



Regional Transportation Authority

RTA Board – Regular Meeting

Gary G. Hayes, Executive Director

RTA Board

Minutes of Dec. 1, 2011, Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present

Mayor Jennifer Eckstrom, City of South Tucson, Chair
Mayor Satish Hiremath, Town of Oro Valley, Vice Chair
Mayor Robert Walkup, City of Tucson, 2nd Vice Chair
Mayor Duane Blumberg, Town of Sahuarita, Member
Mayor Ed Honea, Town of Marana, Member
Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Pima County, Member
Chairman Ned Norris Jr., Tohono O'odham Nation, Member
Steve Christy, ASTB Rep., Member

Staff

Gary Hayes
Jacki Ontiveros
Jeff Hildebrand
Carlos de Leon
Rob Samuelsen
Jim DeGrood
Cherie Campbell
John Liosatos
Philip Cyr

Jurisdiction Representatives

Richard Miranda, City of Tucson
Greg Caton, Town of Oro Valley
Enrique Serna, City of South Tucson
Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County
Gilbert Davidson, Town of Marana
Jim Stahle, Town of Sahuarita

Public/Agencies

Jim Glock, City of Tucson
Liana Perez, City of Tucson
Donovan Durband, City of Tucson
Andy Squire, City of Tucson
John Bernal, Pima County
Rosanna Gabaldon, Town of Sahuarita
Aimee Ramsey, Town of Oro Valley
Thomas Benavidez, Legal Counsel
Dan Sullivan, PAG/RTA Consultant
Dave Joseph, RTA Consultant
Becky Pallack, Arizona Daily Star
Allyson Solomon, Tucson Metro Chamber
Ramon Gaanderse, TUCA
Tom Amparano, University of Arizona
Phil Salazar, PSOMAS
Steve Shepard, Borderland Construction
Doug Musrick, Stantec
Kathy Boyle, ADOT
Paul Polito, Tucson Asphalt
Tom Kuliesh, Alliance of Construction Trades

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eckstrom at 12:30 p.m. and roll call of members was taken.

2. Approval of Minutes of Oct. 27, 2011, Regular Meeting, including the Minutes of the Executive Session

Motion was made by Mayor Blumberg, seconded by Mayor Hiremath, and unanimously carried that the Regional Transportation Authority Board (RTA) approve the minutes of the Oct. 27, 2011, meeting.

3. Report from the Executive Director

Mr. Hayes announced that an amended agenda has been provided to the Members and it included reports of the last CART and TMC meetings.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor Blumberg, seconded by Supervisor Valadez, and unanimously carried that the Regional Transportation Authority Board (RTA) approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

Intergovernmental Agreements

- a. *IGA Amendment #2 between the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County and Pima County for design and construction of Magee Road, La Canada Drive to Oracle Road (RTA #12).*

Memorandum of Agreement

- a. *MOA between the RTA, Pima County Regional Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for expedited permit evaluation related services.*

Property Conveyance

- a. *Warranty Deed to the City of Tucson for a bus pullout at 3525 N. Campbell Avenue.*

Contracts

- a. *Renewal of a consultant contract for design and implementation oversight of Bus Pullouts and the Grant Road Corridor project with Michael Holder, P.E.*

5. Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee Report

Mr. Hayes asked CART Vice Chair David Longoria to report on this item.

Mr. Longoria reported that at its last meeting of Nov. 28, 2011 five new members were welcomed. The CART members reviewed the FY 2011 Audit and the draft Annual Report as well as heard an overview of the Silverbell Road and Valencia, Alvernon to Wilmot, Value Analysis Projects. Mr. Longoria also reported that the CART received an update on the Modern Streetcar Project and status of other RTA projects and revenues. Future agenda items were also discussed.

No action required on this item.

6. RTA Technical Management Committee (TMC) Report

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. DeGrood to report on this item.

Mr. DeGrood reported that TMC last met on Nov. 29, 2011, and heard similar reports to what CART heard at its meeting. TMC also touched on the Small Business Enterprise Requirements for RTA Projects.

No action required on this item.

7. RTA Project Review Update – Silverbell Road Value Analysis & Valencia Road (Ajo-Mark) Value Analysis

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. DeGrood to report on this item.

Mr. DeGrood provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Silverbell and Valencia Road Value Analysis efforts.

The Silverbell Road presentation included: project specifics with findings of a funding gap of \$26.6 million; listing of the professionals that participated in this Value Analysis; stated goals at outset of meeting, areas of focus; and major recommendations accepted.

The Valencia Road presentation included: project scope and specifics, challenges to the team including the need to find \$4.2 million in savings to close the funding gap; listing of the professionals that participated in this Value Analysis; stated goals at outset of meetings; major recommendations accepted; and recommended policy issues.

