



FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Minutes Technical Advisory Committee 1:30 p.m. February 7, 2019

Bright Angel Conference Room
Coconino County Human Resources Building
420 N San Francisco Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Chair Dunno called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Anne Dunno, Chair, NAIPTA Capital Program Manager **Present**
- Nate Reisner, Vice Chair, ADOT North Central District Development Engineer
(for Audra Merrick, ADOT Flagstaff District Engineer) **Absent**
- John Wennes, ADOT Transportation Planner **Present (Telephonically)**
- Rick Barrett, City of Flagstaff Engineer **Absent**
- Jay Christelman, Coconino County Development Services Director **Absent**
- Dan Folke, City of Flagstaff Development Services Director **Absent**
- Christopher Tressler, Coconino County Engineer (for Lucinda Andreani, Public Works Director) **Present**
- Jeff Bauman, City of Flagstaff Transportation Manager **Present**

FMPO STAFF

- David Wessel, FMPO Manager **Present**
- Martin Ince, Multimodal Planner **Absent**

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES

- 1) Meeting of January 3, 2019

(Pg. 5-8)

Motion: Mr. Wennes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Tressler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS (Continued, postponed, and tabled items.)

1. FMPO TIP Project Status

(no handout)

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Action

Project sponsors will provide a progress update on their respective projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion only

Mr. Wessel noted no current changes (*due to winter shutdown*) and inquired if any TIP updates from the TAC. Mr. Wennes noted they have an amendment in process. Ms. Dunno remarked that NAIPTA did get a grant (*notice of award*), for operational efficiencies – 5339 which would come around as a future TIP update to which Mr. Wessel responded it was a 5305 which would most likely be planning funds that don't typically come thru the TIP.

2. US 180 and Milton Corridor Master Plans Update

(pages 9-21)

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion only

FMPO Staff will present updates on urban design, evaluation criteria, and recent regional model runs for US 180 and Milton Road. ADOT members of the TAC will update the Committee on corridor master plan status.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion only

Mr. Wessel provided an update on the FMPO's urban design effort and the internal debrief is still pending. He continued that on page 12 was a summary memo to ADOT providing an overview of the primary issues, opportunities, and solutions coming out of the process. He added the transportation issues at hand, the emphasis on multi-modal travel throughout the process, clarifying points on the frequency of crossings & transit issues raised, the need for ITS, and pedestrian concerns. He added the comments received would be incorporated and Ms. Dunno inquired how FMPO was working with ADOT to incorporate this into their CMP as this effort encompasses meeting a key goal of the Milton Corridor Master Plan Charter and noted she was hopeful it had an appropriate placeholder in the Master Plan. Mr. Wessel continued with the model runs completed for the US 180 alternative routes and Milton widening options and noted that the consultants for ADOT and NAIPTA did a good job of coordinating on a unified set of traffic projections. He added that US180 doesn't show strong change until farther in the future and that it will be quite costly. He continued that the Milton 6-lane had three scenarios modeled. In conclusion, he remarked engaging the public and having a robust process relating to costs, ROW, multi-modal and environmental impacts, will be important. Ms. Dunno asked about the partners scoring rationale to which Mr. Bauman responded his group averaged an even distribution across the lines of the individual categories and adjusted from the baseline. Mr. Wessel responded his group ranked them in a sub-comparison categories and then split the points appropriately. Mr. Wennes remarked that ROW has been a challenge. Discussion ensued.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FY 2020-FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Call for Projects

(no handout)

FMPO Staff:

David Wessel, Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Action

Staff recommends issuing the Call for Projects for the annual TIP update.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Issue the Call for Projects

Mr. Wessel noted this was a Call for Projects and to requested draft CIPs from each agency to identify projects relative to the TIP (for TIP adoption in June). Ms. Dunno asked for further clarification on the process which Mr. Wessel addressed. Mr. Tressler remarked about the HURF bills falling flat and Ms. Dunno inquired what FMPO was doing for advocacy. Mr. Wessel responded a letter was distributed on behalf of the Executive Board.

