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## **Regional Transportation Authority Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)**

### **Minutes of March 3, 2010, Meeting**

#### **Committee Members Present**

Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County DOT, Chair  
Craig Civalier, Town of Oro Valley, Vice Chair  
Ryan Benavides, Town of Marana  
George Caria (for Jim Glock), City of Tucson DOT  
Artemio Hoyos, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Farhad Moghimi, Town of Sahuarita  
Mark Pugh (for Fred Stevens), Tohono O'odham  
Nation  
Walker Smith, City of South Tucson

#### **Public/Agencies**

Curt Lueck, CLA  
Dave Perkins, Kimley-Horn & Assoc.  
Jim Witkowski, Morrison-Maierle

#### **Jurisdiction Representatives**

Roy Cuaron, City of Tucson DOT  
Ben Goff, Pima County DOT  
Mick Jensen, City of South Tucson  
Sarah More, Town of Sahuarita  
Mark Novak, University of Arizona  
Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley  
James Zumpf, ADOT-Statewide  
Planning

#### **Staff:**

Cherie Campbell  
Jim DeGrood  
Pat Kendall  
John Liosatos  
Sheila Storm  
Gabe Thum

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cornelio, Chair, at 9:03 a.m. and introductions were made.

#### **2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**Motion was made by Mr. Moghimi to nominate Priscilla Cornelio as RTA TPC Chair and Craig Civalier as RTA TPC Vice Chair and close the nomination process, seconded by Mr. Hoyos, approved unanimously and accepted by the candidates.**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of Jan. 6, 2010**

**Motion was made by Mr. Moghimi to approve the minutes of the Jan. 6, 2010, meeting, seconded by Mr. Civalier, and unanimously approved.**

#### **4. Call to the Audience**

No discussion occurred.

## **5. Announcements/Comments**

Mr. DeGroot reported on the following:

- RTA Board is scheduled to meet on Thurs., March 25, 2010, at Noon
- PAG Management Committee will meet on Wed., March 10, 2010, at **8:30 a.m.**
- TIP/RTP Open Houses are scheduled:
  - Mon., March 8, 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Conrad Joyner Library in Green Valley,
  - Tues., March 9, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Randolph Park Clubhouse and
  - Wed., March 10, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Foothills Mall Food Court

Ms. Campbell mentioned the FHWA's Federal-Aid Highways 101 course offered Tues. and Wed., April 27 & 28, 2010, in PAG's main conference room. Jurisdictional staff are encouraged to attend this great learning opportunity ensuring a good turn-out. There is no charge to LTAP Contributing Member Agencies.

## **6. In-Kind Form**

The in-kind form was routed to attendees.

## **7. Report on Recent RTA Board, RTA TMC and RTA CART Meetings**

Mr. DeGroot reported that the RTA Board last met last on Jan. 28, 2010, and actions taken included:

- Approval of the RTA Safety Working Group's recommendations including the Rita Road improvements by the City of Tucson and University of Arizona
- Awarding of a project signage contract to Graphics Impact for redesigned RTA project signs
- Financial report on the impact of the RTA presented by Ms. Alberta Charney of the UA's Eller College of Management
- Report on the activities of the Technical Management Committee (TMC)

The RTA CART Committee met last on Jan. 13, 2010, and the agenda included:

- Presentation on transit which members show general support for the concept, but requested further information

The RTA TMC met last on Feb. 18, 2010, and the agenda included:

- Transit discussion
- Presentation on recent bid results and discussion on their impact on the TIP relating to where funds are being moved as a result of bid savings and where savings may still occur as projects progress

## **8. RTA TIP Subcommittee Report Including Amendment #7 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP**

Mr. Hoyos, RTA TIP Subcommittee Chair, reported that the Subcommittee met on Jan. 19, 2010, and:

- Received an update from the RTA Bicycle/Pedestrian Working Group, and reviewed and approved the working groups' recommendations to the RTA Board

The RTA TIP Subcommittee also met on Feb. 16, 2010, and:

- Reviewed and recommended Amendment #7 (Item A) for approval

Mr. Hoyos reviewed Amendment #7 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP which includes two RTA items (Item C was added to include the 5309 and TIGER funds received for the City's modern streetcar project) and approved by the Subcommittee at its Feb. 24, 2010, meeting, on the fiscal constraint of the FY 2011-2015 TIP.

