

Technical /Management Committee Meeting  
Minutes of May 4, 2005

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Andy Gunning, Director of Planning

**ATTENDENCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDENCE**

Chuck Huckelberry	Bob Iannarino	Paul Cella
Jim Glock	Jill Merrick	Chet Davis
Farhad Moghimi	Jim Stahle	Chuck Sweet
Frank Thomson	Roger Caldwell	Michael Reuwsaat
Benny Young	George Caria	Jim Schoen
John Bernal	Barbara Becker	Fernando Castro
Marshall Worden	Nathan Pryor	

**PAG RTA STAFF**

Andy Gunning	Natalie Clark	Julie Morrison
Tim Ahrens	Cherie Campbell	Tom Cooney
Jeff Hildebrand	Rosie Soto	Tom Fisher
Sheila Storm	Paul Casertano	Dan Sullivan

**GUESTS**

Rick Myers	Jan Gordley	Ed Sanaghan
Amber Moore	David Woodburn	Brooke Wells
Bob Brittain	Mike Johnson	Curt Lueck
Scott Ryburn	Dewey Brown	Kurt Weinrich
M.J. Yee	Bob Cook	Carolyn Campbell
Dan Hochuli		

1. Call to order.

Vice Chairman Jim Glock called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2005, meeting.

Chet Davis moved to approve the minutes. Farhad Moghimi seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

3. Report from the RTA Citizens Advisory Committee

CAC Chair Rick Myers commented that we need to have a good understanding on the scope of projects; transit, roadways and categorical areas of spending need more specificity of cost and time frames. More insight will help the CAC prioritize projects and help identify where congestion relief will occur. The CAC is considering precinct data for previous voter patterns. Now that we have maps with actual scenarios on them should we compare the draft map with the voting map? We need to make sure we are doing things that are well perceived by the areas of the county that tend to turn out the most votes.

Myers said Maricopa Association of Government's transportation plan showed each improvement and how much it was going to cost. The numbers help to provide voters with more concrete information. He also received opinions that the current RTA draft map doesn't indicate brand new ways to get around this community. This draft shows we are fixing existing problems and have not created new alternatives. In order to convince the public, we need to look at possible new alternatives.

4. Report from the sub-committee evaluating adoption of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Jim Glock reported that the RTP task force, chaired by Tom McGovern, has agreed to wrap up the 2030 draft plan to be forwarded to the PAG Regional Council by the end of June for final approval.

5. Report from the sub-committee analyzing transit needs and impacts

George Caria addressed the committee that the transit subcommittee is looking at identifying benefits and the regional mobility, congestion relief and capacity for all the menu of transit services. Additionally, the intent of the committee is to bring back a table of service options at the next technical management meeting. All the elements of cost and time frames, benefits and impacts will be available for the committee to review.

6. Review and discussion of updated project cost estimates

Michael Johnson of HDR indicated that over the last three weeks he and his staff met with all of the jurisdictions to determine if proposed RTA projects (Alternative 1) have any completed data/information (design, construction and/or right-of-way cost) to help determine the projects' cost estimates. As a result, Bob Brittain of HDR was able to develop a chart entitled "Summary of Results Phase I Cost Analysis." The chart was handed out to the committee. Mr. Brittain reviewed the cost estimates and answered specific questions from the committee.

The Chair requested the jurisdictions each review the handout and provide any additional funding commitments from individual jurisdictions, such as funds from impact fees or to identify missing projects.

7. Discussion and prioritization of regional transportation projects:

Andy Gunning of PAG went over handouts that explained the subcommittee work from the previous meeting. He went through the feedback from each of the subcommittees and charted priority projects as selected by each subcommittee. The three group's results were lined up side by side to see the commonalities. The Chairman indicated that the data from breakout session would be used to determine the overall RTA project priorities.

The Chairman will work with the PAG staff to make modifications to the existing Alternative 1 map that will reflect the requested changes suggested by the committee.

Other map changes included amending the Sahuarita corridor to eliminate the Duval Mine alignment, move the right-of-way corridor to the north at Pima Mine Road, and show improvements to Sahuarita Road. For the Swan/Craycroft corridor, it was decided that improving Swan would be too controversial, so instead the corridor will be addressed by taking the pressure off the hot spots where there is congestion through the categorical program and intersection improvements.

Tom Cooney of PAG presented travel modeling data for the RTA projects. Information included the number of lanes assumed for each project, the capacity and results from making those improvements. Traffic volumes and capacities were forecast under different scenarios, including the existing system, the existing system plus the committed projects in the TIP, and the existing plus TIP plus RTA projects for several future forecast years.

8. Discussion of next report to the Citizens' Advisory Committee

CAC Chair Rick Myers suggested that the RTA CAC meeting be skipped on Monday, May 16, since the CAC is waiting for more data from the CAC and would have more after the TMC's May 18 meeting. He also suggested a joint meeting of the two committees sometime in mid-June.

9. Agenda and assignments for the next meeting

The Chair directed the jurisdictional representatives to identify cost sharing opportunities for each of the projects, and to begin identifying project implementability or readiness.

10. Call to the Audience

Ed Sanaghan of CROS addressed the committee about Snyder Road bridge.  
Bob Cook addressed the committee about energy issues and alternate modes.  
Scott Ryburn addressed the committee about car sharing

11. Adjournment

Chairman Chuck Huckelberry adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.