Motion: Mr. Bauman moved to recommend to the Executive Board that they issue the Call for Projects for FY20 – FY24. Mr. Tressler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project Implementation Priorities (pages 22-27)

FMPO Staff: David Wessel, Manager
REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion and Possible Action

Staff will ask the Executive Board to set priorities from the RTP for pursuit of funding and implementation and seeks input and possible recommendations from the TAC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion only

Mr. Wessel stated a couple of years ago the Board looked to the RTP for projects to push forward and referenced the criteria on page 23 and remarked some projects are eligible for grants. He discussed a synopsis of the projects and ranks (*from the RTP w/non inflated costs – looking at 30-yr benefit and does not include ROW costs and excludes economic impacts*), and overviewed funding status, prospects, possible freight grant, what studies have already been completed. Ms. Dunno asked for clarification on Milton upgrade vs. widening (*vehicle capacity*) which Mr. Wessel explained. Mr. Bauman noted the City Council discussing the Lone Tree TI (*in counsel goals*) and Mr. Tressler inquired about Juniper Point impact fees, etc. which Mr. Bauman addressed. Ms. Dunno added that NAIPTA is looking for complete street improvements that facilitate efficient circulation of transit (*Milton, 4th Street & Lone Tree are key corridors*), and noted technology will help maximize use of corridors and added that ITS is a massive undertaking. Mr. Wessel inquired if West Route 66 necessitated stronger partnering. Mr. Tressler remarked he would like to meet with Tim Dalegowski. Discussion ensued.

3. FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program Development (pages 28-31)

FMPO Staff: David Wessel, Manager
REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion and Possible Action

Staff will initiate discussion on potential UPWP initiatives for the next two years.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion only

Mr. Wessel remarked this will likely be a 2-year program and the keys will be the RTP status and the Strategic Work Plan, (*broader application & guiding principles*) and from a budget perspective looking at \$120,000-\$160,000 per year for planning activities. Ms. Dunno inquired if this amount was left over after the commitment of the Lone Tree study to which Mr. Wessel responded affirmatively. Mr. Wessel asked for input on his categories derived from his research regarding the FMPO's roles going forward and gave the Juniper Point example of unforeseen project costs necessitating changes to land use plans. Mr. Bauman remarked it was a big list and Mr. Tressler asked for more clarification on the FMPO's role to which Mr. Wessel noted that the new Executive Director will be building partnerships to help build emphasis and help with planning. Discussion ensued.

4. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant Opportunity (pages 32-34)

FMPO Staff: David Wessel, Manager
REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion and Possible Action

Staff will introduce and seek prospective projects for grant application.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and Direction

Mr. Wessel mentioned this grant was due May 3, 2019 and Mr. Wennes noted the date for this grant may be earlier (*April 1*) pursuant to receive ADOT input ahead of final submission. Mr. Wessel continued to overview the projects awarded (ie: Round-About at 4th & Cedar), and noted the FMPO is happy to assist with further grant opportunities in the future. Discussion ensued.

5. ADOT Functional Classification Rebalancing Effort (pages 35-36)

FMPO Staff: David Wessel, Manager
REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion and Possible Action

Staff will present the final recommendations from ADOT and seek adoption by the TAC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the revised Functional Classification

Mr. Wessel provided an overview that the City and County, in concert with ADOT concur with the revisions made.

Motion: Mr. Tressler moved to adopt the Functional Classification Rebalancing Effort. Mr. Bauman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Working Calendar

2. Items from TAC Members

3. REPORTS

Staff Report

(no handout)

Mr. Tressler remarked that NAIPTA showed the County a plan for routing buses through McConnell and noted there is huge congestion there and asked if ADOT had a plan for this particular area to which Ms. Dunno responded that Chris (who sits on NAIPTA's TAC), was presented an IGA for approval for a NAIPTA/NAU partnership, (NAIPTA is sponsoring a portion of the design phase). She noted a feasibility study showed a round-a-bout at McConnell & Pine Knole and part of the next phase is to work with ADOT and the City of Flagstaff to see if the proposed concept will work, (shows it should work well).

Mr. Wessel provided an update on the Lithified Technologies product testing and subsequent talks with NAU for freeze-thaw testing a small sample (cost of approximately \$6,000).

Mr. Wessel concluded with the new meeting dates of the FMPO Executive Board and how it relates to the TAC.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Informal Announcements, Future Agenda Items, and Next Meeting Date)

TAC	March 7, 2019 1:30 p.m. Flagstaff City Council Chambers
Management Committee	As needed
Executive Board	March 7, 2019 10:00 a.m. Flagstaff City Council Chambers

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority final program of projects for section 5307 funding under the Federal Transit Administration, unless amended. Public notice procedures for the TIP also satisfies FTA public notice requirements for the final program of projects.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Dunno adjourned the meeting at 3:18 pm.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on February 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Recording Secretary with the City Clerk.

Dated this 4th Day of February 2019.

By: _____

Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization
Rita Severson, Flagstaff Community Development, Administrative Lead