and Yavapai County, and Yavapai County and the City of Prescott, the Side Road traffic interchange on SR89A is a local responsibility, with the City responsible for design and implementation. The design contract has been awarded and Phase I, to determine the interchange configuration and footprint, will begin in December.

8. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CYMPO UPDATES

Norm Davis, Prescott Valley

- The Regional Transit Study being performed by Nelson\Nygaard is proceeding on schedule. On October 19, 2006, the Executive Board was presented with three (3) transit service alternatives developed by the consultant, each providing a different level of service and associated cost estimate. In November 2006 the alternatives were subsequently presented for information and comments at three public meetings in the Towns of Chino Valley and Prescott Valley, and the City of Prescott. Public input resulting from these meetings will be incorporated into the final document scheduled for completion in February 2007. Additionally, in January, the consultant will provide a "technical memo" specifically outlining available grant funding.
- An ADOT Transit Division meeting focusing on public transportation coordination and the AZ Rides Program is scheduled on Monday, December 11, 2006, from 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm. This is part of a statewide information/funding program and complements our current Transit Study.

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO

- On Tuesday, December 5, 2006 CYMPO hosted a Transportation Growth & Interconnectivity Summit in Phoenix at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix. The meeting focused on the Prescott Urbanized Area and how it interconnects with the rest of the state. Approximately 130 persons attended this informative event, many from different disciplines, affording an opportunity to familiarize those outside our area with information on growth and the infrastructure challenges we face.

9. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Chairman McConnell reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule:

- * Executive Board: Wednesday, December 7, 2006, 9:30 a.m., following the TAC meeting. The agenda includes the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Public Participation Plan. This meeting replaces the regularly scheduled meeting on December 20, 2006.
- * State Transportation Board: Friday, December 15, 2006, Tucson, 9:00 a.m. Agenda includes CMAR projects-Construction Manager At Risk. SR89 is a construction pilot project that will be discussed in tandem with the CMAR process, itself.
- * TAC: Thursday, January 4, 2006, 8:00 a.m., Prescott City Hall Chambers.

- * 9th Annual Rural Transportation Summit: Wednesday, January 17-19, 2007, Casa Grande, AZ
- * Executive Board: Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 6:00 pm, Prescott Council Chambers
(Note the location change and different date for this meeting only.)

Lisa Barnes, Prescott Alternative Transportation, inquired about applying for Safe Routes to School grants and associated evaluation of applications received. She was advised that Safe Routes to School Program information was available on the ADOT website. The current call for applications is for the educational phase of this Program followed by another application submission request for capital/construction project funding. The six (6) application copies for Phase 1 should be forwarded to CYMPO no later than January 19, 2007.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Craig McConnell, Chairman