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TRANSIT WORKING GROUP

Dec. 8, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Committee Members

Anna Casadei, Town of Sahuarita
Jared Forte, Sun Tran
Jeremy Papuga, City of Tucson
John Zukas, City of Tucson
Jonathan Crowe, Pima County
Jon Hawbaker, Town of Oro Valley
Lisa Shafer, Town of Marana
Nicholas Scherer, City of Tucson
Maria Arvayo, Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Staff

James McGinnis
Katharine Mitchell
Rosalie Soto
Ruth Reiman

Public /Agencies

Allen Benz, Tucson Bus Riders Union
Davita Mueller, Sun Tran
Bob McGee, Sun Tran

Jurisdictional Representatives

Chris Hager, Total Transit

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. and introductions were made.

2. Approval of PAG/RTA Transit Working Group Minutes of Nov. 10, 2015

James McGinnis noted that Nicholas' last name was spelled incorrectly and will be corrected.

Motion was made by Anna Casadei to approve the Nov. 10, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. Lisa Shafer seconded, and approved unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

None.

4. Regional Transit Funding Prioritization

James McGinnis gave a presentation on Regional Transit Funding Prioritization. Items reviewed:

- Overview
- RTA Replacement Vehicles
- STP Flex Historical
- Discussion Today
- PAG TIP Transit Project Application 2017-2021

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Group discussion included questions/comments regarding whether the shared distribution could be reevaluated due to the Phoenix area benefiting from LTAF funds, replacement of Sun Shuttle/Sun Tran vehicles prior to evaluating the routes, opportunity costs if vehicle requests are not made, interest in opening up participation for local match, save money by extending the life of the vehicles versus replacement, what are the options for funding replacement vehicles, mileage as a determining factor, reduce the number of vehicle replacements and the ability to reprioritize in future years.

Motion was made by Jon Hawbaker to approve the reduction of Sun Shuttle Bus replacements by the negative balance of \$254,100 from the transit TIP project amounts for FY's 17 & 18, Lisa Shafer seconded, approved unanimously.

Anna Casadei opposed.

5. Short-Range Transit Program Implementation Plan Update

Katharine Mitchell reported that staff has completed an update to the FY 16-20 Short-Range Transit Implementation Program Plan, with incorporated feedback from the TWG members. This FY 17-21 update was approved by PAG's Transportation Planning Committee this month, and will be presented to PAG's Management Committee on Jan. 13 and PAG's Regional Council on Jan. 28 for final approval. Regular updates to the plan will begin at the start of each fiscal year. Staff will continue to work with the City of Tucson to streamline the planning process for both Short-Range Transit programs.

Group discussion included comments regarding a job well done by staff on the update.

6. Sun Shuttle Marana Circulator

James McGinnis gave a presentation on the Sun Shuttle Marana Circulator. Items reviewed:

- Overview
- Sun Shuttle 413 & 411 Issues
- Sun Shuttle 413 & 411 Goals
- Sun Shuttle 413 & 411 Scenarios
- Sun Shuttle 413 & 411 Timing for each proposed scenario
- Next Steps

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Group discussion included questions/comments regarding ridership at each stop, whether riders are boarding at the start of Route 413 and taking it to connect to Sun Tran Route 16, how many people are transferring from Routes 413 to 411, how many riders are coming from the Marana Municipal Complex to Cortaro Rd. grocery stores, etc., service changes to match service changes policy, changes to the system map in the Ride Guide, and transfers to Sun Tran Route 16.

7. Regional Transit Updates

Jeremy Papuga reported that the City of Tucson Transit Task Force (TTF) November meeting was canceled due to quorum requirements. The next meeting will be held sometime in December. Jeremy Papuga recommended adding a chart to the Sun Shuttle monthly summary, showing monthly passengers per hour by route compared to passengers per hour year to date.

8. Future Agenda Items and Announcements

James McGinnis stated that discussion of the Sun Express Service analysis will continue at the January meeting. PAG's GIS and modeling staff are working on economic and demographic coverage for the routes, discussed at previous meetings. The group will also be updated on the Sun Shuttle Fast-Fare-E implementation. All accounts are going well so far and more information will be provided at the January meeting.

Jeremy Papuga questioned if PAG is planning on changing its Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee. If so, they would like to understand how the federal transit funding process may change.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.