

**Technical/Management Committee Meeting  
Minutes of November 16, 2005**

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Andy Gunning, Director of Planning

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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| Chuck Huckelberry | Jim Glock      | Jim DeGroot for Mike Reuwsaat |
| Carl Russell      | George Caria   | Kurt Weinrich for John Bernal |
| Paul Cella        | Bob Iannarino  |                               |
| Jim Stahle        | Chuck Sweet    |                               |
| Barbara Becker    | Farhad Moghimi |                               |
| Frank Thomson     | Chet Davis     |                               |

**PAG RTA STAFF**

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|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Gary Hayes   | Cherie Campbell | Paul Casertano |
| Andy Gunning | Tom Fisher      | Rosie Soto     |
| Tim Ahrens   | Jeff Hildebrand |                |
| Sheila Storm | Tom Cooney      |                |

**GUESTS**

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| Thomas Benavidez   | Gary Oaks         | Patty Richardson |
| Joe Herrick        | Curt Lueck        | Steve Farley     |
| Gary Oaks          | Amber Moore       | Dick Roberts     |
| Bill Dorgan        | Jeffrey J. Cesare | John Dougherty   |
| Priscilla Cornelio | Malena Barajas    | Bill Reilly      |
| Adam Gottlieb      | Michael Toney     |                  |
| M.J. Yee           | Anthony King      |                  |

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of minutes dated October 19, 2005

Carl Russell moved to approve the minutes. Farhad Moghimi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Report from and discussion with the RTA Citizens Advisory Committee

Carl Russell mentioned that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe is providing the RTA with an official signed letter of endorsement of the RTA draft plan.

Dick Roberts stated that it would be a good idea for the CAC and TMC to have another joint session to discuss the phasing schedule.

Patty Richardson mentioned that she has done a lot of RTA presentations on the east and southeast areas of town and has received an overall supportive response. However, there are concerns that nothing has happened on that part of town for a great deal of time, so when we start looking at scheduling it would be a good idea to include projects from that area in the first phase.

4. Transportation project implementation and phasing schedule

Cherie Campbell reviewed the latest revisions to the Phasing Schedule and explained that the cash flow chart shows the expenditures of money as the projects initially start design, right-of-way acquisition and construction. The phasing schedule is focused on when money is available for physical construction.

Chair Huckelberry stated that right-of-way acquisition needs to stay in because some people and businesses in those corridors will need to have some assurances.

Chuck Sweet questioned if any projects have been moved from one period to another.

Cherie responded that there were only projects on Houghton Road that were moved.

Kurt Weinrich commented that we should encourage all the entities to use alternative project delivery methods whenever appropriate. Five years can be shrunk down to as little as two, it doesn't necessarily save money, but the time reduction to complete improvement has indirect savings.

Chair Huckelberry added that as a committee, we need to look at what policies have been suggested by the governing boards and talk about how we will recommend the elaboration of policies and details to the CAC.

Chet Davis questioned when all the details need to be finalized.

Paul Cella questioned what the legalities are if a project is in the first period and has to be moved back a few years, would that create legal issues?

Thomas Benavidez responded that it is anticipated by the legislature that things may possibly happen and certainly would not cause a subsequent election. It would be fine, not necessarily desirable, but it is possible.

Si Schorr suggested that legal counsel review the Legislature and legalities pertaining to Chet and Paul's questions.

Chair Huckelberry also questioned legal counsel how it would be done if the RTA Board was to adopt policies, procedures and guidance.

Thomas Benavidez responded that it would have to be done by resolution of the governing board.

Chet Davis noted that the legislative wording of "significant change" needs to be defined before too much time goes by.

Thomas Benavidez added that it is specifically defined and the meaning is clearly articulated in the statute. Thomas will research and provide the definition for the committee.

##### 5. Implementation of Safety and Environmental/Economic Vitality

Andy Gunning reviewed the categorical elements handout and explained that it is a work in progress to help define clarity in each of the elements and what the expected implementation is over the 20-year period. The top intersection improvements needed have been identified based on safety issues or capacity issues. Andy suggested defining the first half-dozen for the first year or two in the plan, and set up a working group that would report to the RTA Board and to PAG and set up another group of jurisdictional representatives to look at the criteria year-by-year to recommend which projects will be funded due to changing conditions. For the Elderly Pedestrian Safety Improvements element, a suggestion was made to set aside \$20 million for facility improvements for pedestrian crossings and \$5 million for safety education, this is an under funded area where there is not a lot of public outreach for traffic, bicyclist and driver safety education. Under the Transit Corridor Bus Pull-outs element, the corridors identified as primary improvements are First Avenue, Stone Ave., Oracle Rd., and Alvernon and for east/west corridor improvements, Ft Lowell, Speedway and 6<sup>th</sup> St. The Greenway, Pathway and Bikeway's active working group also have identified improvements, such as on-road bicycle lane connections and shared-use paths, river systems connection and sidewalk improvements. Andy also noted that the wildlife linkage could use some direction from the committee on how it should be implemented.

Chair Huckelberry commented that he would like to stick with the language used from Carolyn Campbell's subcommittee. Chair Huckelberry also suggested that the CAC and TMC review the categorical elements and at the next meeting discuss any suggestions with regard to the language used for the wildlife linkage.

Kurt Weinrich stated that the safety coordinators of Pima County and the City of Tucson recommend using the phrase "Safe Route to School" vs. "Outreach" due to the high competition for statewide enhancement funds.

Dick Roberts questioned if any contact has been made with Rick Myers regarding the next CAC meeting.

Gary Hayes mentioned that thus far, we have received unanimous acceptance from the jurisdictions and would like to thank the managers for all the hard work they've done getting the information out. Gary also noted that Nov. 30 is the RTA Board meeting with the news conference immediately following. The RTA Board will formally announce their acceptance of the plan and move forward to convey on Dec. 13 to the Board of Supervisors for the plan to be put on the ballot in May.

6. Future RTA meetings and agenda items

The next TMC meeting is scheduled for Dec. 7.

7. Call to the Audience

Michael Toney addressed the committee on his concerns of the Santa Cruz River bike paths and the University of Arizona's science center bridge.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.