



Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization (LHMPO)
Executive Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday May 11, 2021 2:00 P.M.

In-Person Attendance is suspended for this Meeting.
This meeting will be held through technological means.

Call in Information: **1-669-900-9128**

Meeting ID: **543 061 1521**

The Lake Havasu MPO Executive Board may vote to hold an Executive Session for the purposes of obtaining legal advice from the Attorney on any matter listed on the agenda under A.R.S §38-431.03(A)(3)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sheehy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sheehy led in the pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

The Roll call was performed by Administrative Specialist Sarah Lojewski

Present: Chairman; Cal Sheehy, Vice Chairman; Buster Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer; David Lane Board Members; Jeni Coke, and Gary Knight.

4. Title VI - Notice to the Public

The Title VI notice to the public was read by Administrative Specialist Sarah Lojewski.

5. Call to the Public

There were no request to address the Board.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2021

Vice Chairman Johnson presented a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Secretary David Lane.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2021

Vice Chairman Johnson presented a motion to approve the Executive Board Special Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2020. Motion was seconded by Board Member Gary Knight.

8. Discussion and possible action to appoint Justin Hembree as the Metropolitan Planning Organization Manager and approve the Employment Contract contingent on successful completion of the employment background check.

Cal Sheehy, LHMPO Chairman presented the proposed MPO Manager Employment Contract for Justin Hembree. The proposed Contract is for an eighteen month term with an annual salary of \$83,000.00

The Lake Havasu MPO Manager's responsibilities are prescribed in the LHMPO Joint Project Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation and the Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). The Manager also is to adhere to applicable personnel policies of Lake Havasu City, and state and federal laws. MPO Manager shall have all powers and authority granted to the MPO Manager under the MPO Joint Project Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Board Member Gary Knight presented a motion to approve the Employment Contract for the MPO Manager, Justin Hembree. Motion was seconded by Secretary David Lane.

9. Discussion and Possible Action to approve FY2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Sarah Lojewski, LHMPO Administrative Specialist advised the Executive Board of the changes made to the fiscal year 2022 and 2023 Unified Planning Work Program. It is a federal requirement that all MPOs prepare a Work Program (UPWP); and, for Arizona MPOs it is due annually. The document is the LHMPO's planning activities for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1st – June 30th), defining a cost for each Task that is included in the UPWP. Additionally, the LHMPO includes what was accomplished for the prior fiscal year as well as anticipated goals for the next fiscal year. If a task was not completed, the Manager either carries it forward to the next fiscal year or evaluates the necessity of having that activity in the UPWP. Changes can be made to the document during the fiscal year; however, it would be an amendment and may need to have Board approval.

The attached draft was reviewed by ADOT MPD and by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on April 14, 2021. When FHWA and ADOT perform a review of the UPWP, the TAC Chairman was in attendance as well as the Executive Board Chairman. Since the April meeting additional changes have occur and are highlighted in yellow.

Board Member Gary Knight presented a motion to accept the noted changes of the FY2022 & FY 2023 UPWP as presented and reviewed by FHWA & ADOT. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Buster Johnson.

10. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Grant Agreement between the State of Arizona and Lake Havasu MPO

Sarah Lojewski, LHMPO Administrative Specialist explained the Joint Grant Agreement (JGA) to the Executive board. The grant agreement has been initiated by ADOT and reviewed / approved

by the Arizona Attorneys General Office. All the MPOs in Arizona have received this grant agreement.

At this time, there is nothing that is unique to the LHMPO, but instead standard modifications shared by all MPOs in Arizona.

Staff is requesting the Board approve and Chairman to sign the agreement with the state of Arizona.

Vice Chairman Johnson presented a motion to approve the grant agreement #GRT-21-0008160-T and authorize the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, to sign. The motion was seconded by Board member Gary knight.

11. ADOT District Report (Information Only)

Todd Steinberger, ADOT NW Assistant District Engineer updated the Executive Board on the progress of the Acoma Pedestrian Signal. Todd stated the signal will be functional on May17th (Monday).

11. Arizona Transportation Board Report (Information Only)

Gary Knight, District Representative reports the Arizona Transportation Board had no new updates, but wanted to advise the Board the public comment is open for the next virtual meeting for the new Arizona Transportation 5 year plan.

12. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Report (Information Only)

Kevin Adam, RTAC Executive Director –Absent, but followed up with an email to update the Executive Board. RTAC update attached to the back of minutes.

13. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items presented at this time.

14. Upcoming Meetings Schedule

LHMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: **May 25, 2021**

State Transportation Board Meeting: **May 21, 2021**

LHMPO Executive Board Meeting: **August 10, 2021**

15. Adjournment

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Board Member Gary Knight presented motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by secretary David Lane.

