

**Technical/Management Committee Meeting  
Minutes of August 17, 2005**

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Andy Gunning, Director of Planning

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chuck Huckelberry	Bob Iannarino	Steve Pageau for Jim Glock
Jim Stahle	John Pein	Jim DeGroot for Michael Reuwsaat
John Bernal	Marshall Worden	Gary Oaks for Benny Young
Farhad Moghimi	Chuck Sweet	Carl Russell
Frank Thomson	Roger Caldwell	Paul Cella
George Caria	Barbara Becker	Chet Davis
Jim Schoen	Fred Stevens	

**PAG RTA STAFF**

Gary Hayes	Dan Sullivan	Natalie Clark
Andy Gunning	Cherie Campbell	Paul Casertano
Tim Ahrens	Rosie Soto	Tom Fisher
Jeff Hildebrand	Sheila Storms	Tom Cooney

**GUESTS**

Dan Hochuli	Michael Johnson	Luana Capponi
M.J. Yee	Carolyn Campbell	Curt Lueck
Michelle Muench	Patrick Cavanaugh	Jennifer King
Catherine Balzano	F. Ann Rodriguez	Andy Dinauer
Martin Willett	Patty Richardson	
Ramon Gaanderss	Ryan Matchety	
Paul Mackey	Amber Moore	
Viki Matthews	Bill Dorgan	

1. Call to order

Chairman Chuck Huckelberry called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. Approval of minutes dated July 6, 2005

Chet Davis moved to approve the minutes. Bob Iannarino seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Report from the RTA Citizens Advisory Committee

Mr. Gary Hayes of PAG reported on behalf of the CAC that at the CAC meeting, Aug. 15, a voting resolution for the committee was passed that there is to be at least an 85% consensus on each project to be included in the project list. Also, a joint session for the CAC and TMC is tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2005.

Carolyn Campbell of the CAC added that the transit sub-committee has had 1 meeting so far and there was a lot of discussion about funding, and working within the current allocated budget. The next transit meeting will be on Aug. 25, and they're hoping to have more information to possibly submit transit recommendations to both the CAC and TMC on Sept. 12.

4. Status of public review and comment

Sheila Storm spoke on behalf of Jan Gordley of Gordley Design mentioning that the first round of public meetings is complete and will continue with the remaining unincorporated areas of Pima County throughout the rest of August. The second phase of public meetings will begin on Sept. 19. Some of the public comments received are regarding Grant Rd., Barraza Aviation, and Snyder Rd. The most comments have been about a cross-town freeway, and why it isn't in the plan.

Chair Huckelberry commented that he has received several emails regarding the connection of Sabino Canyon South into the intersection of Kolb and Grant, why is it not in the plan. It probably could be done, with almost zero displacements.

Chet Davis mentioned that Green Valley held a public outreach meeting and jurisdictional transportation meeting last Friday, and one major project has been requested to be added to the RTA list. This project is located Northbound on East frontage Rd. of I-19 between Canoa Rd. Continental Rd. in Green Valley. Between the 1997 transportation bond authorization, impact fees already collected, and other Pima County funding commitments, the RTA portion should be fairly reasonable.

Chair Huckelberry noted that the project cost with available revenues would take about a \$4 million allocation from the RTA to complete the project and suggests it be put on the list for consideration.

Chuck Sweet suggested that future public meetings in Sun City/Oro Valley be scheduled either early morning or afternoon. Also, for the second phase, hold a public meeting south of the CDO wash.

#### 5. Review and refinement of draft RTA concept plan elements

Chair Huckelberry mentioned that the Greenway, bikes and pathway sub-committee has a tentative project list totaling \$59 million. Chair Huckelberry described the greenway and pathways element map handed out at the CAC meeting, Aug. 15, and how it begins to show geographic distribution on the bikeway & pedestrian pathways that look more regional in scope. Chair Huckelberry asked the committee for any thoughts or ideas regarding the format.

Andy Gunning added that the working group looking at on-road bike path needs, and shared-use river paths, (map display) shows both on-road bicycle connection needs that haven't been made throughout the urban area that they think should be made within that category. Also, they propose connecting the river system multi-use shared paths throughout the region. They also came up with a list of sidewalk needs and between those three groups together total about \$65 million.

Chair Huckelberry suggested putting that information on one graphic so that everyone can clearly understand and differentiate the designations of the classifications. If it takes \$65 million to do what is desirable, then the focus should be on full funding.

