



**CENTRAL YAVAPAI
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**MULTI-MODAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(M-TAC)**

**Thursday, March 5, 2009
8:00 A.M.**

**Prescott Council Chambers
City Hall**

**201 S. Cortez St.
Prescott, AZ 86303**

MEETING MINUTES

AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Town of Prescott Valley	Chairman Norm Davis
City of Prescott	Vice-Chairman Craig McConnell
ADOT Prescott District	Dallas Hammit
Yavapai County	Phil Bourdon
Prescott National Forest	Cynthia Moody
ADOT Multi Modal Planning Division	Bret Anderson

AGENCY VOTING M-TAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Town of Chino Valley	Ron Gritman
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AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NON-VOTING)

Town of Chino Valley	Councilman Ron Romley
Yavapai County	Supervisor Carol Springer, Supervisor Tom Thurman, Mike Willett, Chris Bridges
City of Prescott	Councilman Bob Luzius, Mayor Wilson
ADOT	Don Mauller

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Civiltec	Richard Straub, Rick Shroads
Dava & Associates	Gordon Bowers
C.W.A.G	Ken Janecek
Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee	Derek Brownlee
Courier	Cindy Barks
P.A.T.	Lisa Barnes
Prescott Transit	Steve Silvernale
J & K Engineering	Ed Williams

CYMPO STAFF

Administrator	Jodi Rooney
Program Manager	Vicky McLane
Administrative Assistant	Jean Knight

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 A.M.

Norm Davis - Chairman

2. **ROLL CALL: Jean Knight, CYMPO Administrative Assistant**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 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 M-TAC need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes. The public may also comment on individual agenda items, as each item is considered by the M-TAC, subject to a time limit of three (3) minutes.

There were no public comments.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 15, 2009 and February 5, 2009 MOTION**

Member Phil Bourdon presented a **Motion** to approve the January 15, 2009 and February 5, 2009, M-TAC Meeting Minutes. The **Motion** was seconded by Vice-Chairman Craig McConnell.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) (AKA STIMULUS PACKAGE)**

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney provided the latest information received from the February 20, 2009, State Transportation Board meeting. The discussion item was the appropriate distribution of the ARRA funds. Three approaches were presented and, after much discussion, the motion was made to adopt approach #1, which is the Revenue Advisory Allocation Committee (RAAC) formula, for the discretionary State funds portion of the ARRA. There was opposition to their decision by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). They determined they had projects that were out of the State Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN), that those projects needed to be funded first on top of any distribution; however, the State Transportation Board (STB) did not agree.

The ESTIMATED amount of ARRA (Stimulus) monies for AZ is as follows:

\$522M for Highways
-\$16M Transportation Enhancements Projects (off the top)
\$506M
- 156M Sub-allocations to the locals
\$350M State discretionary share

Other:
\$115M Transit

\$1M Airports

At this point no number is definite on what will come out to the regions. FHWA is involved in the decision for the sub-allocations for MAG, PAG, and Greater AZ. It was noted we should hear in three weeks.

What occurred at the STB meeting was that a motion was made to accept the list of projects; however they want comments from the COGs & MPOs before the final vote is made. STB Chairman Householder stated that there is room for adjusting the list being presented.

Chris Bridges with Yavapai County made a presentation of the actual break down of the funds distribution. It was clarified that the \$350 million is specifically for projects on the ADOT State system. The sub-allocation is the local projects, which is pending and the projects unknown. Mr. Bridges continued with the full break down for the distribution of funds. The population numbers that were used, was based upon urbanized area used. Mr. Bridges related that there is still a lot of unknown information regarding the ARRA funds distribution.

Member Bret Anderson presented that there have been a lot of questions being asked of the ADOT Finance Department and are trying to get feed-back on this issue as to whether it would be STP formulation or another scenario. ADOT is reviewing the appropriate distribution of methodology, however, it has not been approved by the ADOT Director.

Chairman Norm Davis questioned if the STB is to take action on the proposed list of projects on March 13, 2009. Chris Bridges, Yavapai County, responded that this was the date given for the STB to take action.

In the presentation provided, Chris Bridges, Yavapai County, related that there is one Yavapai County project on the list for approval. Mr. Bridges also indicated that the policy stated that priority was to be given to the economically distressed areas. The map presented indicated that Maricopa did not fall within an economically distressed area.

Dallas Hammit, ADOT Prescott District, indicated that the I-17 project (which was originally shown as the Yavapai County distribution) was removed from the ADOT list presented to the STB, as different funds will be utilized for this project. This enabled \$10 million dollars to be directed for an additional project. Additionally, Mr. Hammit noted that the funds for the Cordes Junction project will be paid from different funds.

