



Transportation Advisory Board

MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Marc Erpenbeck (Dist. 1)	Present
Vice-Chair Jeff Martin (Dist. 2)	Present
Wes Gullet (Dist. 3)	Present
Merlyn Carlson (Dist. 4)	Present
Terrance Evans (Dist. 5)	Present

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Toth, Director
Teresa Welborn, Administrator
John Paulsen, County Attorney's Office
Jack Lorbeer, Planning
Kellee Kelley, Planning
Michelle Markson, Planning

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wes Gullet.

2. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Marc Erpenbeck, Jeff Martin, Wes Gullet, Merlyn Carlson and Terrance Evans.

Absent: None

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No requests to speak were presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Martin and was SECONDED by Merlyn Carlson, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 regular meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Jennifer Toth discussed her vision for the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), stating that she will focus on Safety, Customer Service and Innovation.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Clemenc Ligocki, Intergovernmental Branch Manager, presented an update on legislative developments at the federal and state levels. This included an outlook for the 2015 Legislative Session and the potential impacts to MCDOT. Mr. Ligocki discussed the federal budget, including the \$1.1 trillion FY 2015 Continuing Resolution Omnibus Appropriations Package and the reauthorization of the surface transportation act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). Mr. Ligocki related some of the findings from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and American Public Transit Association (APTA) "Bottom Line Report" for 2015. The report identified significant unmet transportation funding needs and expressed serious concerns related to structurally deficient bridges across the nation.

Mr. Ligocki identified the 2015 Arizona State Senate and House leaders and discussed upcoming challenges with the State budget. He explained the Governor's budget proposal to shift vehicle registration fee revenue from the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) to the Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Fund. This would have the effect of stabilizing the annual loss to HURF for this purpose at \$89 million per year and would save the state general fund \$30 million in FY 2016 and FY 2017. Mr. Ligocki listed several bills that have been introduced at the legislature. He noted these bills have a potential impact on MCDOT, but more analysis is needed.

7. MCDOT FY 2016-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Jack Lorbeer, Planning Division Manager, introduced the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) budget cycle and the role that the Advisory Board plays in

the process. He identified the background, approach and major expenditures of the TIP. Mr. Lorbeer further explained the funding sources for the TIP and discussed the FY 2016-FY2020 spending plan. Mr. Lorbeer indicated that a special Advisory Board meeting with the TAB is requested this February in order to receive input for future projects for the TIP.

8. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

Ms. Denise Lacey, Systems Planning Branch Manager, provided information on the Transportation System Plan (TSP). Ms. Lacey discussed the purpose of the TSP and explained the purpose of the update. She stated that the TSP establishes a long range transportation plan for the County and it complements the adopted comprehensive plan to feed projects into the TIP. The last TSP update was completed in 2007 in which the needs analysis was based on the year 2005. Growth projections have changed and it is recommended that the TSP be updated every five years. The process for updating the TSP involves seeking public and stakeholder input and completing a five, ten, and twenty year capacity needs analysis in which preliminary data will be presented to the Advisory Board at the May 2015 meeting. The State of System Report will also be reviewed to identify operational needs. The process will involve identifying funding for current, projected and potential future projects. The TSP Update process will occur in three phases. The first phase is the research and data collection phase which will be complete in June of 2015. The second phase, plan development, will be completed in March of 2016. In the third phase, the TSP update will be presented to the Advisory Board (May 2016) and then to the Board of Supervisors for adoption (July 2016). Advisory Board members can get involved by completing the questionnaire that was handed out at today's meeting for discussion at the next regular meeting. There will also be a stakeholder meeting on January 29th at 1:30 p.m. and Public Open House Meetings will occur from February 4, 2015 through March 31, 2016 throughout the County. Information can also be gathered on the new TSP website and interactive map. The TSP Update will allow us to identify our transportation needs for 2015, 2025, and 2035 and obtain public acceptance of the plan. The TSP Update will also provide documentation of what our recommendations were based upon.

9. STANDARD REPORTS

Ms. Teresa Welborn, Administrator, addressed the Advisory Board on the Standard Reports that are provided in their packets. Ms. Welborn requested feedback on the three current Standard Reports that are distributed on a regular basis. She provided examples of the Board of Supervisors Formal Meeting Agenda Report, Corridor Study, Design Concept Report and Transportation Improvement Program Productivity Report. Ms. Welborn asked the Advisory Board if these reports have been useful and what other reports would they like to see in the future and at what frequency. The Advisory Board agreed and asked that Construction Reports also be included by District at each meeting and a Maintenance Report on a quarterly basis.

10. SET SPECIAL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Ms. Toth requested a special meeting with the Board to approve the TIP for FY2016-2020.

11. TAB FORUM

No reports were given.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 11:00 am.

13. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Gullet requested that staff review the priorities to determine TIP projects and processes for implementation.

Vice Chairman Martin requested that the Board review County Roadway Standards near schools and how they differ from cities.

14. CALL TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.