

CENTRAL YAVAPAI IN MOTION



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GOVERNOR APPOINTS FELDMEIER TO TRANSPORTATION BOARD SEAT TO BE FILLED

Governor Janet Napolitano announced she has tapped William Feldmeier of Prescott to serve on the state's Transportation Board. The board is responsible for the award of highway construction contracts. Additionally, the board has the final say on establishing, opening, relocating, altering, vacating, or abandoning any portion of a state route or state highway, including establishment of parkways and historic and scenic roadways.

Feldmeier owns several Prescott-area businesses, including a construction company and consulting firm. Feldmeier is a former Yavapai County Supervisor, and holds a master's from Prescott College and a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University. He also once served as the northern Arizona liaison to the Governor's office under Jane Hull.

many important transportation issues facing the region.

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The CYMPO Executive Board is looking forward to working with Mr. Feldmeier on the

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- January 25, 2006
- February 15, 2006
- March 15, 2006

Executive Board meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the Supervisor's Board Room at 1015 Fair St., Prescott

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- January 5, 2006
- February 2, 2006
- March 2, 2006

TAC meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Prescott Chamber of Commerce, 117 W. Goodwin St., Prescott

For additional information, call Katherine White at 928-759-5520

Meeting dates, times, and locations subject to change; please contact CYMPO to verify meeting.

SECTION 5310 APPLICATIONS DO YOU NEED CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FOR VANS?

Announcement for social service agencies that provide transportation services to the elderly and person with disabilities.

Capital assistance may be available for the purchase of a wheelchair lift-equipped van or other suitable vehicle for use by eligible agencies that provide transportation services for elderly and/or disabled persons. If you know of any agencies which might be interested in this program please contact CYMPO at 759-5520 to be included on a notification list.

This list will be used to notify attendees regarding an upcoming application workshop

This workshop is planned for agencies that wish to apply for federal transit administration section 5310 funds from the Elderly & Persons with Disabilities (EPD) Transportation Program. This transportation program is designed to provide funding for the purchase of a wheelchair lift-equipped van or other suitable vehicle for use by eligible agencies that provide

transportation services for elderly or disabled persons.

In addition to private non-profit organizations and Indian Tribes, public bodies that coordinate service also may be eligible to apply for funding.

Agencies interested in applying for the EPD Transportation Program in 2006 should plan to attend this application workshop. Application packets will be available at the workshop.

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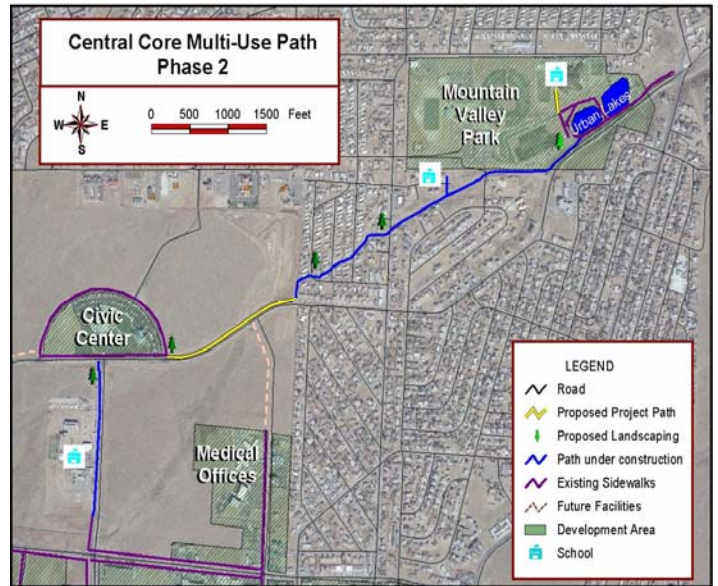
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TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT AWARD

In October, the Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC) met to review grant applications. The TERC had 77 grant applications in competition for about \$3.5 million in state/local associated projects and \$6.4 million in local sponsored projects. Within the CYMPO region there were two local projects submitted.

Competition for these grants is on a state wide basis, with competition from peer agencies and major urban players from the Phoenix and Tucson area. At end of the three-day review process, the TERC recommended a total of 24 applications, including two grant applications from Prescott Valley.

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The TERC recommendations were forwarded to the

State Transportation Board for approval at the November 18, 2005 meeting; the Board makes the final decision regarding these awards and can decide not to follow TERC recommendations.

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SAFETEAU-LU builds off of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency

Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA21), supplying the funds and refining the programmatic framework for investments needed to maintain and grow our vital transportation infrastructure.

The new transportation law addresses many of the challenges facing our transportation system - challenges such as improving safety, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency in freight movement, increas-

ing intermodal connectivity, and protecting the environment - as well as laying the groundwork for future challenges. The bill covers all surface transportation programs, such as highways, highway safety, transit, freight, and transportation research.