Frank Thomson questioned if we have the typical section that we're assuming all the jurisdictions will honor, and how do the non-parallel connections fit within those, to have a good idea what the overall system is.

Frank Thomson questioned if we are showing the connections between park-n-rides and transit.

Chuck Sweet suggested under Summary of Planned Benefits to summarize the actual total costs. List each element and their dollar amount, and it will be easier for most readers to understand.

Chair Huckelberry responded that it may be required by statute to have a summary of all sources.

Carl Russell suggested that staff verify there are no committed projects under the RTA side, to ensure we are not double counting projects.

Steve Pageau questioned in terms of bike lanes and sidewalks, how much flexibility will we have as far as the RTA to make modifications.

Chair Huckelberry responded that the struggle will be to figure out what elements are clearly large scale elements that are not going to change. Chair Huckelberry also mentioned that legal counsel may be helpful in letting us know whether we're able to describe the program selection process or do we have to list a specific project.

Gary Oaks suggested that the dotted lines be in a different color or maybe change the line type for the Right-of-Way Preservation category.

6. Project cost estimates, additional revenues and project implementation

Tim Ahrens gave an update on the weekly meetings, with Bob Iannarino, jurisdictions including city, county and Marana, and the consultant. Last week, Grant Rd. was looked at exclusively along with Aviation eastside and westside connections. There are three areas that need to be looked at, and maybe a sub-committee needs to address these areas which are administrative overhead costs, utility relocation, and construction standards. Revenue forecasts from the ½ cent sales tax should be completed by Sept. 1.

7. Impact Fees

Steve Pageau explained that the city of Tucson's revenue forecasts was based on the projection of the number of homes. Steve also mentioned he will be working with PAG to see how much will be available and how much will be built by the offset the developer will build into their project. Annexation was also anticipated so we may end up double counting the same home.

Chair Huckelberry added that Pima County has done a gross forecast and is estimated at about \$384 million and will be broken down by benefit area and project allocation.

Ann Rodriguez of the CAC reviewed her letter issued to the RTA Board, CAC and TMC expressing her concerns regarding the perception we are giving the voters. We need to educate the voter of what the various jurisdictions actually get on impact fees or construction sales tax to defuse the conflict or assumption that there are no impact fees. Ms. Rodriguez asked some of the jurisdictions what their fees were. Oro Valley is \$3,000 per home, Marana is up to \$6,000 per home and the City of Tucson is about \$3700.

Si Schorr suggested PAG prepare a document which gives impact fees for each jurisdiction.

Chair Huckelberry agreed that PAG head a sub-committee with the other jurisdictions and transportation agencies and together have an assessment of where that growth will be coming from, what amounts are going to come from it and what can be allocated to RTA projects.

Si Schorr suggested that Marshall Worden sit on the Impact Fees sub-committee. Marshall Worden accepted.

Frank Thomson mentioned that SAHBA has recently done a study along these lines and would probably share with PAG the construction related fees and sales tax.

Chair Huckelberry confirmed that the sub-committee would get started and invite SAHBA to participate in the sub-committee.

Curt Lueck of CLA stated that at the regional level the construction sales tax, impact fees etc. total about \$2.2 billion thru 2030.

#### 8. Project Implementation Planning Effort

Chair Huckelberry suggested PAG put together a sub-committee to prioritize project implementation, put projects into categories such as easily implemented, some planning and no planning, and then make finer cuts as we have information available about what could go first, in what order and why and how does it improve mobility. This committee should include ADOT as a jurisdiction because of implications on the interstate system. George Caria of Sun Tran needs to be on it for the transit component.

Si Schorr questioned if the sub-committee will take on the task of determining which projects would be subject to bonding and which would be pay as you go basis.

Chair Huckelberry responded that the sub-committee would need to take that on. Also, if we did pay as you go, we probably have enough projects ready to go that we can spend all the money in the first five years and not bond anything. Does that really solve cross-town mobility? The committee will have a lot of work on their hands.

Si Schorr also recommended that a financial advisor sit on the committee either from the public sector or private sector to act as the chief financial advisor.

PAG staff will get the committee together and get names back to TMC to know who is working on what.

#### 9. Future RTA meetings and agenda items

The next TMC meeting is scheduled for Sept. 7, 2005. Agenda items will include:

Macro regional forecast – Pinal County, Cochise County.

Updating categories & funding.

#### 10. Call to the audience

Ann Rodriguez of the CAC addressed the committee on Neighborhood enhancements suggested during Steve Leal's meeting on Aug. 15.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.