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RTAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2020 10:30 AM
League of Arizona Cities & Towns Bldg.
1820 W. Washington, Room #101
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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.)
Craig MacFarland	Mayor, City of Casa Grande (CAG)
Terry Nolan	Mayor, Town of Dewey Humboldt, (CYMPO)
Charlie Odegaard	Councilmember, City of Flagstaff (FMPO Alt.)
Tom Thurman	Supervisor, Yavapai County (NACOG)
Gary Watson	Supervisor, Mohave County (WACOG)

Others in attendance:

Kevin Adam	RTAC
Travis Ashbaugh	CAG
Miles Begay	Navajo County
Chris Bridges	CYMPO
Vinny Gallegos	LHMPO
Irene Higgs	SCMPO
Gary Knight	City of Yuma, State Transportation Board
Jeff Meilbeck	FMPO
Andrea Robles	CAG
Andy Smith	Pinal County
Paul Ward	YMPO

* Participated by phone.

1. Chairman Steve Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. 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 December 19, 2019 which were approved unanimously.

4. Chairman Miller called on Mr. Adam to discuss the draft RTAC Strategic Plan. Mr. Adam indicated that per Board direction, he adjusted the previous draft based on the dialogue of the RTAC retreat and further discussions by the RTAC Board and Management Committees. Graham County Supervisor Paul David stated that the measurable objectives need to include more specific goals. Yavapai County Supervisor Craig Brown stated that this was a living document and could be amended later. Yavapai County Supervisor Tom Thurman stated that social media and new technology needed to be an important factor moving forward. Chairman Miller suggested that the Board should send specific comments to Mr. Adam and that he could bring back the Strategic Plan to the Board with suggested changes at a later meeting.

5. Chairman Miller called on Mr. Adam to discuss the draft RTAC Resolution supporting greater transportation investment levels. The Board approved the Resolution with amendments to the “therefor” section merging the raising fuel taxes and indexing points, specifying that the tax increase be at least 18-cents and that indexing occur annually. Such adjustments were consistent with the legislation currently being drafted by House Transportation Committee Chairman Noel Campbell.

6. Chairman Miller called on Mr. Adam to provide a state legislative update. He indicated that the main point to discuss with legislators at the lunch meeting was to articulate the needs and impacts from infrastructure under-investment and support Representative Campbell’s bill to increase the fuel taxes, set fees and taxes for alternative fuel vehicles and index all annually. He indicated that state revenue collections were very strong and that a sizable surplus was anticipated for this year. Directing much of that surplus to transportation infrastructure investment was supported by many legislators and that direction should be supported and reinforced with legislators at the lunch.

7. Chairman Miller called on Mr. Adam to provide a RTAC Management Committee report. He stated that the Management Committee met after the December RTAC meeting and discussed the RTAC Strategic Plan and Rural Transportation Summit planning.

8. Chairman Miller called for adjournment which was approved at 11:30 AM.