



# Transportation Advisory Board

MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## MINUTES

Friday, February 27, 2015

### ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

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

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Merlyn Carlson.

### 3. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Marc Erpenbeck, Wes Gullet, and Merlyn Carlson.

Absent: Jeff Martin and Terrance Evans.

### 4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No requests to speak were presented.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Wes Gullet and was SECONDED by Merlyn Carlson, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 regular meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6. MCDOT FY 2016-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Ms. Jennifer Toth presented the prioritization of projects and development of the FY 2016-2020 TIP. Ms. Toth identified and explained the changes in the TIP that have developed from January to February of this year.

#### **FY 2016 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ms. Toth discussed MCDOT's five major projects and provided information on their five year budgets and their current and projected traffic counts.

The MC85, 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue project involves intersection improvements and adding center turn lanes. Pavement condition has been rated poor on three of the four miles of this project. This project has been divided into two sections, 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Safety and heavy truck traffic were the impetus for this project. Chairman Erpenbeck inquired as to why there was not a budget indicated for FY 2019 and FY 2020 when this project was presented in January. Ms. Toth explained in January the second half of this project was not yet programmed; however, programming has now been completed and is reflected in the FY 2019 and FY 2020 budgets.

The Gilbert Road Bridge project will create a new six lane bridge, replacing an existing two lane bridge and a low flow crossing. The project is needed to repair the scour damage on the existing bridge. The project schedule is aligned with Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) funding. Because the project is not fully funded with ALCP monies, MCDOT has programmed the full funding amount in FY 2020. The schedule also provides for the time needed to obtain IGAs with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Mesa. MCDOT plans to ask MAG to re-adjust other ALCP funded projects to provide funding for this project. Chairman Erpenbeck inquired as to why this project was not going to be programmed sooner than FY 2020. Ms. Toth replied that the project is aligned with ALCP funding and that time would be needed to obtain right of way and IGAs. The funding gap in 2008 reflects the time needed for environmental permits and assessment.

The Deer Valley Road project extends across the Agua Fria River from 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue to El Mirage Road, from Williams Road at 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Deer Valley Road at 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The project consists of two bridges and two miles of a new five lane pavement section. This project was advanced to begin construction in FY 2017 because it was determined that the right of way was obtainable sooner than predicted. MCDOT has programmed \$1.7 million for FY 2016 to complete the design, environmental, and moving of utilities for this project.

The purpose of the Riggs Road, Power Road to Hawes Road project is to provide a safer and less congested roadway. This segment west of Power will be increased to seven lanes, Power to Ellsworth will consist of five lanes and Ellsworth to Meridian will be a

three lane interim roadway. The cost of construction of this project has been budgeted into FY 2018. Chairman Erpenbeck asked why in January there was not a budget planned for this project in FY 2018.

Ms. Toth explained that projects on Riggs Road had been removed from the budget due to delays with obtaining agreements with the town; however, these projects have now been added back into the budget.

The Riggs Road from Hawes to Ellsworth project will expand the current roadway into two travel lanes in each direction with a dual center turn lane. The project has been moved forward from FY 2018 to FY 2017 based on the current status of the design phase.

Chairman Erpenbeck asked where the increased costs for condemnations would be covered in the budget. Ms. Toth explained that adjustments were made to the costs of right of way to provide for the increased costs.

Chairman Erpenbeck asked how the TIP budget could be increased from \$100 million in FY 2016 to \$120 million in FY 2017. Ms. Toth explained that FY 2017 is budgeted by using a carryover of \$47 million from FY 2016 to FY 2017.

### **Project Rating System**

Ms. Toth discussed the different categories of the project rating system, the rating criteria and the percent of category weight. Ms. Toth explained that the deficiency of the system is that it is a legacy system and it will take a few years for the projects to cycle through in order for them to be rated strictly on the priority rating system criteria instead of being rated against each other.

A MOTION was made by Wes Gullet and was seconded by Chairman Marc Erpenbeck to adopt and present to the Board of Supervisors the proposed MCDOT TIP dated February 20, 2015 for FY 2016-2020. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

### **7. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Ms. Toth asked the Board for feedback on agenda items for the next meeting. The Board stated that they would like to have more information on the specific protocol and ranking that is used in MCDOT's project rating system.

The Board also requested an update on the Northern Parkway project.

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

### **8. CALL TO ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.