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RTAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 4:00 PM
Rural Transportation Summit
Casino Del Sol, Ballroom B/Jeeka
5655 W. Valencia Road
Tucson, AZ 85757

Board members present:

Steve Miller (Chairman)	Supervisor, Pinal County (SCMPO)
Matt Ryan (Vice Chair)	Supervisor, Coconino County (FMPO)
Craig Brown	Supervisor, Yavapai County (CYMPO Alt.)
Maria Cruz	Vice Mayor, City of San Luis (YMPO)
Paul David	Supervisor, Graham County (SEAGO Alt.)
David Lane	Vice Mayor, Lake Havasu City (LHMPO Alt.)
Cecilia McCollough	Mayor, Town of Wellton (YMPO Alt.)
Craig McFarland	Mayor, City of Casa Grande (CAG)
Rick Mueller	Mayor, City of Sierra Vista (SVMPO)
Terry Nolan	Mayor, Town of Dewey Humboldt, (CYMPO)
* Charlie Odegaard	Councilmember, City of Flagstaff (FMPO Alt.)
Tom Thurman	Supervisor, Yavapai County (NACOG)

Others in attendance:

Kevin Adam	RTAC
Brian Babiars	WACOG
Joy Banks	Town of Huachuca City
Zach Barlow	Ironside Engineering
Heath Brown	Town of Thatcher
Vinny Gallegos	LHMPO
Randy Garrison	Yavapai County
Randy Heiss	SEAGO
Irene Higgs	SCMPO
Jason James	NACOG
Gary Knight	City of Yuma, State Transportation Board
Karen Lamberton	SVMPO
Donna McCoy	Lake Havasu City
Jeff Meilbeck	FMPO
Mark Milstone	Sunrise Engineering
Greg Nelson	Coconino County
Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County
Eric Peterson	Coconino County
Bill Regner	Town of Clarkdale

Andrea Robles	CAG
Andy Smith	Pinal County
Craig Sullivan	CSA
Edward Thomas	City of Yuma
Jesse Thompson	Navajo County, State Transportation Board
Paul Ward	YMPO
Erich Zimmermann	NARC

* Participated by phone.

1. Chairman Steve Miller called the meeting to order at 4:01. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Chairman Miller asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Board. No one requested to speak.
3. Chairman Miller called for a vote to approve the RTAC Board meeting minutes from August 22, 2019 which were approved unanimously.
4. Chairman Miller called on Mr. Adam to provide a state legislative update. He indicated that the primary transportation focus will be on legislation that will be introduced by House Transportation Committee Chairman Noel Campbell to raise revenues similar to the bill he introduced last year. This year's version will likely be an eighteen-cent increase to fuel taxes as opposed to last year's twenty-five-cent proposal. This year's bill will also include indexing and comparable fees and taxes for alternative fuel vehicles. He also indicated that state revenue collections were very strong and that a surplus was once again anticipated and there is potential for much of that revenue to once again be directed to infrastructure projects across the state. Lake Havasu City Vice Mayor and LHMPPO Board member David Lane indicated that his region opposes a fuel tax increase and supports greater efficiencies on the part of ADOT utilizing existing revenues. Yavapai County Supervisor and NACOG Board member Tom Thurman expressed support for increasing the authority of the State Transportation Board in programming and priority decisions.
5. Chairman Miller called on National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Deputy Director Erich Zimmermann to provide a federal legislative update. He indicated that the current priorities are to pass a federal budget for the current year and a reauthorization bill with sufficient revenues to fund it next session. He stated that the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee had already marked up a reauthorization bill and the House is expected to do the same early next year. He indicated that overall, the Senate version was a good bill with increased investment levels. Another priority is to repeal a \$7.6 billion transportation contract authority rescission included in the Fast Act that is scheduled to take effect in July. He indicated there is general support for the repeal but finding the right vehicle for it was proving a challenge.
6. Chairman Miller called on Mr. Adam to provide an update on the RTAC strategic planning effort. He reiterated that an action plan had been drafted and circulated and some follow up activity had occurred with the resumption of RTAC Management Committee meetings. He stated that a facilitator had been secured for the RTAC strategic planning session scheduled for November 8th and that the format and agenda for the session had been discussed with the facilitator and COG/MPO directors the previous day and should be finalized shortly.
7. Chairman Miller called on Mr. Adam to discuss the RTAC meeting schedule for the upcoming year. He stated that the proposed schedule was included in the agenda packet and that the only major change was a shift from 10:00 to 1:00 meeting times to avoid a conflict with AzTA board meetings. The schedule was approved unanimously.
8. Chairman Miller called for adjournment which was approved at 4:50 PM.