



# Transportation Advisory Board

MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

### ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Marc Erpenbeck (Dist. 1)	Present
Ted Geisler (Dist. 2)	Via Phone
Wes Gullet (Dist. 3)	Present
Merlyn Carlson (Dist. 4)	Absent
Channel Powe (Dist. 5)	Present

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Toth, Director  
Teresa Welborn, Administrator  
D. Chad McBride, County Attorney's Office  
Kellee Kelley, Intergovernmental Relations  
Mitch Wagner, Intergovernmental Relations  
Margaret Gianfarcaro, Strategic Communications & Outreach

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Board Member Gullet.

### 3. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Wes Gullet, Marc Erpenbeck and Channel Powe, Ted Geisler via Phone

Absent: Merlin Carlson

### 4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No requests to speak were presented.

## **5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Channel Powe and was SECONDED by Wes Gullett to approve the minutes of December 19, 2017, meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **6. MCDOT FY 2019-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Chuck Williams, the CIP Program Supervisor, presented the prioritization of projects and development of the FY 2019-2023 TIP. Mr. Williams presented the FY 2017 vs. 2018 Challenges. The 2018 budget was approved at \$131.8 million. Our goal is to raise expenditure percentages to 70%, which we will accomplish the forecast right now is above 70%. The big challenge was getting projects from design to construction, the two major projects schedule slips were Northern Parkway - Dysart to 111, MC-85 – 95th to 75th. Also, the concern that the MAG Arterial Life Cycle Program ends in 2026 is that we have 16 projects still in the MAG ALCP representing \$245 million which is a little tight. It impacts what we can do in the next eight years. The big one is Northern Parkway which represents \$178 million. We are hoping to condense four projects into one to help with this time frame. Gilbert Road Bridge is another big project of about \$60 million. The Sun Valley Parkway Project we have to replace pavement over 28 miles. The good news is we were able to move two of those projects up, which will alleviate some of the problems we have with the two large projects.

Mr. Williams talked about the change in approach, one of which is creating achievable schedules. We want to make sure we have high confidence in the budget we put in the budget for FY 2019. We are paying close attention to the projects we are closing out this year to track those that may fall into next year. We are ensuring the teams pay more attention to the MAG and Federal project requirements. We implemented a 2nd level review where division managers also take a second look at the project, not just the project managers. We also hold monthly TIP forecasting meetings to discuss monthly expenditures and where we are the year to date.

Mr. Williams discussed the program expenditure adjustments which were made from December to February. He discussed the program revenue adjustments and the new projects funding. He talked about the new programs, the guardrail replacement program to upgrade our guardrails to get in compliance and the ADA conformance program.

A MOTION was made by Wes Gullett and was SECONDED by Channel Powe to approve the TIP to submit to the Board of Supervisors. A roll call vote was taken. MOTION CARRIED item passed unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

**7. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Director Toth gave an update to the Board. The first discussion was that MCDOT received 3 of 4 AACE 2017 Robert C. Esterbrooks Awards. The awards were given to David Fritz, Lesley Roman, and John Counts.

Director Toth also mentioned that MCDOT is looking at the overall project delivery system and making improvements to that. She stated that we had some functional group meetings. There were a series of focus group meetings, 132 people from MCDOT participated, and that resulted in a two-track solution that we are looking at implementing. We are looking at some of the scoping process and early processes associated with the projects and some training opportunities. We are looking to set up two track teams to look at an enhanced investment of time and resources early in the scoping process and some training opportunities. The two teams will be putting together some solutions and developing those solutions through those processes as we move forward.

**8. TAB FORUM**

None at this time.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 11:00 am.

**10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Board Member Powe asked about the new tax bill and how it will affect infrastructure and if we have any forecast on how that will affect the County. Chairman Erpenbeck asked about the new technology especially the item Director Toth mentioned regarding the Vulture Mountain area. He also asked if we had any new information in the legislature on the HURF funding, i.e., gas tax or anything else out there.

**11. CALL TO ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.