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MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

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

Call in Information: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 240 624 4759

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Greg Froslic called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The roll call was performed by Jeanette Buckley

Present via Zoom Meeting: Greg Froslic, Steven Latoski, Nathan Escoffier, Justin Hembree, Jason Bottjen, Stuart Schmeling, Jess Knudson, and Tim Walsh

2. TITLE VI – NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Jeanette Buckley read the Title VI – Notice to the Public

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be considered as one item by the Technical Advisory Committee(TAC) and will be enacted with one motion with no separate discussion unless a board members requests to so, in that event the item will be removed.

3.1 Approve the TAC meeting minutes of March 3, 2020

Motion

Jess Knudson presented a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Stuart Schmeling.

Vote on Motion

Roll call vote taken. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

4.1 Discussion and Update: Swanson / Acoma updated scope and cost Vinny Gallegos updated the TAC on the Swanson / Acoma intersection scope and updated cost estimate. Greenlight Traffic Engineering is working on this project with evaluating this intersection for the potential HSIP project.

Mike Blankenship informed the TAC that Greenlight Traffic Engineering has received most of the information that was requested from Lake Havasu City. Mike Blankenship still needs as built's if they are available. Mike Blankenship stated that they have not been able to get the traffic counts scheduled since the traffic patterns have changed in the last couple of months. Mike Blankenship explained that a option for the traffic counts is to use Streetlight Data this uses big data from cell phones, and GPS in cars. This company has traffic data dated back to 2016 available. Mike Blankenship informed the TAC that there was not a big rush from ADOT design is set for 2021. Greenlight Traffic Engineering will need the traffic counts to do the cuing analysis.

Vinny Gallegos advised the TAC that the Streetlight Data program is being looked at as a statewide purchase by Flagstaff MPO and they have reached out to see if Lake Havasu MPO is interested. For Greenlight Traffic Engineering to use this program the MPO is looking at adding additional funds for this project around \$1,100. The statewide partnership for annual use of Streetlight Data will be \$10,000. Vinny Gallegos is looking at the greater investment of this program for use in upcoming projects.

Stuart Schmeling asked if the program is an annual membership or do we have to purchase and have a certain amount of licenses. Vinny Gallegos asked Justin Hembree if he had more clarification. Justin Hembree advised the TAC that he has not received any more feedback concerning Streetlight Data he is understanding that the \$10,000 was on an annual basis not sure how many licenses you get. Justin Hembree noted that this is not just for traffic counts it is also destination information.

Dan Gabiou advised that ADOT is not accepting Streetlight Data for HPMS purposes since it does not meet ADOT and FHWA requirements. Dan Gabiou stated that the data that Streetlight Data provides is cell phone based and could be helpful to the agencies.

Mike Blankenship advised that there will be some processing required to run the Streetlight Data program. Agencies have to set up zones and there is work in setting this program up.

Jess Knudson asked how the technology works with the cell phone data. Mike Blankenship explained that Streetlight Data is tracking the GPS in vehicles and cell phones the data tracks turn movements and ADT's. Steven Latoski asked if there was special software to analysis the data from Streetlight Data. Mike Blankenship explained that there is no special software required to analysis the data.

Greg Froslic asked Vinny Gallegos if he has reached out the Public Works department to see if there is historical data for that location. Vinny Gallegos referred to Mike Blankenship for this answer. Mike Blankenship responded that this was in the original request for information to Jeff Herb and it has not been provided yet but will reach out again.

4.2 Discussion and Update: 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Vinny Gallegos advised the TAC that the Request for Proposals was advertised and the responses were received. There was a five person review committee consisting of TAC Members. Kittleson's & Associates proposal was selected and the draft contract has been sent to Kittleson's & Associates for review.

Phyllis Davis, Kittleson's & Associates responded that she is happy to work with Lake Havasu City and Lake Havasu MPO again.

Vinny Gallegos and Greg Froslic congratulated Phyllis Davis with Kittleson & Associates and the team.

