

## Regional Council – Regular Meeting

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Gary G. Hayes, Executive Director

### **Regional Council**

#### **Minutes of December 10, 2009**

##### **Committee Members Present**

Mayor Lynne Skelton, Town of Sahuarita, Chair  
Chairman Ned Norris, Tohono O’odham Nation, Vice Chair  
Mayor Ed Honea, Town of Marana, Member  
Mayor Robert Walkup, City of Tucson, Member  
Mayor Paul Loomis, Oro Valley, Member  
Sup. Ramon Valadez, Pima County, Member  
Steve Christy, Rep., Arizona State Transportation Board,  
Member  
Council Member Francisco Munoz for Vice Chair Robert  
Valencia, Member

##### **Jurisdiction Representatives**

Craig Civalier, Town of Oro Valley  
Gilbert Davidson, Town of Marana  
Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County  
Jim Glock, City of Tucson

##### **Staff**

Gary Hayes  
Jim DeGroot  
Andy Gunning  
Jacki Ontiveros  
Jeff Hildebrand  
Rob Samuelsen  
Sheila Storm  
Cherie Campbell

##### **Public/Agencies**

Rosanna Gabaldon, Town of Sahuarita  
Andrew Singelakis, City of Tucson  
Adriana Prieta, City of Tucson  
Mac Hudson, City of Tucson  
Donovan Durband, City of Tucson  
Chris Poirier, Pima County  
T. Van Hook, Town of Marana  
Robin Raine, ADOT  
Fred Ronstadt, TUCA  
Michael Block, Metro Water District  
Curt Lueck, CLA  
Jerry Dixon, Gadsden Co.  
Adam Weinstein, Gadsden Co.  
Dan Sullivan, Consultant  
Thomas Benavidez, Legal Counsel  
James Zumpf, ADOT  
John McNamara, AECOM

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Skelton and roll call of members was taken.

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Skelton asked those in attendance to stand as she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Presentation by Dr. Lattie Coor regarding the Arizona We Want Statewide Goal-setting Effort**

Chair Skelton introduced Dr. Lattie Coor, Chairman and CEO of the Center for the Future of Arizona, who presented a presentation of recent survey findings from the *Arizona We Want* goal-setting and visioning effort. The presentation included anticipated next steps, overview and methodology, key findings from a telephone poll and Web survey results and call to action.

No action required on this item.

**4. Report from the Executive Director**

Mr. Hayes started out his report by introducing two new staff members, Kathryn Van Kirk, PAG's Clean Cities Program, and Tim Thurein, Transportation Department. Mr. Hayes also recognized Claire Zucker and PAG's Watershed staff for its program's recent National award for the storm water campaign. Ms. Zucker briefly explained the campaign to the Council Members.

**5. Call to the Audience**

Speakers included Michael Block of Metro Water District in regard to the approval of the resolution to encourage and promote proper disposal of unused and out-of-date pharmaceuticals. The resolution appears under the EPAC item on this agenda.

**6. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2009**

Motion was made by Supervisor Valadez, seconded by Mayor Walkup and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments approve the minutes of Dec. 10, 2009.

**7. Resolution Supporting Joint Planning Coordination by PAG, MAG and CAAG in the Sun Corridor**

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Gunning to Report on this item.

Mr. Gunning reported that the resolution is basically a commitment for Pima Association of Governments (PAG), Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) to work together throughout the Sun Corridor to address overlapping interests such as transportation needs, air quality considerations and other economic interests. Mr. Gunning explained that by these COG's working together information can be shared including population data, travel data, models and growth trends. A joint planning meeting of Regional Council members will be held on Dec. 17 where the resolution will be signed by the three Chairs from PAG, MAG and CAAG.

Chairman Norris asked if both MAG and CAAG had representation on its Regional Councils from the Tribal Governments in their respective areas. Mr. Hayes stated that MAG does have Tribal representation but is unaware if CAAG does.

Motion was made by Mayor Honea, seconded by Mayor Loomis and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments approve the resolution supporting planning coordination with Maricopa Association of Governments and Central Arizona Association of Governments.

## 8. **ADOT BQAZ and PAG Long-Range Plans**

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Gunning and Ms. Campbell to report on this item.

Mr. Gunning stated that PAG has been working with ADOT on its long-range statewide transportation planning efforts "Building a Quality Arizona". Ms. Campbell along with James Zumph of ADOT and John McNamara of AECOM will provided a presentation on the program.

The presentation included average score for bqAZ rating activity, Pima County scenario maps, traffic congestion issues, framework recommendations and process, collaborative planning process, key elements in the PAG region, outcomes and next steps.

Mr. Christy noted that the Arizona State Transportation Board (ASTB) will be asked to approve this proposal at its Dec. 15 ASTB meeting and asks that he be contacted as soon as possible with additional information not shared during today's presentation or any new information so that he may relay it to the other members of the ASTB.