Mr. DeGrood noted that the RTA is matching the TIGER fund expenditures on construction funds.

- Item A – Adds the City of Tucson's Houghton Road: UPRR Bridge to I-10 project to the TIP using High Priority Project (HPP) funds.
- Item C – Adds 5309 and TIGER funds to the City's modern streetcar project

**Amendment #7 to the FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
 (\*All numbers are in thousands)  
 (RTA items A & C)

Project/TIP ID Number	Sponsor/ reason for the amendment	Funding before amend.*	Funding after amend.*	Total change*
<b>Item A</b>				
Houghton Road: UPRR Bridge to I-10 (TIP ID #108.09)	Adds the City of Tucson's project to widen Houghton Rd. to six-lane divided crossing	0	881 HPP 52 RTA	+ 933
<b>Item C</b>				
Downtown/University Streetcar (TIP ID #73.06)	Adds 5309 & TIGER funds to the City's transit project to construct new streetcar service and maintenance facility	47120 RTA 5573 5309	63000 RTA 63000 TIGER 5980 5309	+ 15880 RTA + 63000 TIGER + 407 5309

The proposed change will not have a significant effect on the air quality conformity findings or fiscal constraint analysis of the TIP.

**Motion was made by Mr. Moghimi to recommend approval of Amendment #7 (Items A & C) to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, as presented, seconded by Mr. Civalier, and unanimously approved.**

**9. RTA Working Groups' Monthly Reports and  
 10. RTA Projects for Consideration**

Mr. Thum reported that the Bicycle Pedestrian Working Group has focused on the recommendations presented to the Committee today, recommended by the RTA TIP Subcommittee at its Jan. 19, 2010, meeting.

The Bike/Ped Working Group makes recommendations for the elderly/pedestrian safety and greenways, pathways, bikeways and sidewalks categories. These categories have a combined projected \$11 million in funding available. Meetings in October, November and December included discussions on project recommendations for funding projects in FY 2011-2013, and project evaluation was based on connectivity and need, project readiness and delivery and sponsor priority. Voting results on these recommendations: 12 for and 1 abstention.

These recommendations had been presented to the TIP Subcommittee and RTA TPC late last year and sent back to the Bike/Ped Working Group with a request to re-evaluate their process. Additional criteria was then included and sponsor priority was looked at specifically. Cost savings from previous projects also were applied to these categories.

Mr. DeGrood mentioned that the process worked very well since starting with a 5-to-4 vote for recommendation in December. The working group had a cooperative spirit in revisiting the recommended project list and reviewing the criteria with jurisdictions refining some of their requests, consolidating some projects and presenting project savings in moving forward with the project list. There is still a need to fully understand the criteria being used before starting the evaluation process.

(All numbers in thousands)

37 -Elderly and Pedestrian Safety					
JURISDICTION	PROJECT NAME	FY11 AMOUNT	FY12 AMOUNT	FY13 AMOUNT	3-Year Total
Pima County	PC Bear Canyon SUP	\$170			\$170
Pima County	PC Camino de Oeste Sidewalk			\$70	\$70
Pima County	PC Laguna Sidewalk	\$245			\$245
City of Tucson	MAIN/18TH AVE REFUGE	\$30			\$30
Pima County	PC Manzanita Design	\$95			\$95
Pima County	PC Camino del Sol Ped Ramps		\$75		\$75
City of Tucson	COT BROADWAY/OLD SPANISH TRAIL PELICAN	\$30	\$270		\$300
City of Tucson	Oaktree/Drexel Pedestrian Refuge	\$20			\$20
City of Tucson	COT School Hawks	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$750
City of Tucson	COT Speedway/10th Hawk		\$150		\$150
City of Tucson	COT 22nd ST/LAKESHORE HAWK		\$150		\$150
City of Tucson	COT Speedway/Arcadia Hawk	\$150			\$150
South Tucson	ST 26th/10th HAWK	\$140			\$140
South Tucson	ST ADA Upgrades	\$300			\$300
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>		<b>\$1,480</b>	<b>\$895</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$2,645</b>

