



Regional Council – Regular Meeting


Gary G. Hayes, Executive Director

Regional Council

Minutes of December 1, 2011, Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present

Mayor Satish Hiremath, Town of Oro Valley, Chair
Mayor Jennifer Eckstrom, City of South Tucson, Vice Chair
Mayor Robert Walkup, City of Tucson, Member
Mayor Duane Blumberg, Town of Sahuarita, Member
Mayor Ed Honea, Town of Marana, Member
Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Pima County, Member
Chairman Ned Norris Jr., Tohono O'odham Nation, Member
Mr. Steve Christy, ASTB Rep., Member

Jurisdiction Representatives

Richard Miranda, City of Tucson
Greg Caton, Town of Oro Valley
Enrique Serna, City of South Tucson
Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County
Gilbert Davidson, Town of Marana
Jim Stahle, Town of Sahuarita

Public/Agencies

Jim Glock, City of Tucson
Liana Perez, City of Tucson
Donovan Durband, City of Tucson
John Bernal, Pima County
Rosanna Gabaldon, Town of Sahuarita
Thomas Benavidez, Legal Counsel
Dan Sullivan, PAG/RTA Consultant
Dave Joseph, RTA Consultant
Becky Pallack, Arizona Daily Star
Allyson Solomon, Tucson Metro Chamber
Ramon Gaanderse, TUCA
Tom Amparano, University of Arizona
Doug Musrick, Stantec
Kathy Boyle, ADOT
Paul Polito, Tucson Asphalt
Tom Kuliesh, Alliance of Construction Trades
Bill Katzel, Platinum Challenge Committee

Staff

Gary Hayes
Jacki Ontiveros
Jeff Hildebrand
Carlos de Leon
Rob Samuelson
Jim DeGroot
Cherie Campbell
John Liosatos
Philip Cyr
Sheila Storm
Claire Zucker

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hiremath at 12:00 p.m. and roll call of members was taken.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hiremath asked those in attendance to stand as he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Report from the Executive Director

Mr. Hayes reported that the draft meeting schedule for 2012 is now available. Mr. Hayes also stated that he was looking into new office space for PAG and RTA. Mr. Hayes provided Mayor Walkup with an appreciation gift for his leadership of the past 12 years to the PAG and RTA Boards.

4. Approval of Minutes of Oct. 27, 2011, Meeting

Motion was made by Supervisor Valadez, seconded by Mayor Blumberg, and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments (PAG) approve the minutes of Oct. 27, 2011.

5. 2012 Legislative Policy Positions

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Liosatos to report on this item.

Mr. Liosatos reported that at the last meeting the Regional Council gave staff direction to prioritize the six new policy positions heard at the last meeting in an effort to not introduce too many items into the 2012 legislative session. After consulting with PAG's Legislative Adviser, staff removed two positions with plans to re-introduce them at a later date which include solar energy and alternative fuels. The last change made was to the federal position which was re-written and grouped together with similar documents. Mr. Liosatos briefly reviewed the three 2012 Legislative Policy Positions for the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Liosatos also reported that at the direction of the Regional Council, staff reached out to the business community including the Chamber of Commerce and Southern Arizona Leadership Council to speak about similar interests.

Motion was made by Supervisor Valadez, seconded by Mayor Honea and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments approve the 2012 Legislative Policy Positions.

6. City of Tucson Modern Streetcar Land Use Study Plan Request for Proposals

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. de Leon to report on this item.

Mr. de Leon stated that staff is seeking the Regional Council's authorization to allow the Executive Director to release an RFP and to allow any related amendments to PAG's OWP as necessary. Mr. de Leon reported that approval is requested today to move forward with the RFP, and the actual award of contract will be brought back for final approval by the Regional Council before moving forward with the Study. At the Regional Council's request, Mr. de Leon detailed specifics of the Scope of Work which includes the study area, plan goals, planning approach and eight proposed tasks with their accompanying deliverables.

Supervisor Valadez stated that like with other issues, he recommends that this item be postponed until Mayor-Elect Rothschild has sufficient time to review the scope of work for this Study. The Regional Council asked staff if there would be any impacts if this item were to be delayed. Mr. de Leon stated that although City staff would like to see this move along as quickly as possible, it would not be harmful to do so.

Motion was made by Supervisor Valadez, seconded by Mayor Blumberg and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments postpone the release of the RFP for the Tucson Modern Streetcar Land Use and Development Implementation Plan as well as postpone any authorization to the Executive Director to amend the OWP as necessary.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Supervisor Valadez, seconded by Mayor Honea and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

a. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Report Including Amendment #4 to the FY 2012-2016 TIP

No discussion required.

b. Upcoming Financial Information Submittals Required of Local Jurisdictions by ADOT to meet Federal and State Mandates

No action/discussion required.

c. PAG Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Report

No action/discussion required.

d. Tucson Clean Cities Coalition Re-designation

No action/discussion required.

e. PAG Sustainable Environment Program

No action/discussion required.

f. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Report

No action/discussion required.

g. Program Highlights Report

No action/discussion required.

8. Call to the Audience

Bill Katzel and Sheldon Gutman addressed the Regional Council.

9. Future Agenda Items

None.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Hiremath adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of Pima Association of Governments meeting held on Dec. 1, 2011. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Gary G. Hayes, Executive Director