CITIZEN’S TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Arizona Department of Transportation

Minutes
Tuesday, August 13, 2013

A Citizen’s Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) meeting was held at the City of Scottsdale, City Hall Kiva Forum, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 with F. Rockne Arnett, Chairman presiding.

Members Present:

F. Rockne Arnett, Chairman
Claude Mattox, Member At Large
Kyle Robinson, Maricopa County District 1
Susan Brechbill, Maricopa County District 2 (by phone)
Rodney Jarvis, Maricopa County District 3 (arrived late)
Larry Woods, Maricopa County District 4

Members Absent:

Vacant, Maricopa County District 5

Others Present:

Brock Barnhart, CTOC
Matthew Eberhart, ADOT Communications
Patricia Talcott, ADOT Communications
Adrienne Weinkamer, CTOC Legal Counsel (by phone)
Lynne Hilliard, Maricopa County Department of Transportation
Ed Mears, Pulice Construction
Marvin Small, Citizen

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Arnett called to Order the Citizen’s Transportation Oversight Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Arnett led the CTOC members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Chairman Arnett asked for the Roll Call.

Brock Barnhart, Special Assistant called the roll. F. Rockne Arnett, Adrienne Weinkamer, CTOC Legal Counsel and Committee Members Kyle Robinson, Maricopa County District 1 and Susan Brechbill, Maricopa County District 2, Rodney Jarvis, Maricopa County District 3 (arrived 4:15 p.m.) , Larry Woods, Maricopa County District 4 and Claude Mattox, Member at-Large.
4. **Opening Comments:**

Chairman Arnett welcomed the public, public officials, members of CTOC and staff to the meeting.

5. **Welcome: Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane**

Mayor Jim Lane welcomed the CTOC to Scottsdale and thanked everyone for their work and the perspective given on transportation. The Mayor first spoke about Scottsdale, some unique issues, and how they accommodate their transportation issues with the downtown attractions, the Scottsdale experience, with 8 million tourists a year and how the means of moving around must be good, convenience and fast and how it is market driven via Sedgeways, golf carts, cabs pedi-cabs, bikes, trolleys, buses as well as cars with free parking included. Recognizing this fact, one of the critical components due to the economy, some of funding mechanisms, federal level spending deficits, transportation needs, ADOT and MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) recognize this fact, recognizing ADOT and MAG being our principal partners on a regional basis. Outside of the city, we’ve studied hard in our city and myself as part of the MAG executive committee as well as the regional council and policy committees and we’ve been working very hard as we were affected by the transportation funding and we understand deficits, and as we were affected by the tremendous reductions in transportation funding, we needed to become more inventive, a bit more innovated and frankly a bit more practical and results oriented how we went about this. One of the things we have that we are looking at right now, that would be a great benefit to us is that we advanced some monies through the PROP 400 monies to get a Divergent Diamond for egress and ingress to our Loop 101 exchange up near some of our prominent venues, for our entertainment venues such as Barrett Jackson car show, the Arabian quarter horse show and various other events and that is access on and off the 101. The Divergent Diamond was a technology we actually looked at and was used in Utah and we find that there are some modifications that have to take place in the neighborhood but never the less is a relatively inexpensive way but a very practical way to facilitate a much easier access and exit from the 101 for those events. So we have been thinking that way, and I know MAG and ADOT has been too and working together has just been phenomenal. I think as we look at commuter rail as it has been dubbed that we essentially can think that way so it can happen because I think funding mechanisms are going to change in a tremendous way. I am very interested in seeing that a market driven kind of approach will give us the kind of commuter rail that won’t really be imposing upon existing traffic mechanisms but also to provide real relief in regards to some of our traffic conditions as it relates to some of the commuter traffic. I am thinking more specific to the Phoenix metropolitan area than I am between Phoenix and Tucson. I am very interested that you consider those kinds of things and whatever kind of influence you have and helping us along with the Divergent Diamond and that, but never the less we have some good things going and I think we’ve been innovative to get our people around safely and in the quickest manner as possible. It has been a good exercise for us and I don’t wish an economic downturns on anybody but it does give us all pause to think about it. Looking forward to all the exercises we have in place to see what we can do. So with all that being said and I hope I didn’t take too much of your time, it is really nice to have you here, the full committee and welcome to Scottsdale and I will leave it at that. The Mayor stated the Divergent Diamond, is a ramping system and would like to have it ready for next season depending on the funding. The Mayor stated with the market driven approach on current traffic systems and real relief on traffic conditions, Scottsdale has been innovative and it has been a good experience for them, and given them cause to pause and good to have CTOC there and good to welcome them to Scottsdale and discuss the Divergent Diamond, the advanced funds, which was not feasible a few months ago and now good to pursue and move forward to hopefully have for next event season for the 101. Chair Roc Arnett thanked the Mayor for his welcome and comments.
6. **Call to the Public:**

None.

