



**Wellton Transportation Long-Range Plan PARA Study
MPD Task Assignment 30-10
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Contract # TO849U0001**

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 4 SUMMARY

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: WELLTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 28634 OAKLAND AVENUE

ATTENDEES:

See attached sign-in sheet.

SUMMARY

Discussion items from the meeting are summarized as follows:

Introductions – Mark Hoffman, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Project Manager, welcomed the attendees to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting No. 4 and invited the attendees to introduce themselves.

Review of Previously Identified Needs – Michael Grandy, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA) Project Manager reviewed the current, 2033, and build-out needs identified in Working Paper No. 1 – *Current Conditions* and in Working Paper No. 2 – *Future Conditions and Modeling*. Needs identified included paving roadways, reclassifying roadways, providing additional freeway interchanges and railroad crossings to improve mobility, access, and emergency response, providing pedestrian/bicycle facilities on most roadways, and expanding YCAT and securing stable local funding. In addition, the need was identified to change the traffic control at Old Highway 80/William Street by 2033 to either four-way stop control, roundabout, or traffic signal control, depending on how much traffic volumes increase between now and 2033. In the build-out condition, a comprehensive, interconnected roadway network and a fixed-route transit system will be needed.

Evaluation Criteria – Michael reviewed the study’s evaluation criteria, which are: meets identified need, cost, right-of-way impacts, impacts to existing buildings, engineering challenges, level of service, accessibility/mobility, network continuity, environmental impacts, multimodal compatibility, safety, and public acceptability.

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Improvement Considerations – Michael presented several slides on the considerations included in the evaluation of potential improvements and development of the improvement plan. The considerations included federal functional roadway classifications, 2-mile minimum freeway interchange spacing, railroad grade separation train/vehicle thresholds, build-out roadway network “Interchange Crossings” and “1-Mile Crossings” scenarios, and “complete streets” cross-sections for urban and rural collectors and arterials. There were several questions regarding the federal vs. local functional roadway classifications. After some discussion, the TAC requested that the local functional roadway classifications match the federal classifications as the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) is trying to get all YMPO member agencies to use the federal classifications.

Recommended Improvements – Michael listed the proposed roadway, transit, and non-motorized improvement recommendations developed by KHA for the near-term (0-5 years), mid-term (6-10 years), and long-term (11-23 years, out to the YMPO RTP planning horizon year of 2033) time periods. TAC members were in general agreement with the recommended improvements

Build-out Recommendations – Michael presented the proposed roadway, transit, and non-motorized improvement recommendations developed by KHA for the build-out condition (time period not determined). These recommendations include a grid roadway network that is a hybrid between the “Interchange Crossings” and “1-Mile Crossings” scenarios, regional park-and-ride facilities and bus/train stations, potential zoning changes to accommodate future regional rail and bus facilities, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities connecting activity centers.

Plan for Improvements – Michael presented a graphic showing the Improvement Plan for 2011-2033, along with corresponding detailed tables that show the proposed projects with their timeframes and estimated costs. TAC members were in general agreement with the phasing and estimated costs for the projects, except that it was requested that costs for Avenue 25E and Avenue 31E interchanges be increased to include reconstruction of the existing bridges. It was noted that projected revenues are not sufficient to complete all of the recommended improvements. Future potential revenue sources were discussed, particularly federally funded programs and grants for both roadway and transit. It was also mentioned that the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Transit Authority (YCIPTA) has recently been formed to lay the groundwork for a regionally-funded transit service. Paul Patane from YMPO agreed to provide KHA with more information on YCIPTA.

Next Steps – KHA will address comments and finalize Working Paper No. 3 – *Evaluation Criteria and Plan for Improvements*. The second public meeting will be March 2 from 5-7 pm at the Wellton Community Center. KHA will then start working on developing the Draft Final Report. It was agreed upon by the TAC that a 5th TAC meeting face-to-face will likely not be needed unless public comments from the public meeting significantly conflict with the proposed improvements. A teleconference for the 5th TAC meeting will likely suffice if public input is generally in favor of the proposed improvements.

Open House Preparations – Michael reviewed with the TAC the draft presentation for the second public meeting and led the discussion on what to show in terms of display boards. It was suggested that the build-out functional classification map be added to the slide show and that golf carts be specifically

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addressed at the public meeting. The build-out volume exhibit should be a board, with a similar slide exhibit except without the volumes on it. The TAC also requested that the build-out “complete streets” cross-sections be presented on a board. Amy Rosar from KDA Creative volunteered to create a handout for the public meeting. It was decided that the handout should include the Improvement Plan, the three tables of projects with costs, and the build-out cross-sections. Paki Rico from the ADOT Communication and Community Partnerships Division, indicated she will be attending the public meeting in place of Gaby Gonzalez, who will be out-of-town during the public meeting.

Roundtable Discussion – Michael thanked the TAC members for their input during the presentation and the comments received to date on draft Working Paper No. 3 and opened the floor to questions or comments from TAC members. TAC members that have not yet provided comments on Working Paper No. 3 agreed to provide any comments they might have within the next few days.

Action Items – The following action items resulted from the meeting:

- KHA to revise the presentation and boards for the public meeting and update the corresponding information in Working Paper No. 3;
- Amy Rosar to prepare a handout for the public meeting;
- Paul Patane to provide KHA with more information on YCIPTA; and
- KHA to submit final Working Paper No. 3 – *Evaluation Criteria and Plan for Improvements*.

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