The presentation also included upcoming Value Analysis projects including Tangerine Road and Downtown Links.

No action required on this item.

For a copy of this presentation, please contact the PAG/RTA Offices at (520) 792-1093.

8. Small Business Enterprise Requirements on RTA Projects

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. DeGrood to report on this item.

Mr. DeGrood reported that as a result of concerns expressed by Contractors as well as from the Executive Director of the Tucson Utility Contractors Association about high SBE goals applied to RTA-funded projects and that the high goal was likely to result in less competitive bids, RTA staff sent a memo to all jurisdictions requesting they identify their adopted ordinances and policies related to SBE requirements. Mr. DeGrood discussed in detail with the Board the findings of the inquiry using a spreadsheet comparing the SBE requirements for recent RTA projects. The Technical Management Committee reviewed the issue on Nov. 29, 2011, and recommends: For RTA funded projects having an estimated construction cost exceeding \$2 million, the SBE goal shall not exceed 10 percent. Where federal funds are used on RTA projects, federal DBE goals shall take priority over the RTA SBE goal. Mr. DeGrood also reviewed the staff recommendation to amend the RTA Policies, Objectives and Procedures (POPs) to establish TMC's recommendation.

Following Mr. DeGrood's report, the RTA Board discussed its concerns on this issue including what would happen to current projects under bid if this item would be approved today. Mayor Walkup stated that he and Mayor Elect Rothschild spoke about this item and he is very interested in learning more about this issue and requests the item be delayed. Mr. DeGrood confirmed that there would be no substantial impacts if this item were to be held until a future meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Walkup, seconded by Supervisor Valadez and unanimously carried that the Regional Transportation Authority Board (RTA) delay this item until the January meeting to allow Mayor-Elect Rothschild sufficient time to familiarize himself with the Program.

9. Modern Streetcar Project Update

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. de Leon to report on this item.

Mr. de Leon provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation detailing the project status, Streetcar timeline, information on the Cushing St. Bridge, 8th St. drainage, Maintenance and Storage Facility, line segment construction, and other activities. Mr. de Leon also referred to materials included in the meeting

packet including costs per major contract package based on the month ending Oct. 31, 2011, and a graphic explaining funding sources vs. expenditures to date. The RTA Board also discussed items such as rail delivery and beta testing.

No action required on this item.

For a copy of this presentation please contact the PAG/RTA Offices at (520) 792-1093.

10. Regional Dial-A-Ride System

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. de Leon to report on this item.

Mr. de Leon provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Regional Dial-A-Ride System. The presentation included background on the System, existing services, progress of the Transit Working Group and upcoming action at the January Board meeting.

For a copy of this presentation please contact the PAG/RTA Offices at (520) 792-1093.

11. RTA Small Business Assistance Program

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Dornquast to report on this item.

Mr. Dornquast provided the Board with an overview of the MainStreet Business Assistance program using a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included key highlights of the program, performance tracking measures, tasks completed during the first 44 months. Mr. Dornquast also reported that no business completing the MainStreet Business Assistance Program has closed its business due to construction related impacts.

For a copy of this presentation please contact the PAG/RTA Offices at (520) 792-1093.

12. Projects Update

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. DeGroot to report on this item.

Mr. DeGroot reported that to-date, the RTA Board has approved 403 transportation project packages, and 449 individual projects and services have been implemented. Another 22 projects are currently under construction. Mr. DeGroot, along with a PowerPoint presentation and materials included in the meeting packet, detailed the jurisdictional project status report and the approved detailed project listing status report and RTA financial statistics.

No action required for this item.

For a copy of this presentation please contact the PAG/RTA Offices at (520) 792-1093.

13. Finance Report

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Samuelson to report on this item.

Mr. Samuelson reported that excise tax collections received in November (for September sales) totaled \$5,535,532.19 which represents a 11.7 percent increase over the same month one year ago. This is the 10th consecutive month of collection increases. Mr. Samuelson also provided the Board with a few slides detailing RTA sales tax collections, a year-over-year monthly collections graph and fund balance graphic. Mr. Samuelson also reported that the RTA fund balance on Oct. 31, 2011, was \$181,194,928.45.

No action required for this item.

For a copy of this presentation please contact the PAG/RTA Offices at (520) 792-1093.

14. Call to the Audience

Jim Kuliesh and Ramon Gaanderse address the RTA Board.

11. Future Agenda Items

Hearing none, Mayor Eckstrom moved to the next item.

12. Adjournment

Chairwoman Eckstrom adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of Regional Transportation Authority Board meeting held on Dec. 1, 2011. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Gary G. Hayes, Executive Director