Planning provisions include that the local MPO officials remain responsible for determining, in cooperation with the State and transit operators, the best transportation investments to meet metro-

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TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT

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One last piece of good news. The City of Prescott has been selected by the TERC for the 2006 conference site to be held the first week of October 2006.

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Central Core Path (Phase I) in progress. Lake Valley Road facing south, Liberty Elementary School on the right.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS

Announcement for entities interested in the 2006 Transportation Enhancement Grant process.

With this year's grant applications awarded, it is time to prepare for the next round.

CYMPO Administrator Jack Shambaugh has indicated that he would like to have a preliminary list in January 2006 of those interested in submitting applications for the next round.

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NEW FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LAW

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politan transportation plans. SAFETEA-LU indicates that the long range plan must contain: operational and management strategies to improve the performance of existing transportation facilities; investment and other strategies that provide for multimodal capacity increase based on regional priorities and needs; and proposed transportation and transit enhancement activities.

Other key modifications to be phased-in include:

- Intermodal connectors are added as a transportation facility.
- Include a discussion of potential environmental mitigation activities along with potential sites to carry out the activities to be included. The discussion is to be developed in consultation with Federal, State, and tribal wildlife, land management, and regulatory agencies.
- MPO's are required to consult with State and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation

concerning development of the long range plan.

It is anticipated that the municipalities within the MPO boundary could reach a population of 200,000 as early as 2022, which means that the CYMPO planning area could hit 200,000 prior to 2022. At that time, the CYMPO will be considered a Transportation Management Area (TMA), requiring a Congestion Management System.

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WHAT IS CYMPO?

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a policy-making organization made up of local government and transportation authorities. The Federal Surface and Transportation Act of 1973 required the formation of an MPO for any area with a population greater than 50,000.

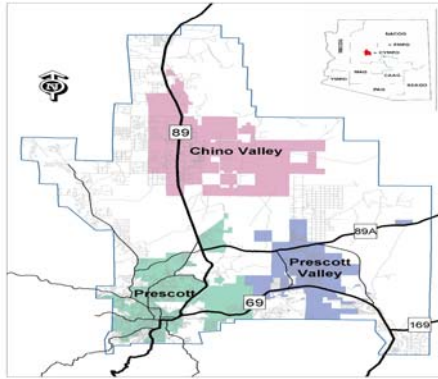
The Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO), a partnership of Chino Valley, City of Prescott, Prescott Valley, Yavapai County, and the Arizona Department of Transportation, was established in June 2003 by federal mandate when the region achieved a population of 50,000.

CYMPO is certified by the Governor and recognized by the U.S. Department of Transportation as the official transportation planning agency for the region. Its purpose is to cooperatively plan the transportation fu-

ture of the Central Yavapai region that falls within the 401.6 square miles of the CYMPO Planning Boundary.

MPO's were created by Congress in order to ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs were based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process.

This planning process includes an analysis of alternatives to meet projected future demands and for providing a safe and efficient transportation system that meets mobility while not creating adverse impacts to the environment. Federal and state funding for transportation projects and programs are channeled



through this planning process.

The five core functions of an MPO:

- Establish regional decision-making setting
- Evaluate transportation alternatives
- Maintain a Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Develop a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
- Involve the Public

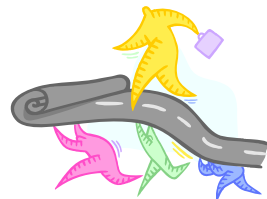
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MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Master Transportation Plan is the statement of the ways the region plans to invest in the transportation system. The plan is to "include both long-range and short-range program strategies/actions that lead to the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods."

Yavapai County is managing the CYMPO Metropolitan Plan, commonly referred to

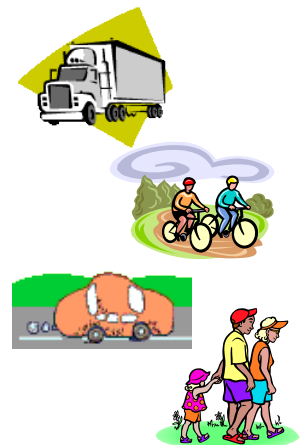


as the 2030 Plan. The first series of public meetings was held in November 2005 to present current and future conditions, introduce transportation system concepts, and discuss issues related to transportation needs and improvements within the region.

A second round of public meetings will be scheduled to present a draft transportation plan, that incorporates comments from both the public and CYMPO member agencies, as well as constraints on the plan itself.

May 2006 is the current target date for presenting the draft final plan to both the Executive Board and CYMPO member agencies.

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For additional information, please visit our website at www.cympo.com

- Agendas for the TAC and Executive Board meetings
- Minutes for the TAC and Executive Board meetings
- News releases concerning meetings and special events
- Current and previous Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2030 Working Papers and Existing Conditions
- Calendar reflecting upcoming meeting dates and times

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