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US-60/Grand Avenue COMPASS

Loop 303 to Interstate 10

Planning Partners

March 18, 2013

Conference Call

PLANNING PARTNER ATTENDEES

Chaun Hill – ADOT

Scott Omer – ADOT

Tim Wolfe – ADOT

Sue McDermott – City of El Mirage

Cathy Colbath – City of Glendale

Matthew Dudley – City of Glendale

Tim Oliver - MCDOT

Laurie Katheh – City of Peoria

Jamal Rahimi – City of Peoria

Ray Dovalina – City of Phoenix

Dana Owsiany – City of Phoenix

Karen Savage – City of Surprise

Abhi Dayal – Valley Metro

Grant Anderson – Youngtown

MAG STAFF

Eric Anderson – MAG

Bob Hazlett – MAG

Micah Henry – MAG

Marc Pearsall – MAG

CONSULTANT TEAM

Jason Pagnard – B&N

Jamie Blakeman – B&N

Judie Scalise – ESI

Peggy Fiandaca – PSA

Dan Marum – Wilson

Jim Townsend – Wilson

Bob Hazlett welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the conference call purpose.

PROJECT CHARTER PARTNERS MEETING PREPARATION

Bob Hazlett explained the four corridor operational concepts that will be presented for consideration by the Charter Partners as part of the alternatives development process.

The corridor concepts are:

- Adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP);
- Expressway;
- Commuter Rail and Operational Performance; and
- Expanded Connectivity.

The Charter Partners meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 20th. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a project update, present the economic development findings, and collaborate on alternatives.

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Eric Anderson said that it is important when we talk to stakeholders we need to stress that Grand Avenue must be examined differently than in the past. No other past study of Grand Avenue used economic development to drive the alternatives like this study.

Bob Hazlett stated the final alternative that moves forward might be a synthesis of the best elements from each concept.

Chaun Hill voiced that Grand Avenue is not viewed as "*the*" transportation route it once was and that freeways are now in place that have assumed that role. New ideas for US-60 are appreciated.

Matthew Dudley asked what transit modes might be included with the Expanded Connectivity concept. Bob Hazlett responded that we don't want to pre-determine modes of transit at this point.

Tim Oliver commented that the economic development that is occurring today should not pre-determine future economic development. The transportation solution should support future economic development opportunities.

Chaun Hill inquired what is expected from the Charter Partners meeting. Bob Hazlett responded that the goal is to get agreement that this approach with the four concepts makes sense and they feel comfortable enough to move forward in the analysis.

Chaun Hill noted that the Expanded Connectivity concept description does not mention that major redevelopment would be required to implement the concept. It will be important to decide what the future economic development opportunities are for Grand Avenue. She also noted that Grand Avenue is a unique corridor connecting the large number of downtown areas that it does.

Overall, the Planning Partners felt comfortable to move forward the four concepts for the Charter Partners consideration.

NEXT STEPS

The next steps in the process are:

- Charter Partners meeting – March 20th;
- Completion of Technical Memorandum 1 - Existing Conditions; and
- Alternatives development.

Next meeting will be in April and may be a telephone conference call.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.