Adjourned at 2:15pm.

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April 29, 2021

RTAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE LEGISLATURE: The regular session passed its 100th day last week and has entered what is essentially the last phase of the legislative process. Each chamber is now completing the consideration of those bills that passed out of the opposite chamber while legislative leadership and the Governor attempt to reach an agreement on budget specifics that will have adequate votes to pass both chambers.

State revenue collections continue to far exceed forecasts. Through March, year-to-date revenue has increased 18.8% which equates to \$1.52 billion more when compared to the same time as last year with another three months of even higher anticipated growth to go this fiscal year. Also, the last round of federal relief funding distributed \$12.2 billion directly to Arizona state government. While there are many restrictions and requirements on its use, the amount is staggering when considering that it is actually larger than the state's current annual budget of \$11.8 billion.

It appears that tax cuts are a top priority for legislative leadership and the Governor, including a phased-in 2.5% flat income tax rate. Concerns over the level of potential lost state revenue and also whether local governments would be held harmless from revenue sharing impacts appear to be complicating that effort. Another challenge is the very narrow partisan split of the two chambers with Republicans controlling both with 31-29 and 16-14 margins. Neither majority caucus in the House or Senate has a single vote to spare if they wish to pass a budget on a strictly partisan vote.

A second priority for the projected surplus, and one that is much more compatible with the "one-time" nature of most of the available revenue, is to earmark funding to infrastructure projects across the state. Leadership indicated earlier in the session that they plan to set aside \$200 million for that purpose. Over the course of the session, 31 bills have been introduced that would appropriate roughly \$386 million to various projects. The demand is clearly there, and with the already substantial and continually growing surplus, an increase to the amount directed to infrastructure is highly possible.

A list of the one-time funding bills is attached. Activity on all of these bills has stalled over the last couple of weeks as the work on the budget picks up. While their introduction helps

illustrate which projects have been prioritized by individual legislators and will likely at least be considered, ultimately their inclusion or exclusion in the budget will determine which are funded. It is also possible that some projects could be included that were not the subject of earlier bills.

THE ADMINISTRATION/CONGRESS: Infrastructure investment continues to be the focal point of the agenda back in Washington. Last month, the President proposed a multi-trillion dollar jobs package which included a substantial infrastructure component. Senate Republicans have countered with a proposal that is limited to the infrastructure. The President has expressed a willingness to compromise and also divide his proposal into different parts, addressing the traditional infrastructure package first. Below is an outline of the transportation infrastructure recommendations of the President's plan:

Eno Center, April 5, 2021

Biden "American Jobs Plan" for Transportation Infrastructure (Billion \$)			
"CORE ASSETS"		OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	
Roads and Bridges		Safety for All Users	
"Fix it Right" Road Modernization	50	Expand HSIP (FHWA)	8
Bridge Investment Program	40	Support Safe Driving Behaviors	1
Community Transpo. Block Grant	5	Safe Streets for All Fund	10
Transportation Alternatives	5	Pipeline Safety Modern. Grants	1
Carbon Reduction Bonus Program	10	Total, Safety for All Users	20
CMAQ	5		
Total, Roads and Bridges	115	Advancing Transformative Projects	
Public Transportation		Transformational Infra. Projects	25
"Fix it Right" State of Good Repair	55	ARPA-I and Basic Research	2
Replace Diesel Buses with Electric	25	Predevelopment & Planning Funds	2
Transit System Expansion	25	Infrastructure Grand Challenge	5
ADA Compliance Upgrades	5	Expand BUILD Program	5
Total, Public Transportation	110	Expand INFRA Program	3
		Other (RRIF, PAB, etc.)	2
Intercity Rail		Total, Transformative Projects	44
Northeast Corridor Modernization	39	Restore/Reconnect Thriving Communities	
Amtrak National Network	16	Thriving Communities Initiative	5
Other Intercity Passenger Rail	20	Highways-to-Neighborhoods	15
Freight Rail and Rail Safety Grants	5	Transpo. Workforce Training	2
Total, Intercity Rail	80	Tribal Transportation Program	3
Aviation		Total, Restore/Reconnect	25
FAA NextGen Air Traffic Control	5	Build/Install 500,000 EV Chargers	
"Airsides" AIP Grants	10		15
"Groundside" Airport Grants	10	PROTECT Resiliency Grants at USDOT	
Total, Aviation	25		5
Ports and Waterways		SUBTOTAL, OTHER TRANSPORTATION	109
USACE Ports & Inland Waterways	8	TOTAL, ALL	
GSA Land Ports of Entry	3	TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	
Healthy Ports Initiative	6		456
Total, Ports and Waterways	17		
SUBTOTAL, "CORE ASSETS"	347		