

**SPECIAL MEETING
July 18, 2002**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 7:30 a.m., July 18, 2002, at the Mountain Preserve Reception Center, 1431 East Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman; Max W. Wilson; and Mary Rose Wilcox. Absent: Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman and Andy Kunasek. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Jill Kennedy, Deputy County Attorney.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT 2002

Item: Regional Transportation (ADM 2000)

Chairman Stapley welcomed the attendees to the Regional Transportation Summit 2002, and introduced the elected officials and distinguished guests including former Maricopa County Supervisor, Ed King and Mayor Keno Hawker of the City of Mesa. The purpose of the summit was to engage elected officials and transportation professionals in a discussion on regional transportation issues. Transportation experts from throughout the nation were invited to present their own large metropolitan experiences and compare them to those of Maricopa County.

The keynote address was delivered by Larry Dahms, retired executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), of San Francisco, California. As the executive director of the MTC, Mr. Dahms served a 19-member governing board representing nine counties in the San Francisco Bay area.

Mr. Dahms explained that the "Interstate" program was the dominating transportation concept for 35 years with strong federal government assistance until late 1980's. When the Interstate era faded, the prevailing thought was that there should be more local accountability for projects and funding, which brought for the emergence of ISTEA: Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. ISTEA allowed for more flexible funding and new partnerships such as the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO).

Mr. Dahms elaborated that where states were once considered the region, metro areas have now assumed that distinction, and state and local elected officials have much more influence over the transportation investment. The accountability also has become localized with state and local officials administering the revenues from local tax measures as opposed to the former accounting from the state to the federal government.

Mr. Dahms concluded with three points: 1) recognize the potential of the institution; 2) build on strength and the lessons of experience; and 3) adjust to the changing environment.

Following the keynote address, there was a question and answer period and discussion on who should lead the regional transportation effort in this community, what is being done in other regions, and ways to go about establishing a leadership effort.

Martin Schultz, Arizona Public Service, reported that various regional systems have been reviewed and asked Mr. Dahms' opinion on which was the best: planning or operating authority. By Mr. Dahms' experience, planning organizations often evolve into operating authorities.

Mr. Dahms stated that there is a significant cost to defining and analyzing a system, and further commented that communication and cooperation between cities and the planning organization is paramount.

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Mark LaScola with On The Mark, Inc., a consulting firm employed by the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, provided a summary report of a study commissioned to obtain opinions from "transportation role players" on regional transportation planning.

A panel discussion followed, entitled "Initiating a Regional Transportation Organization", moderated by Diane McCarthy of WESTMARC. Panelist included Edd Hauser, director the University of North Carolina-Charlotte Center for Transportation Policy Studies; Charles Brechler, president and owner of Brechler & Bell Consulting Engineers, Inc., from Las Vegas, Nevada; Sharon Neely, director of Transportation Policy for the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority in Los Angeles County, California; and California State Senator Steve Peace, a sponsor for the proposed San Diego Regional Agency.

The panelists discussed their individual experiences with the development of a transportation organization, then entertained questions from the audience.

At this point, Supervisor Wilcox left the meeting and, therefore, there was no longer a quorum. The summit continued with a question and answer period, a panel discussion on "Implementing a Regional Transportation Organization", closing remarks by Tom Buick, director of the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, and concluded with a luncheon.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Don Stapley, Chairman of the
Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board