4.3 Discussion and Update: MPO Cooperation with Transit Implementation / CARES Act

Vinny Gallegos advised the TAC that a few months ago that the Transit Implementation Plan was adopted. Vinny Gallegos updated the TAC that the Federal Government has implemented a program called CARES Act. In the CARES Act there is transit money available for transit agencies. Lake Havasu City has been given \$2.3 million with this act. This funding is to help with transit in different areas it is 100% funded with no local match requirement.

Vinny Gallegos indicated that the MPO's role is help and assist Lake Havasu City and to offer any assistance that is needed administering these funds.

4.4 Discussion and Update: Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC)

Vinny Gallegos invited Kevin Adams from RTAC to give an update of what is going on in the State:

Kevin Adam, RTAC updated the TAC with the following:

- Senate made a motion to adjourn for the year
- It is possible the Governor will possibly call a special session of the Senate
- The House of Representatives has gone back to work this week
- There are a couple of COVIG bills that the House of Representatives will be looking at
- There will be no new spending, and no new tax cuts
- There was tremendous revenue growth before COVIG
- This is not good news for the transportation side
- At Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting ADOT advised the board that \$711 million will be lost to the State Highway Construction Program
- ADOT staff recommendation is to freeze new construction
- There is less available now for preservation of the roads than was originally programmed across the state
- ADOT is going to have to return grant funding due to not being able to pay match required
- CARES act addresses transit but did not address highway and roads and hopefully this will be addressed with the next bill

Jess Knudson asked Kevin Adam if he has heard anything about the 1.9 billion that the Governor has received for the State in CARES Act funding being distributed to the cities and what the funding can be used for. Kevin Adam responded that he understands that this funding has restrictions and the bulk could only go to COVIG expenses that had not already been incurred. Kevin Adam explained that the push for the next bill is for infrastructure this will include additional funding for state and local relief to help with shortfall for the revenue collection losses.

Vinny Gallegos asked Kevin Adam to give an update on what RTAC is advocating for the MPO's and COG's. Kevin Adam gave the following update on what is going on in the Federal Government:

- FAST Act expires at the end of September
- There is a lot of reforms that were being looked at
- The funding is not addressing the state's growth in population

- The funding that MPO's and COG's receive does not fluctuate with the population of the number of MPO's in the state
- The PL Funding is the primary funding used for operating of the small MPO's
- The last census there were 3 new MPO's added to the State of Arizona with no increase in funding for the state
- There was a meeting with Martha McSally concerns were raised about the lack of funding for transportation
- If there is not funding to relieve the state budget there will potential HURF raids
- Hopefully with the next transportation bill will have more funding President Trump is pushing to increase the amount of funding over what the FAST Act provided for infrastructure

Vinny Gallegos advised the TAC that to stay tuned to how the next census will impacts the MPO's if new MPO's are established. If the funding get cut then there will have to be cuts to the MPO's budget and possibly operation staffing dollars. These will have to be discussions with the TAC and Executive Board.

Steven Latoski wanted the TAC to be made aware that if there is potential cuts like HURF raids that the County and local entities need to be a voice at the state level to express the needs of our areas. This could be a potential \$3 million shortfall for Mohave County.

5. AGENCY AND LHMPO UPDATES

Dan Gabiou, ADOT updated the TAC on the following:

- Dan Gabiou will send the MPO the links to the Arizona State Transportation Website for the 5 Year Plan
- Also will send the link to the MS2 website
- There is unofficially a new planner has been hired to replace Jason Bottjen and will attend the LHMPO TAC meetings

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Greg Froslic asked for any future agenda items none were given.

7. UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- LHMPO Executive Board Meeting: **June 9, 2020 2:00 PM**
- State Transportation Board Meeting: **June 19, 2020, 9:00 AM**
- LHMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: **August 11, 2020, 1:30 PM**

8. ADJOURN

Greg Froslic adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.