



**Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)  
Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee**

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**Kelle Maslyn, CART Committee Chair  
David Longoria, CART Committee Co-Chair**

**Minutes of July 20, 2011, Meeting**

**Committee Members Present**

Kelle Maslyn, Chair  
David Longoria, Vice Chair  
Albert R. Pesqueira  
Charlene Robinson  
Charles Mendonca  
Chris Albright  
David Heineking  
Douglas Mance  
Grace Evans

George McFerron  
James Barber  
Kentton Grant  
Larry Steckler  
M. Joe Yee  
Richard Roberts  
Tom Bush  
William N. Poorten III

**Staff**

Gary Hayes, Executive Director  
Dan Sullivan  
Jim DeGroot  
Nubia Bertsch  
Sheila Storm  
Rob Samuelsen  
Jeff Hildebrand  
David Joseph  
Carlos de Leon

**Public/Agencies**

Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County  
Jim Glock, City of Tucson

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Maslyn, Chair of the CART Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of CART Committee meeting minutes of April 19, 2011**

Motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Longoria and unanimously carried that the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) CART Committee approve the minutes of April 19, 2011.

### **3. Announcements**

Mr. Hayes, PAG/RTA Executive Director, mentioned the Cushing Street Bridge ribbon-cutting celebration that was held in mid-July.

Mr. DeGroot, PAG/RTA Director of Transportation, announced three projects that are ready for bidding: 1) first phase of the Downtown Links project 2) second phase of Magee Road, and 3) the intersection of Tanque Verde Road/Sabino Canyon Road.

### **4. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Hayes announced that in order to reduce the costs of packet reproduction, meeting materials will be available online. However, packets may be printed by request.

Mr. Hayes thanked Committee members that attended the RTA 5-Year Anniversary event.

Mr. Hayes mentioned the negative articles reported by the media, and said if members of the Committee have any questions or concerns, he may be reached at anytime.

### **5. RTA Board Report**

Mr. Hayes said that the RTA Board met in June to talk primarily about the bonding process and budget approval for next fiscal year.

Mr. de Leon, PAG/RTA Director of Transit Services, briefly updated the Committee on the status of Coyote Run. Coyote Run is a transit service for residents of Oro Valley, and the Oro Valley Mayor and Council are considering services cuts/changes together with RTA service expansion.

### **6. RTA FY 2012 Budget Update**

Mr. DeGroot updated members of the Committee with an explanation of the RTA Fiscal Year 2012 budget and 2011 series bond results.

Anticipated FY 12 Total Revenue:	\$ 78,958,000
Anticipated FY 12 Total Expenditure:	\$ 175,779,000
Anticipated FY 12 Ending Balance:	\$ 90,680,000

The bonds are secured by a first lien on a dedicated county transaction sales tax collected within Pima County. The pledged tax is collected by the state on behalf of Pima County. Bond proceeds will be used to fund roadway, environmental and transit improvements within Pima County.

Overview of 2011 Series Bonds:	
Average Annual Debt Service:	\$13,052,000
Term (FY 2012-2026)	15 years
Total Interest to be paid:	\$44,903,000
True Interest Cost (All-in):	3.52%
Minimum Cover Ratio (approx):	5:1

## **7. Modern Streetcar Update**

Mr. Glock, Director of Transportation for the City of Tucson, updated the Committee with information on the Tucson Modern Streetcar Project. He said Cushing Street Bridge construction has begun, and Ashton Construction is the contractor. In addition, the streetcar design will be completed in September to start construction in November.

## **8. RTA Project Review Update - Grant Road Value Analysis**

Mr. DeGrood presented the Committee with an analysis on the Grant Road project. He said the Grant Road project covers a five-mile stretch between Oracle Road and Swan Road. In addition, the implementation periods are two, three, and four. The committed funding for the project is \$171,700,000, with a latest cost estimate of \$197 million. In sum, the funding gap for the project is \$25.5 million.

The RTA conducted a value analysis of Grant Road the week of June 6 through June 10. Designers presented design overview, and the review team identified a list of initial value proposals for cost savings. In addition, the team set a stated goal, which identifies \$25.5 million in project savings without compromising the function or community values identified during the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process. Furthermore, 46 value analysis proposals and 17 supplemental recommendations were identified. Areas of focus were analyzed, along with policy actions and recommendations.

### Accepted Recommendations:

- Delete Swan Road intersection improvements
- Develop an advanced right-of-way acquisition program
- Develop a program for redevelopment of excess right-of-way and remnants

The RTA Technical Management Committee (TMC) will be asked to approve the consensus recommendations on Aug. 11, and then the recommendations will be presented to the Grant Road Citizens Committee. Finally, the RTA Board will consider the recommendations and review overall scope, schedule, budget and funding for Grant Road at the Sept. 29 RTA Board meeting.

## **9. RTA Project Review Update**

Mr. DeGrood said that the RTA has collected \$330.8 million in excise taxes since 2006, and the RTA has issued \$150 million in bonds. The RTA has expended \$324.9 million on project reimbursements. The following is a list of the updates:

- \$599 million in RTA funding has been committed
- 44 projects under construction
- 21 transit services implemented
- 420 individual projects have been completed

More information is available online: [www.rtamobility.com](http://www.rtamobility.com)

**10. Call to the Audience**

Ms. Maslyn asked the members of the audience if they would like to address the Committee on any items.

Hearing none, Ms. Maslyn moved to the next item.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**12. Adjournment**

Ms. Maslyn adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.