(All numbers in thousands)

41 - Greenways, Pathways, Bikeways and Sidewalks					
JURISDICTION	PROJECT NAME	FY11 AMOUNT	FY12 AMOUNT	FY13 AMOUNT	3-Year Total
City of Tucson	Glenn St Neib Imp Project	\$118.5			\$119
Oro Valley	CDO SUP Phase II	\$873			\$873
Tohono O'Odham	San Xavier SRTS	\$400			\$400
Pima County	PC Bear Canyon Bike Lanes	\$470			\$470
Pima County	PC Valencia Rd Bike Lanes (from Bike Lane Package 2)	\$360			\$360
Pima County	PC River Markings	\$35			\$35
Pima County	PC Flowing Wells Bike Lanes	\$25			\$25
City of Tucson	COT Ft. Lowell Sidewalk	\$50	\$250		\$300
Pima County	PC Markings Signs	\$32			\$32
Pima County	PC Colossal Cave Bike Lanes		\$360		\$360
Pima County	PC Urban Loop		\$300		\$300
Pima County	PC Pantano SUP			\$85	\$85
Pima County	PC Middle School Markings	\$45			\$45
Pima County	PC Abrego Bike Lanes	\$94			\$94
Pima County	PC Alvernon/Contractor's Way (from Bike Lane Package2)			\$250	\$250
Pima County	PC Rillito SUP		\$415		\$415
Pima County	PC Loma Alta Bike Lanes			\$75	\$75
Pima County	PC Rillito Bridge			\$110	\$110
Pascua Yaqui	PY Head Start Sidewalks	\$272			\$272
City of Tucson/Pima County	COT Hughes Access Bike Lanes	\$250	\$1,000		\$1,250
Pima County	PC Camino de Oeste Bike Lanes			\$95	\$95
Oro Valley	OV Calle Concordia Bike Lanes	\$150			\$150
Sahuarita	Sah La Villita Bike Lane	\$75			\$75
City of Tucson	COT Bikelane Package 3	\$200	\$200		\$400
City of Tucson/S. Tucson	COT EP/SW Greenway	\$400	\$400	\$450	\$1,250
City of Tucson	COT Third St. Bike Blvd	\$90			\$90
City of Tucson	COT Liberty Bike Blvd Design	\$62			\$62
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>		<b>\$4,002</b>	<b>\$2,925</b>	<b>\$1,065</b>	<b>\$7,992</b>

**Motion was made by Mr. Moghimi to approve the RTA Bicycle Pedestrian Working Group's recommendations to the RTA Board, seconded by Mr. Civalier, and unanimously approved.**

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

Mr. DeGrood reported that to date 355 projects have been approved by the RTA Board, a total of 144 projects have been completed, and 32 projects are currently under construction. Eight of the RTA roadway element projects are now under contract representing a total contract value of \$126 million. Revenues for the current fiscal year are estimated at \$63 million. The RTA fund balance which started the fiscal year at approximately \$98 million, currently stands at \$79 million. Going out to the bond markets in last summer is anticipated.

Mr. DeGrood requested that the jurisdictions submit updated monthly cash flow forecasts by the end of the week. Spreadsheets showing last year's forecasts have been sent out showing expenditures through January 2010. This updated information will be very important in moving forward to the bond markets and rating agencies.

Ms. Cornelio noted that one year ago the RTA Board was desperately looking for projects out to construction, and now, a year later, we have dirt flying throughout the region. Mr. DeGrood

agreed and indicated that the RTA is now focused on riding the economy and ensuring that all the projects committed to can be funded

## **12. Future Agenda Items**

No discussion occurred.

## **13. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wed., May 5, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

**Motion was made by Mr. Moghimi to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Caria, and unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.