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## **RTA TMC Policy Subcommittee**

### **Minutes of Oct. 21, 2011, Meeting**

#### **Committee Members Present**

Andy Denauer, City of Tucson  
Bill Carroll, Engineering and Environmental  
Consultants Inc.  
Bob Iannarino, PSOMAS  
Farhad Moghimi, Town of Sahuarita  
Jim Glock, City of Tucson  
Jose Rodriguez, Town of Marana  
Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County

#### **Staff**

Jim DeGroot  
Riley Rasmussen  
Rosie Soto  
Steve Matthews

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

The meeting was called to order by Farhad Moghimi at 12:07 p.m.

#### **2. Call to the Audience**

None.

#### **3. Announcements/Comments**

Jim DeGroot announced that two meetings need to be scheduled: 1) to review the results from the Silverbell Value Analysis, and 2) to review the results from the Valencia Road – West Value Analysis. Thursday, Nov. 10, at noon, is the next scheduled TMC Policy Subcommittee meeting.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes of Aug. 8, 2011**

**Motion was made by Priscilla Cornelio to approve the minutes of Aug. 8, 2011, seconded by Bill Carroll, and approved unanimously.**

## 5. State Route Designation/Routes of Regional Significance

Jim reported that at the last RTA TPC meeting on Oct. 5, the committee voted to recommend that the TMC Policy Subcommittee consider the status of current State Routes within the region, as well as future routes.

Bob Iannarino questioned if the Time Coalition process is still in play.

John Liosatos stated that the Time Coalition was a statewide issue and was never finalized. An ADOT study is being done to see what should be added and/or removed to the state system so we're going to let that run its course before we suggest anything.

Jim suggested that a re-visitation of the State Route system and the Regionally Significant Routes be put in the work plan for next year.

Priscilla added that she likes the idea of a study and asked if a consultant would be on board by July 1.

John said that if this group is interested in moving forward, the next step would be to talk with Gary Hayes and the Management Committee for an OWP amendment.

Bill asked what the process is with approaching ADOT.

John said that it's easier to work with one person than 2-3 different people. PAG works by consensus and looks for feedback from each member jurisdiction. Therefore, it would be best if PAG works directly with ADOT.

**Motion was made by Priscilla Cornelio to recommended rapid movement toward the development of a Regional Routes Study, Scope of Work, identify funding and potentially include a modification of the current FY 2011/2012 OWP, seconded by Bob Iannarino, and approved unanimously.**

## 6. RTA Categorical Program Funding

Jim mentioned that he sent a memo to the DOT Directors requesting a review of the categorical projects that have been completed and to determine if there is excess funding to release and make those funds available. Concern was expressed from the Management Committee regarding the ability to provide adequate funding for all of the major road projects. Jim would like to go back to the board to see if we can get another "Call for Projects."

Farhad suggested that the TMC look and make that determination.

John added that if all of the jurisdictions could close out their projects, Jim would have an amount to present to the Management Committee at its next meeting in November.

**Motion was made by Andy Danauer that this committee support a "Call for Projects" based on the unexpended funds from the previous set of projects, seconded by Priscilla Cornelio, and approved unanimously.**

## 7. SBE Requirements for RTA Projects

Jim mentioned that as a result of concerns at a TIP meeting, he sent a memo requesting that the various SBE goals for the jurisdictions be identified. Jim circulated the *Summary of SBE Requirements for Recent RTA Projects* spreadsheet that identifies what the goals were and stated that this information would be provided to TUCA since they expressed concern.

**Motion was made by Andy Danauer that with respect to RTA Projects, SBEs be capped at an amount not to exceed 10 percent, seconded by Bill Carroll, and approved unanimously.**

Jim added that the motion would not be able to be implemented immediately. It would have to go to the RTA Board as a recommendation by the TMC Policy Subcommittee at its next meeting in December.

Priscilla agreed with the motion with the exception that she feels that the motion should be amended to include that TUCA would make the recommendation.

**Motion was made by Andy Danauer that this Committee recommend that with respect to RTA Projects, SBEs be capped at an amount not to exceed 10 percent and to include TUCA's input, seconded by Bill Carroll, and approved unanimously.**

Farhad stated that to implement a change, an IGA with the RTA would be required.

Jim added that he would take this to the TMC at its next meeting in November.

## 8. Silverbell Road Value Analysis Presentation

Jim reviewed items discussed throughout the week of the Silverbell Value Analysis and introductions were made.

Bernie Dole, Value Analysis Facilitator, briefly explained the organization of the VA preliminary report and how the review process will work.

The Value Analysis Team presented its proposals and recommendations to the TMC Policy Subcommittee.

Jim briefly explained the cost savings and thanked the team members for their hard work.

Farhad reminded the Policy Subcommittee that its next meeting will be Nov. 10 to score the recommendations for the Silverbell Value Analysis and review the VA Team recommendations for the Valencia Road – West.

## 9. Future Agenda Items

None.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.