



Regional Transportation Authority

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Regional Transportation Authority Technical Management Committee

Minutes of Nov. 29, 2011, Meeting

Committee Members Present

Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County, Chair
Bill Carroll, Engineering and Environmental Consultants Inc.
Bob Iannarino, PSOMAS
Chet Davis, Retired, Green Valley
Craig Civalier (for Greg Caton), Town of Oro Valley
Farhad Moghimi (for Jim Stahle), Town of Sahuarita
Frank Thomson, Thomson Associates
John Bernal, Pima County
Keith Brann, Town of Marana
Paul Cella, Retired
Roger Caldwell, Retired, UA
Steve Shepherd, Borderland Construction Co.
Tim Ahrens, HDR

Staff

Carlos de Leon
Dan Sullivan
David Joseph
Gary Hayes
Jeff Hildebrand
Jim DeGrood
John Liosatos
Rob Samuelsen
Rosie Soto

Public/Agencies/Others

Becky Pallack, Arizona Daily Star
Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Huckelberry at 12:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Aug. 11, 2011, TMC Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Farhad Moghimi to approve the minutes of Aug. 11, 2011, seconded by Craig Civalier, and approved unanimously.

3. Announcements

Gary Hayes gave an update on the RTA projects that have been initiated and/or completed. The RTA Board last met on Oct. 27. The focus was on the Professional Transit Management (PTM) issues and the management of the Streetcar moving forward as a separate contract than the RFP for Sun Tran and Sun Van. More discussion on this topic will be held this Thursday at the next RTA Board meeting.

4. Executive Director's Report

Discussed in announcements.

5. RTA Board Report

Discussed in announcements.

6. Small Business Enterprise Requirements on RTA projects

Jim DeGroot reported that the Executive Director of Tucson Utilities Contractors Association (TUCA) requested that the appropriate committees look at the SBE funding goals identified in RTA projects. Prior to this request, a letter was sent in November to member jurisdictions requesting a summary of what its SBE goals are on projects that are either in bid or have been awarded within the last 24 months. A summary of policies and ordinances were also requested. Jim briefly explained the pros and cons of SBE percentages. The TMC Policy Subcommittee reviewed the SBE spreadsheet at its last meeting and recommends that the RTA establish a maximum SBE goal of 10 percent on RTA-funded projects.

Motion was made by Chet Davis to approve the recommendation that the RTA establish a maximum SBE goal of 10 percent on RTA-funded projects of \$2 million or more, seconded by Craig Civalier, and approved unanimously.

7. Acceleration of the Ruthrauff Interchange

Jim DeGroot reported that as the end of the DCR phase of the I-10, Ruthrauff to Ina, project, ADOT is recommending phasing to accelerate the reconstruction of the Ruthrauff interchange from period 3 to the last 15 months of period 2, while also initiating the reconstruction of the Ina interchange concurrently with Ruthrauff and delaying the Sunset project until the other two projects are complete. Discussion with ADOT may be necessary to determine whether there will be cost impacts. The Ina Road project will remain compliant with the RTA plan. Jim added that both interchanges would not be closed at one time. There has been a lot of concern regarding Ruthrauff being completed before Ina.

Chet explained that the RTA should not set a precedent that money will be available to accelerate projects at any given time. Economically, the RTA does not have that change of pace available.

8. Modern Streetcar Update

Carlos de Leon provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Streetcar Project Update. Items reviewed:

- Project Status
- Streetcar Project Timeline
- Cushing Street Bridge
- 8th Street Drainage
- Maintenance and Storage Facility
- Line Segment Construction
- Vehicles
- Other Activities
- Cost per Major Contract Package
- Funding Sources vs. Expenditures to Date

Chuck questioned how much the land use study is going to cost.

Carlos replied that it will cost approximately \$300,000. A combination of FTA funds will be used and the City of Tucson will provide a local match of approximately \$60,000.

Gary Hayes added that at the RTA Board meeting on Oct. 27, there was concern regarding the City of Tucson going out to bid for a management contract which at that time the proposal included Sun Tran, Sun Van and the Streetcar. The concern expressed to the City Council from the Board is that changing the management team midstream would cause a 6-12 month delay of the Streetcar project.

9. RTA Project Review Update – Silverbell Road Value Analysis & Valencia Road (Ajo – Mark Value Analysis

Jim DeGrood provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Silverbell & Valencia Road Value Analysis Efforts. Items reviewed:

- Silverbell & Valencia Road Value Analysis Efforts
- Silverbell Road Value Analysis
- Valencia Road Value Analysis
- Future Value Analysis projects

Jim mentioned that he would like to have an Administrative Code amendment and funding agreement to present to the RTA Board.

Chuck suggested that Jim put the Streetlight Policy issue in with the Administrative Code and to note the reason behind it (i.e. communities wanting to protect the dark skies).

10. RTA Utility Reimbursement

Gary Hayes announced that at the last RTA TMC meeting, the Deputy City Manager at the time requested that the topic of utility reimbursement be placed on the next RTA TMC agenda. The RTA Policies, Objectives and Procedures (POPs) allow for the reimbursement of utility relocation expenses, only where required by law. This policy was most recently amended by the RTA Board in 2009. A City of Tucson representative is not present to explain its position on this item.

Chuck added that in Arizona, all utilities are subservient to the Public Use Rights-of-Way and are required to relocate at their expense.

Motion was made by John Bernal to reaffirm that the policy was adopted; utility companies pay to relocate their utilities at their expense when the utilities are in a public right-of-way under a permit or authorization, seconded by Frank Thomson, and approved unanimously.

11. Routes of Regional Significance

Jim DeGrood briefly reported that at the last TMC meeting it was suggested that the dialogue of emerging future routes in our region be broadened. Jim proposed that the TMC Policy Subcommittee revisit and develop a new scope of work and identify new routes of regional significance. Once the scope is finalized, Management Committee will review it, an RFQ will be sought and then sent to the Regional Council for approval.

Bob Iannarino added that there was an additional analysis during the Time Coalition Movement that talked about some of the subtleties to the roadway network that had some merit to it and it should be considered along with the study.

12. RTA Progress Update

Jim DeGrood provided a PowerPoint presentation on the RTA Progress Update. Items reviewed:

- RTA Financial Statistics
- RTA Project Update
- RTA Plan Elements
- Roadway Improvement Element
- Safety Element
- Environment & Economic Vitality
- RTA Transit Element

13. Call to the Audience

None.

14. Future Agenda Items

None.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.