

Technical /Management Committee Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2005

Andy Gunning, Director of Planning

ATTENDENCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDENCE

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| Chuck Huckelberry | Bob Iannarino | John Bernal | Frank Thomson |
| Jim Glock | Jill Merrick | Fernando Castro | Michael Reuwsaat |
| Farhad Moghimi | Jim Stahle | Barbara Becker | Leticia Baltazar |
| Chuck Sweet | Roger Caldwell | Marshall Worden | |
| Fred Stevens | George Caria | Jim Schoen | |

PAG RTA STAFF

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| Gary Hayes | Andy Gunning | Tim Ahrens |
| Natalie Clark | Sheila Storm | Tom Cooney |
| Julie Morrison | Cherie Campbell | Jeff Hildebrand |

GUESTS

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| Dan Sullivan | Rick Myers | Dick Basye | Michael Joney |
| Jerry Day | Robert Vanden Plas | Amber Moore | John Dougherty |
| Levi Jackson | Kurt Weinrich | F. Ann Rodriguez | M.J. Yee |
| Bob Cook | Tom McGovern | Paul Mackey | Jim DeGroot |
| James Witkowski | Carol Oaks | | |

1. **Call to order**

Vice chair Glock called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

2. **Approval of minutes**

Farhad Moghimi moved to approve the minutes.
Seconded by George Caria, motion carried

3. **Report from RTA Citizens Advisory Committee**

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Vice Chair Katie Dusenberry reported that the CAC reviewed draft maps that highlighted jurisdictional projects as highlighted by the jurisdictions, and maps that highlighted additional suggestions made by the non-jurisdictional members of the TMC. The CAC will hear a transit report at its next meeting on March 21, 2005, and will discuss bicycle and pedestrian options.

4. **Consideration of Regional Principles**

Cherie Campbell said guiding principles that originated from the TMC were simplified to present to the CAC for consideration. The TMC approved forwarding the principles to the CAC for consideration.

Chairman Huckelberry moved to approve the guiding principles, seconded by Farhad Moghimi and motion carried unanimously.

5. **Prioritizing regional transportation projects:**

a. Report from the jurisdictional study session March 9, 2005

Mr. Glock said that the jurisdictions emphasized the need to focus on regionalism and that progress to date should be forwarded to the RTA board for discussion. He noted that the jurisdictions found that two regional concepts recommended by the non-jurisdictions were appealing. One included a Kolb /River connection and final links for the Barranza/ Aviation Highway to I-10 connection. Also, the jurisdictions looked at regional corridors in addition to arterial improvements.

Jim Stahle suggested staff prepare maps that emphasize some of the suburban loops, such as Tangerine, I-10 and La Cholla.

b. Other transportation funding sources and the relationship between the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan update and the RTA.

Discussion involved to issues pertaining how to proceed with further narrowing down the list of projects for the RTA plan.

This involved requests for more materials that would show multi-modal improvements as part of roadway improvements, ADT counts, activity centers with respect to existing and proposed population growth, and how population affects mobility to activity centers. The committee also discussed looking at projects in sections, such as Tangerine, addressing current usage vs. future usage.

Mr. Glock said he thought the committee could start applying technical measures such as volumes, levels of service and safety issues.

Jim Schoen requested looking at the RTP vision to get a better feel for the intention of selecting projects the TMC moves forward. He also mentioned that CAC should review TMC ideas to make sure there are no fatal flaws. Roger Caldwell requested the committee look at how projects meet the guiding principles.

c. Policy Issues

No discussion.

d. Modeling and analysis of existing and future travel conditions:

Tom Cooney provided a modeling presentation which showed commuting patterns from various districts to identify where people live and where they work and how traffic flows in each direction.

The committee determined it needed to schedule a work session to further identify which projects should be included in the next draft set of projects. The committee asked staff to prepare additional modeling information and maps for the April 2 session beginning at 8:00 a.m.

6. Discussion of the next report to the RTA Citizens Advisory Committee

The committee discussed presenting the CAC the following:

- a. Modeling Presentation.
- b. Transit/Transpo Report
- c. Reaction to the Guiding Principles
- d. Program Categories and Funding

7. Agenda and assignments for the next meeting

8. Call to the audience

Mr. Dick Basye asked the committee if anyone with the city, PAG or the RTA sought a legal basis for the use of Pima County HURF funds for transit facilities, namely the two-track trolley tunnel being planned in conjunction with the roadway project for the 4th Avenue underpass. Since the HURF funds used for transit would appear to conflict with the State Constitution, Mr. Basye said it would seem a legal opinion would be needed to justify the use of HURF funds contrary to state law.

Mr. Bob Cook, Tucsonans for Sensible Transportation, addressed the committee about having a larger plan that promotes alternate modes.

Mr. Paul Mackey addressed the committee about the process of the Regional Transportation plan. He commented about what the TMC was trying to achieve with the RTA plan and that it was not clear to the public what the group is trying to accomplish.

Mr. Michael Toney addressed the committee about the UofA Science center and expressed his opposition to the bridge over I-10, a project that is part of Rio Nuevo development.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.