

Regional Transportation Authority Technical Management Committee

Minutes of Nov. 5, 2009, Meeting

Committee Members Present

Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County, Chair
Jim Glock, City of Tucson, TDOT, Vice Chair
John Bernal, Pima County
Gilbert Davidson, Town of Marana
Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley
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
Jim Schoen, Kittelson and Associates
Paul Cella, Retired
Jim Stahle, Town of Sahuarita

Staff

Gary Hayes
Andy Gunning
Jim DeGroot
Rosie Soto
Jeff Hildebrand
Rob Samuelson
Dan Sullivan
Sheila Storm

Public/Agencies/Others

Richard Miranda, City of Tucson
Roy Cuaron, City of Tucson
Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County
Barbara Johnson, Town of Marana
Farhad Moghimi, Town of Sahuarita
Scott Leska, Town of Marana
Orville Saling, Town of Marana

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 July 29, 2009

Motion was made by Bob Iannarino to approve the minutes of July 29, 2009, seconded by Jim Stahle, and approved unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

None.

4. RTA Executive Director's Report

Gary Hayes reported that the bidding climate remains very competitive. Mr. Hayes also mentioned that there have been several groundbreaking and ribbon cutting events, which is good because it shows voters that the RTA is committed to responding to their direction. The focus is also to be sure that appropriate signage is used. People should understand that projects are typically jurisdiction and RTA projects. In the outlying jurisdictions, the RTA is still tweaking Sun Shuttle services. The Regional Transit Symposium is on Dec. 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Manning House, and the RTA Board meeting is on Dec. 10.

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

Jim DeGroot reported that the Committee last met on Sept. 17, and was updated on the Board action of the wall appeal and the RTA Technical Management Committee recommendations in terms of the wall policies. Project and financial updates were provided; an Adhoc Committee was established to review the annual report that will be published before the end of the year, and the CART listened to a presentation on the Modern Streetcar.

6. RTA Wall Policy

Jim DeGroot reported that at the Sept. 24 RTA Board meeting, the Board considered the wall policy that the Technical Management Committee recommended in July; three recommendations were presented. Jim also noted that Mayor Loomis expressed concern regarding costs, materials and the height of the walls and requested that the RTA develop a new policy. The appeal was fully denied by the Board and staff recommends that additional wall policies be forwarded on to the TMC Policy Subcommittee for revision.

7. RTA TMC Policy Subcommittee Report

Jim DeGroot reported that the Subcommittee held its first organizational meeting Nov. 2. and, during this meeting, Barbara Johnson was elected as Chair and Priscilla Cornelio as Vice

Chair, and discussed the objective of this Subcommittee and what needs to be accomplished. The Subcommittee reviewed the Emerging Policy Concerns list and identified 10 items that will be focused on. Also discussed was a policy on how to incorporate emerging concerns into the POPs. The Subcommittee will meet every other week until Christmas break. Staff has been directed to draft recommendations as to how to start incorporating the MOPs into the POPs document. Jim also noted that information can be accessed online on PAG's Web site.

8. Project Update (construction, billings and IGAs)

Jim DeGroot provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding RTA updates. Items reviewed:

- RTA Update
- RTA Plan Current Project Status
- Roadway Improvement Element
- First Implementation Period
- Safety Element
- Earned Value Management
- Sun Shuttle Service

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

Jim also reviewed the *Recent Bid Results within the Region and Funding Commitments* handouts.

9. Financial Update

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

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

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10. Local Government Funding Commitments to RTA Roadway Element Projects

Each of the following member jurisdictions provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding projects to be delivered during implementation periods one and two and their ability to meet their RTA local funding commitments:

- Jim DeGroot, RTA

- Barbara Johnson, Town of Marana
- Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley
- Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County
- Jim Stahle, Town of Sahuarita
- Jim Glock, City of Tucson

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11. Archaeological Requirements on RTA Projects

Chuck Huckelberry reported that the archaeology on Silverbell could range anywhere from \$3 million - \$12 million. So, another issue the TMC Policy Subcommittee may have to deal with is who will pay for the unforeseen costs?

12. Future Agenda Items

None identified.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.