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## **Regional Transportation Authority Technical Management Committee**

### **Minutes of July 29, 2009, Meeting**

#### **Committee Members Present**

Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County, Chair  
Jim Glock, City of Tucson, TDOT, Vice Chair  
Ana Olivares (for John Bernal), Pima County  
Gilbert Davidson, Town of Marana  
David Andrews, Town of Oro Valley  
Farhad Moghimi (for Jim Stahle), Town of Sahuarita  
Roger Caldwell, UA, Energy/Air Quality  
Marcelino Flores, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Joel Gastelum (for Enrique Serna), City of South Tucson  
William Carroll, Engineering and Environmental Consultants,  
Jordan Feld, Tucson Airport Authority  
Bob Iannarino, Diamond Ventures

#### **Staff**

Gary Hayes  
Jim DeGrood  
Rosie Soto  
Jeff Hildebrand  
Rob Samuelson  
Dan Sullivan  
Sheila Storm

#### **Public/Agencies/Others**

Mike Bertram, HDR  
Rick Ellis, Pima County

## **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Huckelberry at 12:00 p.m.

## **2. Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2009**

**Motion was made by Farhad Moghimi to approve the minutes of April 22, 2009, seconded by David Andrews, and approved unanimously.**

## **3. Call to the Audience**

None.

## **4. RTA Executive Director's Report**

Gary Hayes reported that 3 of 11 major RTA roadway projects are under way and in the ground-breaking stage and with that, the bidding climate remains very competitive. Along with the enhanced express transit services already in place, transit circulators began on May 4 in Marana, Oro Valley, Green Valley and Sahuarita. The CART Committee met and their primary focus is dealing with the review of a request for sound walls on La Canada. Gary briefly reviewed a letter issued by him to the Metro Water district regarding waterline relocation fees and an article written by Roger Yohem for *Inside Tucson Business* regarding RTA projects.

## **5. RTA Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee Report**

Sheila Storm reiterated that the main focus of the CART Committee is the sound walls on La Canada. Sheila provided a list of action items that were approved at the last CART meeting and was forwarded to the RTA Board.

## **6. RTA Project Update (construction, billings and IGAs)**

Jim DeGroot provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding RTA Project Status Updates. Items reviewed:

- RTA Plan Current Project Status
- RTA First Implementation Period Projects
- Sun Shuttle Improvements and Service Summary
- All RTA Elements
- Earned Value Management Metrics
- Roadway Improvement Element
- Safety Element
- Environmental & Economic Vitality Element
- Transit - All Sponsors Projects

If you would like a copy of the presentation, please contact Rosie Soto at 792-1093 or [rsoto@pagnet.org](mailto:rsoto@pagnet.org).

## **7. Financial Update**

Rob Samuelsen provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the RTA financial outlook. Items reviewed:

- Monthly Revenue Trends (YOY)
- Market Value of RTA Fund
- FY 2010 Budget

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## **8. Development of a Standard for Wall Usage on RTA Roadway Element Projects**

Committee members developed an acceptance of standards for wall usage on RTA Roadway Element projects.

1. It is the local jurisdiction's choice of what wall standard they wish to utilize when designing a project.
2. Noise walls must meet either ADOT or FHWA noise standards and apply scientifically proven decibel credit for the use of rubberized asphalt in order to be RTA reimbursable.
3. Screen walls not associated with noise mitigation must have a proven access or safety related purpose associated in order to be RTA reimbursable.

**Motion was made by Jim Glock, seconded by Farhad Moghimi and approved unanimously.**

## **9. Future Agenda Items**

None identified.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.