



Transportation Advisory Board

MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MINUTES Tuesday, July 29, 2014

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TAB MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Chairman, Jeff Martin, District 2
Wes Gullet, District 3
Merlyn Carlson, District 4

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

John Hauskins, Director
John Paulsen, County Attorney's Office
Jack Lorbeer, Planning
Kellee Kelley, Planning
Margaret Gianfarcaro, Planning
Chuck Williams, Planning
Denise Lacey, Planning
Ed Williams, Engineering
Eric Mayer, Project Management
Lee Jimenez, Planning
Mitch Wagner, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Theresa Jones, Planning
Tricia Brown, Project Management
Lynne Hilliard, Planning
Laurie Kattreh, Planning
Suparna Dasgupta, Planning
Alex Arriaga, MCDOT
Ron Coleman, Planning

Participated by telephone conference call.

GUESTS PRESENT

Christy Sipos, Littlejohn Engineering
Dan Richards, Strand
Drew Spear, Dibble Engineering
Gary M. Scott, MC-PWired
Jim Schumann, CK Group
Randy Overmyer, CK Group
Warren White, Chandler

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order by Kellee Kelley, Board Coordinator, at 9:10 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves. Vice Chairman, Martin and Board Member Gullet participated in the meeting via telephone. A quorum was present.

4. Call to the Public

No requests to speak were presented.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Advisory Board, by consent, approved the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting with a change to page 4, item 5, paragraph 2. The words “quiet zone” should be changed to “patent easement”.

The Transportation Advisory Board, by consent, approved the minutes of the February 3, 2014 special meeting as submitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

**6. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE
MCDOT and County News**

Mr. John Hauskins presented and discussed updates on the following projects:

- APTA & USDOT SCAN Team *SMARTDrive* Demonstrations
- El Mirage Road: Picerne Drive to Bell Road
- MC-85 & Jackrabbit Trail Intersection Improvement Project
- University Drive Intersection Improvement Projects
 - University Drive and Signal Butte Road
 - University Drive and Crismon Road
- Sun City Water Conservation & Median Conversion Project
- Northern Parkway Updates

7. ELECTION OF TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. Kelley stated that this item is to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for next year. Board Member Carlson motioned that Mark Erpenbeck and Jeff Martin retain their positions of the Transportation Advisory Board, Member Wes Gullet seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. OVERVIEW OF COUNTY ROAD STANDARDS

Presentation: John Hauskins, Transportation Director

Suggested Action: For information and discussion

Mr. Hauskins presented and discussed an overview of the Maricopa County Department of Transportation's Road Standards as it relates to Landscape, Street Lighting and Sidewalk designs.

9. MCDOT FY 2015-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Jack Lorbeer, Planning Division Manager, presented and discussed an update of the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Lorbeer explained that there were changes that would affect the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Lorbeer stated that the Board of Supervisors did approve the recommended Transportation Improvement Program for \$82.5 million that was presented to the Transportation Advisory Board in February. He also indicated that State and Legislative actions have returned money that was previously allocated to the Arizona Department of Public Safety over the next several fiscal years. Mr. Lorbeer estimated that MCDOT will receive approximately \$4.2 million in fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and \$8 million in fiscal year 2017.

Mr. Lorbeer stated that there are potential changes to the following major projects:

- Deer Valley Road Project
- MC-85 from 107th Avenue to 75th Avenue
- El Mirage Road from Northern Avenue to Peoria Avenue

Proposed modifications to the larger projects in the Transportation Improvement Program have the potential to move minor projects out of their programmed year. Staff will be fiscally guarded for fiscal year 2017 as the program will be at full capacity and will want to ensure that cash flows are sufficient through the year. Mr. Lorbeer stated that the completion of the Transportation System Plan is important for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 as the two years will have programmable capacity to rebuild the next generation of projects.

Mr. Lorbeer explained that Transportation Improvement Program will be amended and presented at the next meeting using the project rating system. Recommended projects will be rated to go into initial scoping phase. After scoping is completed staff will rate the projects to ensure that they are still viable for design and/or construction.

10. MCDOT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Denise Lacey, System Planning Manager, presented and discussed an update of the Transportation System Plan. Ms. Lacey introduced her staff that are working on Transportation System Plan update which include herself, Mr. Lorbeer and the following:

- Laurie Kattreh, Needs Analysis Lead
- Suparna Dasgupta, Plan and Process Development Lead
- Lee Jimenez, Technical Coordinator

Ms. Lacey stated that Jacobs Engineering was hired in February 2014 to complete the needs analysis and so far has completed research and data collection including the existing conditions and coordination with our MCDOT Graphic Information Systems. Staff is reviewing the information that was collected through the research process in regards to the Maricopa Association of Governments transportation forecast model.

Staff is developing a report of goals and objective that will be presented to the public review that will include socioeconomic data. This plan will affect multiple divisions within MCDOT and staff will collaborate with the teams to gain their interests and processes to achieve their visions.

Ms. Lacey indicated that a consultant would be hired to look at alternative modes of transportation and that MCDOT's Public Information Office is developing a public participation plan. A preliminary technical advisory committee, stakeholders, and special interests groups have been identified for public meetings and compliance with Title VI requirements.

Ms. Lacey provided the TAB members and audience with an anticipated schedule to complete the needs analysis for the Transportation System Plan. A preliminary draft of the analysis will be presented at the meeting in July 2015 and a final draft in October 2015.

Vice Chairman Martin asked Ms. Lacey if staff was making changes to the MAG model?

Ms. Lacey responded that MAG's regional model is complex and staff will have to quantify the information to ensure the Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) models match the census block elements. Both agencies will be working to review and approve MCDOT's modifications.

11. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lynne Hilliard, Regional Partnership Coordinator presented and discussed an update of the Second Session of the 51st Legislature that adjourned on April 24, 2014. Ms. Hilliard stated that there were 101 days of the session with the introduction of 1,205 bills; 207 bills were enacted into law. MCDOT tracked about 20 bills which had a direct or indirect impact on the department.

Ms. Hilliard reiterated that the State recalled several million dollars in HURF funding that was diverted to the Department of Public Safety and will have an impact on MCDOT as Mr. Lorbeer stated earlier.

The Federal Highway Trust Fund is expected to be insolvent by August 2014. The House of Representatives has approved legislation to transfer approximately \$11 billion into the Highway Trust Fund. The Senate is expected to consider the bill this week along with four amendments that are not expected to be passed, as they require 60 votes. It is the expectation that the amendments will not pass and the Senate will pass the original bill and send it to the President for signing.

12. STANDARD REPORTS

There was no discussion.

13. TAB FORUM

No reports were given.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next TAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No requests were noted.

11. CALL TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.