7. **Approval of the Minutes:**

Chairman Arnett called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2013 meeting.

Board Action: Committee member Claude Mattox moved to approve the May 1, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee member Susan Brechbill and unanimously approved.

8. **East Valley Projects:**

The East Valley Projects PowerPoint was presented by ADOT Community Relations staffers, Jennifer Grentz and Lars Jacoby.

Jennifer Grentz presented an update/information on the following:
- South Mountain – 90 day comment period, Next Steps
- Loop 101: Shea Boulevard to Loop 202 – General Purpose Lane Widening,
- Loop 101: Chandler Pedestrian Bridge

Lars Jacoby presented an update/information on the following:
- Loop 202 (Red Mountain Freeway) – General Purpose Lanes, HOV Lanes
- State Route 24 – HOV Lanes
- Loop 101 (Price Freeway) – Galveston Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge

Chair Arnett asked if information on the “unsolicited” proposal could be given on the South Mountain project. Brock Barnhart, Special Assistant to CTOC stated at this point there was not a lot of detail on the bid, ADOT currently is reviewing the submitted proposal, the proposal process and solicitation and the source of funds stated in the proposal. Brock stated someone else could submit a bid and the bid could be lost. Chair Arnett stated this proposal was encouraging, stated ADOT would move forward with this regional project and hopes the review process will be expedited.

9. **Regional Transportation Plan Performance Audit Recommendations:**

Brock Barnhart, Special Assistant to CTOC had five (5) handouts regarding the Audit Recommendations:

- **Handout 1 – Summary of RTP Audit Recommendations June 25, 2012**
  - Chapter 4: Current Organizational Structure Provides Oversight, Although There Are Opportunities to more Effectively Accomplish RTP Program Goals.

  Brock Barnhart stated this handout was given to the Committee on June 25, 2012.

- **Handout 2 – Summary of RTP Audit Recommendations: 6-Month Status**
  - Summary of Outstanding RTP Audit Recommendations: 18-Month Status re:
    - Chapter 4: Current Organizational Structure Provides Oversight, Although There Are Opportunities to more Effectively Accomplish RTP Program Goals.
Brock Barnhart stated this handout is a response to the Committee for recommendation, updated and implementation.

- **Handout 3 – Policies and Procedures for the CTOC – FINAL DRAFT**

Brock Barnhart stated handouts 3, 4 and 5 was the response covering these items and for Committee action.

Committee member Claude Mattox commented on Section 1.05 - Duties of Member at Large: Second bullet point under Responsibilities: Exceptions – if other stakeholder (agencies) policy is in conflict, i.e. MAG RC and or MAG TPC and stated this bullet should be removed.

Committee member Claude Mattox commented on Section 1.08 – Voting Procedures: If a motion is made for a weighted vote, it is taken on the basis of one vote per member and it is taken on a roll call basis and recommends “weighted” be removed and instead place “majority” vote as majority is what is required.

Comment was made on Section 1.16 – Proxies and that this should be changed to read “Teleconferences” as this is the subject it references.

- **Handout 4 – Actively Questioning and Deliberating Items at Meetings – FINAL DRAFT**

No changes were recommended, comment was made this looked like an Ethics Document and Committee member Susan Brechbill stated it should not be a separate document and recommended it be incorporated with Handout 3.

- **Handout 5 – Presentation Information**
  - Receiving Meeting Packets for Review and Analysis Prior to Meetings

No changes were requested by CTOC to this document.

Chair Arnett made a motion to the recommended changes to the Audit, with the recommended modifications to Handout 3, that would have handout 3 incorporate the language of handouts 4 and 5, be approved, subject to review by Counsel. Committee member Claude Mattox approved the motion, Committee member Kyle Robinson seconded the motion and all approved. Brock Barnhart, Special Assistant stated he would make the changes and send to the committee members electronically.

10. **CTOC 2014 Calendar:**

Brock Barnhart, Special Assistant explained the Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2014 to the committee noting the first three meetings would be at ADOT, MAG, RPTA and one meeting each in the east and west valley. Committee member Claude Mattox moved to approve the 2014 calendar, Committee member Rodney Jarvis seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

11. **Recommendations for Future Agenda Items:**

Committee member Larry Woods would like an update on Loop 303, Grand Avenue and Happy Valley Road projects and a presentation on the Independent Study on South Mountain contractors.

Chair Roc Arnett would like an update on the proposal made on South Mountain project although realizes much of the information may be confidential but would like the request to be a priority.
Committee member Kyle Robinson also made the request for the South Mountain project be on next agenda.

12. **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
City of Chandler
City Hall
175 S. Arizona Avenue
Chandler, AZ 85225

13. **Adjournment:**

**The Chair asked for a motion:** The meeting adjourned.

Board Action: There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.