

**Technical/Management Committee Meeting
Minutes of December 7, 2005**

Andy Gunning, Director of Planning

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chuck Huckelberry	Jim Glock	Mike Reuwsaat
Carl Russell	George Caria	John Bernal
Jim Stahle	Chuck Sweet	Barbara Becker
Farhad Moghimi	Frank Thomson	John Pein
Roger Caldwell	Fernando Castro	

PAG RTA STAFF

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

GUESTS

Thomas Benavidez	Ben Changkakoti	Curt Lueck
Jermaine R. Hannon	Gary Oaks	Jim DeGrood
John Dougherty	Patrick Cavanaugh	Priscilla Cornelio
M.J. Yee	Anthony King	

1. Call to order

Chairman Chuck Huckelberry called the meeting to order at 11:07 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. Status of the RTA twenty-year comprehensive regional transportation plan

Chair Huckelberry reviewed that the RTA Board has endorsed the plan and the resolutions have been passed.

4. Implementation of Safety and Environmental/Economic Vitality elements

Chair Huckelberry questioned if there was a need to do any more to the categories at this point in time. The general adoption of the category by the RTA Board has left it generic and descriptive of categorical improvements.

Andy Gunning added that the Categorical handout is a summary of all the categorical elements with the final funding amount approved for each one and the project ranking criteria.

Chair Huckelberry commented that under the category Transit Corridor Bus Pullouts, the sentence reading, "A bus pullout corridor map is available." Looking at the map someone might assume that bus pullouts are limited to only those identified on the map.

Jim Stahle added that for the At-Grade Railroad Safety/Bridge Deficiencies category, it would be wise to include safety as part of the ranking criteria.

5. Implementation of RTA Plan

Andy Gunning mentioned that the resolutions handout shows the four policies adopted by the RTA Board in which two are relevant to implementation. First, Uniform mitigation is to help ensure that the jurisdictions have the same mitigation standards in place and is applied uniformly across the community. Second, the Public Corridor Planning Process may need to be further discussed and may need to be worked out with the jurisdictions to figure how and when that is going to proceed.

Chuck Sweet questioned how everything is going to work and who will be accountable if the plan passes in May.

Tim Ahrens responded, July 1 is when the legislation starts and a sales tax will be collected by the State of Arizona which will be distributed to a fiscal agent who then will distribute to

each jurisdiction as expenditures start. Tim added that bonding decisions should be made as a group.

Carl Russell suggested putting together a short procedures manual of how the process is going to move from July 1 and on.

Gary Hayes commented that MAG has a manual called, "Life Cycle Program" which includes all the standards and timing in detail. We could use their version as a model to work from.

Chair Huckelberry stated that as a committee or jurisdiction everyone needs to go back to look at the 5-year increment implementation plan.

John Bernal mentioned that in a prior meeting regarding implementation, there was a suggestion that a sub-set of jurisdictions would take charge in moving things forward and report to the TMC group as necessary. John also agreed with Frank that once the publicity campaign starts rolling, we need to have a common understanding on how to address questions before May 6. If not, our credibility may be diminished.

6. Future of the Technical/Management Committee

Chair Huckelberry mentioned that there is a group, particularly the private sector that would like to move on and become part of the advocacy group.

Thomas Benavidez added that there is no reason to disband the committee in order to support the election.

Carl Russell commented that it would be a good idea for the committee to meet on a monthly basis to show voters that the committee is accountable.

Chair Huckelberry confirmed that the jurisdictions would move forward and meet as a committee when necessary.

Gary Hayes thanked the committee for all the due diligence, hard work and participation, it has made our job a lot easier.

7. Call to the Audience

None.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.