Mayor Loomis stated that he attended most if not all of the bqAZ meetings and ADOT has done a wonderful job of putting this package together. It's a real challenge going across the state to gain the input needed. Mayor Loomis asked if a financial study has been performed or is in the works for the 2050 plan. Mr. McNamara stated that a cost estimate for the entire state wide transportation framework study is under way although there will be areas where assumptions must be made such as how many high-speed rail corridors to build.

No action required on this item.

## 9. **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 consent agenda items a, b, d, f, h and i and pull items c, e, and g for discussion.

### a. **Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Report**

No action/discussion required.

### b. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)**

No action/discussion required.

### c. **2010 Legislative Policy Positions**

Mayor Loomis asked that this item be discussed so that he may provide caution that several of our legislative positions talk about new funding sources which will be under attack to try and save dollars. Mayor Loomis stated that when asking to spend dollars, the funding source must be fully identified to avoid problems.

Motion was made by Mayor Loomis, seconded by Mayor Honea and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments adopt the proposed 2010 Legislative policy positions as presented.

**d. Regional Transportation Art by Youth**

No action/discussion required.

**e. Amendment #3 to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Supervisor Valadez stated that the modern streetcar project is a true regional issue not just a City of Tucson issue and believes that it's the hinge that downtown revitalization will be based on. At this point there are no detailed reports that demonstrate the successful implementation of the modern streetcar. Supervisor Valadez stated that those reports are possible and necessary in that it creates a level of transparency among the Regional Council as well as the general public of how and when the project will be implemented. Supervisor Valadez continued discussion regarding this issue including his understanding the need for regional funds being shifted due to lack of funds from Rio Nuevo but this governing body needs to be cautious and believes a report should be provided detailing items such as development, time and budget and how the City of Tucson plans to move forward without further regional funding.

Supervisor Valadez stated that another concern he would like to discuss is the \$75 million that is programmed into the RTA funding for this project. This project is regionally important and significant and again a level of caution is needed in how and when we program and expend those dollars because when the plan was before the voters it was made clear that there would be \$75 million in federal matching money. Supervisor Valadez explained that any future consideration needs to exercise a great deal of detail, transparency and caution so we maintain what was promised in 2006 as well as open communication with the Council as well as the public. The suggested motion in the TIP Amendment isn't very clear and he offered the following motion which differs from the suggested motion included in the meeting packet:

Motion was made by Supervisor Valadez, seconded by Mayor Loomis and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments amend the language in the suggested motion to read: A detailed status update on the entire "Modern Streetcar" project, including but not limited to, engineering plans, procurement of rolling stock and financing plan. Documentation that full funding for the "Modern Streetcar" project has been obtained and is available to construct the project *that requires construction of a Cushing St. Bridge over the Santa Cruz River including necessary operating rolling stock.*

Mayor Walkup asked Mr. Glock to comment on the language change in the above motion. Mr. Glock stated that he doesn't understand how the amended language differs from the original language and suggested further clarification from Supervisor Valadez or PAG staff.

Mr. Hayes added that he believes the change in language is needed to show that funding includes construction of the Cushing St. Bridge not just up to it. Supervisor Valadez agreed.

Discussion continued among the Council on the importance of the Cushing St. Bridge and the fact that it's truly multi-modal.

Supervisor Valadez stated that a motion is still required to approve the item.

Motion was made by Supervisor Valadez, seconded by Mayor Loomis and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments

approve Amendment #3 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, noting a special provision for Item "B". Included in this motion, and made part of the record, is a provision attached to item "B" the "Cushing Street" amendment. Approval of this amendment sets aside the outlined regional funding for the project. However, the City of Tucson agrees that it will neither drawdown the regional HURF 12.6% funds or obligate any portion of the regional federal STP funds until the City receives final project approval by the PAG Regional Council.

**f. Air Quality Update - Ozone**

No action/discussion required.

**g. Census 2010 Update**

Mayor Loomis stated that although Oro Valley is not able to contribute to the regional effort with separate dollars, the Town is making a considerable effort locally to do a complete count and would urge the other jurisdictions to do the same. Mayor Loomis stated that outreach includes newspaper ads, PSA announcements, weekly articles, and the addition of census pages on the Town's Web site.

Motion was made by Mayor Loomis, seconded by Mayor Honea and unanimously carried that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments approve the item as presented.

**h. Program Highlight Reports**

No action/discussion required.

**i. Clean Cities/Energy Planning Report**

No action/discussion required.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

- None

**11. Adjournment**

Mayor Loomis adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of Pima Association of Governments Regional Council meeting held on Dec. 10, 2009. I further certify that a quorum was present.

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**Gary G. Hayes, Executive Director**