



Regional Transportation Authority

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Regional Transportation Authority Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Minutes of Oct. 26, 2011, Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Artemio Hoyos, Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Craig Civalier, Town of Oro Valley, Vice Chair
Farhad Moghimi, Town of Sahuarita
Jim Glock, City of Tucson DOT
Mark Pugh, TON, San Xavier District
Scott Leska, Town of Marana
Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County DOT, Chair

Staff/Public/Agencies:

Carlos de Leon
Cherie Campbell
David Ruelas
Gabe Thum
Jennifer O'Connor
Jim DeGroot
John Liosatos
Paul Casertano
Rosie Soto
Steve Matthews

Public/Agencies

Becky Pallack, Arizona Daily Star
Ben Goff, Pima County
Doug Moseke, Stantek
Mark Novak, UA
Rick Robinson, Town of Sahuarita

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Cornelio at 9:02 a.m. and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes of Oct. 5, 2011

ACTION: Farhad Moghimi moved to approve the Oct. 5, 2011, minutes, seconded by Craig Civalier, and unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience

None.

4. Announcements/Comments

Priscilla announced that Jim Glock chaired the TPC Committee for a total of seven inconsecutive years and plans on retiring from the City at the end of December. Jim worked for the City of Tucson for 29 years and has accomplished great things in the Transportation Department.

Cherie added that she appreciates all Jim has done for PAG and the region. Cherie presented Jim with a certificate of appreciation for his many years of service and his dedication to PAG and its committees (i.e. RTA, TPC, TMC, TIP and more) along with historical maps of traffic volumes.

Jim DeGrood commended Jim Glock for his role in the development of the RTA as Vice Chair of the Technical Management Committee and for the seven years that Jim served as the TPC Chair. Jim presented Jim Glock with a gavel.

Jim Glock said that the support from PAG and the RTA helped and he thanked everyone for their endurance over the years. Jim added that his retirement event is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8.

John Liosatos reviewed the events listed on the *Announcements* handout and noted that the next TPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Jim DeGrood announced that the RTA Board will meet tomorrow at noon and the CART and TMC Committees will meet sometime in November. A Value Analysis is scheduled for the week of Nov. 7. Terry Ruiz has moved full-time into the finance department as the Procurement Administrator and Riley Rasmussen was promoted to Transportation Service Team Lead and will take over the Wildlife Linkages Working Group.

5. In-Kind Form

The in-kind form was circulated.

6. Report on RTA Board Meeting

Jim DeGrood reported that IGA amendments, property advances, contract renewal, CART member appointments and the SR 86 Wildlife Crossing are all anticipated to be discussed at tomorrow's Board meeting. Per the request of Gary Hayes, the Streetcar Update agenda was amended to include a call for an Executive Session.

7. RTA TIP Subcommittee Report

None.

8. Working Group Quarterly Report

Rick Robinson reported that the working group hasn't met much over the past year because there isn't a lot of money for projects. The group is currently working on identifying projects that have been closed out so funds could be available for potential future projects. Final recommendations from the working group are anticipated to be made in December.

9. RTA Project Review Process Update

Jim DeGrood reported that the Silverbell Road Value Analysis was a success. The TMC Policy Subcommittee will review the VA recommendations on Nov. 10. The Valencia Road West is scheduled for the week of Nov. 7. The TMC Policy Subcommittee recommends moving forward on an update of the Routes of Regional Significance Plan which would require a work plan amendment. The recommendation from the TMC Policy Subcommittee is to forward on through the TMC, then to the RTA Board and Regional Council for consideration. Another action that took place was the relative percentages set aside for RTA projects for Small Business Enterprises (SBEs). The Policy Subcommittee recommends that this issue go forward to the TMC along with its recommendation that a 10 percent cap be placed on the SBE requirements for RTA

funded projects. TUCA is also taking this issue on and is working with the City and County regarding its concerns of the SBE requirements.

10. RTA Categorical Funding

Jim DeGrood reported that the RTA sent a letter to each jurisdiction requesting that they identify what projects can be closed in order to determine what funds can potentially be available. At the last Management Committee meeting, there was concern about the potential for a shortfall on major roadway projects largely due to the current economic conditions and the incoming revenue to the RTA. This is much more of an issue than the possible \$10 million of funds that might be available to be recycled. The Management Committee suggested continuation of seeking funds from completed projects and, at its next meeting, the committee will determine whether to move forward with a "Call for Projects."

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

Jim DeGrood reported that the total number of projects completed is 449 with 22 under construction. Through the last Board meeting, there are \$621 million of RTA funds programmed and the current cash balance is approximately \$183 million.

12. Future Agenda Items

None.

13. Adjournment

ACTION: Jim Glock moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craig Civalier, and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.