

# NOTES



## US-60/Grand Avenue COMPASS

Loop 303 to Interstate 10

Planning Partners  
November 13, 2012

City of Surprise City Hall  
Second Floor Atrium Conference Room

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### ATTENDEES

Stuart Boggs – Valley Metro  
Sue McDermott – El Mirage  
Marc Pearsall – MAG  
Terry Johnson – Glendale  
Tim Wolfe – ADOT  
Bob Hazlett – MAG  
Dan Marum – Wilson & Company

Grant Anderson – Youngtown  
Micah Henry – MAG  
Karen Savage – City of Surprise  
Dana Owsiany – City of Phoenix  
Jamal Rahimi – City of Peoria  
Jamie Blakeman – B&N  
Peggy Fiandaca – PSA

Bob Hazlett welcomed everyone and the participants introduced themselves. Bob gave an overview of the meeting purpose.

### FIRST 90-DAY DELIVERABLES

Jamie Blakeman provided an introduction to the SharePoint website that will be used for the project. All materials and documents will be housed on the site. All Planning Partners will be assigned a login and password and were asked to explore the site. There are three main folders under Shared Documents where information will be housed:

1. Meetings – This is a read only folder. All materials passed out at meetings and all meeting notes can be found in this folder
2. TAC Docs for Review – This is a read only folder. All materials for TAC Review will be uploaded to this folder.
3. TAC Review Comments and Materials – This is a read/write folder and each agency can view and edit only their specific comments and materials. Other agencies cannot see this folder. There are two folders under the main folder, one where review comments are to be posted, and another folder for background materials.

It is critical that all Planning Partners review and provide feedback on their agency Materials folder. In this folder are the documents and materials from the agency that the team has collected to date. Please let Jamie know via email if this folder is complete and contains the most current version of all documents. If it is not, participants were asked to upload any pertinent documents to the Materials folder on SharePoint.

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Jamie recommended that everyone modify their settings by clicking their name in the upper right corner of the screen and setting up an alert to be notified daily for any updates being posted to SharePoint.

Bob explained that the following 90-day deliverables were posted and ready for comment.

- Operating Principles, Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives
- Work Plan
- Stakeholder Involvement Plan

These and all future deliverables will not be posted to the MAG website until Planning Partners have a chance to review them. Planning Partners were asked to review and provide comments via SharePoint. These materials currently posted for review will be posted to the MAG website by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## CHARTER PARTNER MEETING

Bob provided an overview of the Charter Partner meeting that was held on September 19, 2012. It was a positive kick-off to this study. The Mayors stressed that they wanted to be kept up-to-date as the project unfolds. Bob committed to get back with them in the February/March timeframe as well as later in the study during alternatives development. Some of the common themes mentioned were:

- Need to build recognition of what Grand Avenue is and the role it plays
- Consider rail and transit
- Support and link the "villages" along US-60/Grand Avenue but keep the uniqueness of each
- Access management can drive economic development
- Utilize new technology

## PLANNING PARTNER KICK-OFF MEETINGS

Bob provided an overview of the kick-off meetings that were held in August and September. Summary notes and roll plots from each of the meetings are posted on SharePoint. He highlighted a summary list of items (included in the PowerPoint) from the meetings.

## ACOMA DRIVE – TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARRANT ANALYSIS

El Mirage asked MAG to review the traffic in the area of Acoma Drive to determine if a signal was warranted. Jamie reported on the results that determined this location to be appropriate for the installation of a traffic signal.

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## OPEN DISCUSSION

Tim asked why the task regarding the Vision, Goals, and Objectives was moved up in the work plan. Bob explained because of the input received from the Mayors it was important to address the issue early. However, it was noted that the vision, goals, and objectives will evolve throughout the project as new information is discussed.

## NEXT STEPS

The following are the next steps in the process.

- Data Needs – critical that everyone review the data currently collected for each city to determine if it is comprehensive and current.
- Deliverables – everyone was asked to review deliverables and provide comment by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Schedule – it was determined that the Planning Partners will meet the fourth Thursday every month (as needed) at MAG starting in January.
- Meeting follow up questionnaire will be distributed and everyone was encouraged to complete the questionnaire.

Next meeting is January 24, 2013 at 1:30 PM at MAG.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

