

Technical /Management Committee Meeting
Minutes of June 01, 2005

Andy Gunning, Director of Planning

ATTENDENCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chuck Huckelberry	Chet Davis	Walker Smith for Fernando Castro
Jim Glock	Jill Merrick	Carl Russell for Nathan Pryor
Jim Stahle	Chuck Sweet	
Frank Thomson	Roger Caldwell	
George Caria	Benny Young	
John Bernal	Barbara Becker	
Marshall Worden	Michael Reuwsaat	

PAG RTA STAFF

Gary Hayes	Tom Fisher	Rosie Soto
Andy Gunning	Natalie Clark	Juliee Morrison
Tim Ahrens	Cherie Campbell	Ben Zimmerman
Jeff Hildebrand	Tom Cooney	Manny Rosas
Sheila Storm	Dan Sullivan	

GUESTS

Daniel Patterson	Jan Gordley	Ed Sanaghan
Amber Moore	Jermaine Hannon	Ed Stillings
Joanne Homer	Mike Johnson	Vern Pall
Katie Dusenberry	Priscilla Cornelio	Kurt Weinrich
M.J. Yee	Jim DeGroot	Marcelino Flores
Dan Hochuli	F. Ann Rodriguez	Alex Hingle
Sylvia Winner	Phyllis Karpe	S. Karpe
John Lynch	Mark Gerber	
Doug Koppinger	Ryan Stanton	

1. Call to order.

Chairman Chuck Huckelberry called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the May 18, 2005, meeting.

Marshall Worden moved to approve the minutes. Roger Caldwell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Report from the RTA Citizens Advisory Committee

Katie Dusenberry of CAC relayed comments from CAC members. Some of the comments were that there was no spark in the draft plan to get the attention from the voters, and we need to invigorate them so they will want to get out and vote. We also need to look at the corridors, describe the congested corridors, and put them together so it's not just the road improvements being described.

4. Project selection and Prioritization

Chair Huckelberry explained that the RTA road money is estimated to be about \$1.25 billion if \$300 million is used for categorical programs and \$450 million for transit.

Vice Chair Glock discussed the progress of the highway capacity sub-committee. The work of HDR came back from the engineering staff with some questionable assumptions and has since then been reviewed with a final set of 30 projects.

Chair Huckelberry reviewed the RTA project cost estimates handout. He explained the estimated revenue base of \$300 million in impact fees, which includes County transportation bonds and Marana funds. From the initial list, both River Road and Drexel projects have been dropped. Both the north end of La Cholla and the east end of Houghton connections have been scaled back from 6 lanes to 4 based on travel demand modeling results. The reason is to conserve money and make the program fit with the available revenues. In emphasizing long corridor travels, some additions were made to the project list such as 1st Ave (Orange Grove to Ina), Magee (Oracle to La Canada), Sunset Bridge to River, and Valencia (I-19 to Kolb).

Chuck Sweet mentioned map modifications should be made before the new map is presented to CAC, and RTA funds being spent should be reflected on the map as well.

Chair Huckelberry also noted a need to emphasize corridors. He also mentioned that the TMC is fairly close to identifying corridors and projects and has a good handle on

real costs. A readiness analysis is also needed to show which order these will be built. Chairman Huckelberry also expressed a concern with out of date traffic data counts, and asked that PAG review the numbers again.

Andy Gunning confirmed that updated traffic counts have been done as of April of this year and within the next few weeks those updates will be available.

Chair Chuck Huckelberry addressed concerns of achieving the level of Impact Fees. There is a 100 percent comfort level that a minimum of \$200 million will be collected. He explained that the number is based on the average impact fees on transportation throughout the region, over the 20-year period.

Jim Stahle commented on putting an extension from Swan Road to Sahuarita Road (dash line down Swan to Sahuarita) for right-of-way. Another issue is the interstate itself with the connection to Sahuarita Road. The town of Sahuarita has pledged one third of the funds for an interchange @ Sahuarita Road and I-19 at an estimated \$15 million total.

Mike Reuwsaat motioned to accept the Roadway Segments draft as amended. Marshall Worden seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Andy Gunning mentioned that with the help of Sun Tran and PAG staff, a 35-page handout was given out at past meetings regarding different service level improvements. Using that information, a survey was sent to each committee member to rate their priorities in each section. Andy reviewed the Transit Alternative Worksheet/TMC Survey handout and explained that each section was rated as high, medium and low, then assigned a weighted score to each ranking. We then came up with an overall ranking system based on responses so far, and identified the top 10 ranked service areas with their cost as well. The No. 1 ranked service recommendation was the expansion of weekday evening service for the core system and the cost was \$18.4 million.

George Caria mentioned that later nights and weekend services addresses regional mobility more so than congestion relief.

Benny Young is encouraged by the results from the surveys and feels we can proceed to recommend to CAC with one exception, a consideration of the local match for the Downtown trolley project which would be another \$75 million. But, through new farebox revenue, it would generate \$50 million over a 20-year course. Therefore total RTA funds for transit would be \$500 million which would be in range with the overall package. No action was taken. The committee decided they will discuss transit further at its next meeting.

Mr. Gary Hayes of PAG noted that the statutes need to be verified for the legalities of the business/neighborhood assistance in the categorical program.

Chuck Sweet motioned to approve the categorical programs. Chet Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The TMC will forward its decision of approving the roadway projects and the categorical programs to the CAC for their consideration.

5. Schedule of upcoming RTA committee meetings

The Chair directed George Caria of Sun Tran and PAG staff to work together to provide more detailed information on how to expand the circulators and identify where the heavy circulator demands are (i.e. Rita Ranch). They should work in Benny Young's \$50 million new farebox revenues to show what the figures look like and figure how the frequency and service area enhancements work with the express system to reduce congestion and increase capacity.

6. Agenda and assignments for the next meeting

The June 15, 2005, TMC meeting will focus on transit.

7. Call to the Audience

Daniel Patterson of Santa Rita Park Neighborhood Association addressed the committee opposing the widening of 22nd Street, unless the RTA can provide mitigation for the adjoining neighborhoods.

Mark Gerber addressed his support of the Snyder Road Bridge

Ed Sanaghan of CROS addressed the committee with his support of the Snyder Road Bridge.

F. Ann Rodriguez of CAC addressed the committee regarding the finalization of alignment options for the Barraza/Aviation Parkway.

Michael Toney addressed the committee on I-10 Rio Nuevo overpass.

Phyllis Karpe addressed the committee with her support of the Snyder Road Bridge.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Chuck Huckelberry adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.