Bill Feldmeir, STB Member, commented that information he conveyed to the STB, was his concern that better than 50% of the money is for pavement preservation. He opposes this due to the length of time to do a pavement preservation project vs. reto-fitting a bridge. Considering the lifetime of the job, it takes longer to do a bridge as opposed to pavement preservation and does not utilize people as well. He would like to move the projects around so there is less pavement preservation, so more people will be put to work for a longer period of time. Mr. Feldmeier would like the Board's input on this issue.

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney continued with explaining what is transpiring regarding MAG's opposition and request for the intervention of the legislature on the STB decision regarding the use of the RAAC formula. This would undermine the authority of the State Board, and behooves our region as well as others to stand up and speak out. She also related that the TAC Board could take action and make a recommendation to the Executive Board; however, it is also on the Executive Board agenda, and they will be addressing this as well.

Chairman Norm Davis indicated that as the M-TAC has not seen the letter presented by MAG, the committee would not be comfortable taking action at this time.

6. BUDGET CYCLE – UPWP

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

CYMPO staff is underway with budget preparation. One item that we forecasted last cycle was an interim update to the long range plan. This item needs to be discussed for feasibility. If there are any other work items that will need to be incorporated into the budget/UPWP, please bring them forward. At this time I do not anticipate much change on the operations end of the budget.

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney indicated that we were looking at items that may have to go into the current year Work Program of which the FTA Grant Management would be added. Mrs. Rooney requested comments and/or thoughts for additions to the Work Program. She also related that the UPWP needs to be done by the end of the fiscal year as well as addressing this for the budget preparation for the City of Prescott. Mrs. Rooney indicated that this is an annual document that has to be addressed and it takes a while to get through the process and committees.

Vice-Chairman Craig McConnell brought up the discussion of the Long Range Transportation Program and suggested adding it to the UPWP as well as developing a working group as this gets very technical. The 2030 Plan was discussed and it was determined that this needed to be reviewed and updated, however budget issues may impede this. Member Phil Bourdon commented that in his opinion that it was safe to have this in the UPWP, especially with new census data. CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney commented that this was added to the FY09 UPWP, with the intent that it would be performed around the end of FY09. At that time, the financial crisis had not come to total light. She went on to explain that if we put it in the FY10, which is normal for a lot of work elements, we can do this. Mrs. Rooney noted that we need to be cautious, in our reporting to the federal partners.

Mrs. Rooney explained that when the work program was put together and the Long Range Plan Update was added, it was not projected to be a full update, just a smaller, interim update, with a cost of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000. There are funds to do the update, however this will take all of the funds CYMPO has available to do so. If we hear from the federal partners and they take away STP funds, then this cost would be 100% responsibility of the jurisdictions. There is no guarantee that the money will be there. Vice-Chairman Craig McConnell asked when the MPO is required to do the update and Mrs. Rooney responded that it is required to be done every 5-years. It was further discussed that the process of performing the task as well as the time to complete this in 2006, was almost 2-years. Member Phil Bourdon stressed that he would like to have it added to the Work Program and they would assist working with the federal partners.

7. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jodi Rooney, CYMPO Administrator

- ARRA (Stimulus) Package
- Budget Draft / UPWP
- MTIP (ARRA and regular cycle)
- CYMPO Operating Expenses FY10

8. AGENCY UPDATES

Agency updates were provided by ADOT Prescott District, the City of Prescott, Yavapai County, U.S. Forest Service and ADOT Multi Modal.

9. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CYMPO UPDATES

CYMPO Administrator Jodi Rooney announced that the Transportation Enhancement cycle will open as of March 14, 2009, and close August 14, 2009. The MTIP cycle has begun and we need to start this so we may have it completed by the end of FY09. On March 26, 2009, 6 PM – 8 PM, there is a Complete Streets Town Hall, at the Prescott College Crossroads Center, 215 Garden St., Prescott.

10. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- * T-TAC Meeting: **Thursday, March 12, 2009, 8 AM**, Prescott Valley Town Hall, Conf. Room #406
(*CYMPO Transit Technical Advisory Committee monthly meeting.*)
- * State Transportation Board Meeting: **Friday, March 13, 2009**, Phoenix
- * Executive Board Meeting: **Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 PM**, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors' Room
(*CYMPO Executive Board monthly meeting.*)
- * M-TAC Meeting: **Thursday, April 2, 2009, 8 AM**, Prescott City Hall, Council Chambers (*CYMPO Multi-Modal Technical Advisory Committee*)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Norm Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:55 AM.