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MARICOPA COUNTY TRAVEL REDUCTION PROGRAM REGIONAL TASK FORCE

Teleconference Meeting (all participants joined via GoToMeeting)

Jerry Geering, Chairman

April 28, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Foster Jean Woltjer
Jerry Geering Kim Passante
Sheila Johnson Terry Solis*
Tina Wesoloskie
*joined after meeting called to order

ABSENT

Chelsie Hockersmith

STAFF / VISITORS PRESENT

Kristen Weston-Smith, Morgan Wohlbrandt, Phil Cummings – Maricopa County TRP
Laura Jardieanu – Maricopa County Air Quality
Julie Hoffman – Maricopa Association of Governments
Peter Muthig – Deputy County Attorney
Abigail Cooksey-Williams – Valley Metro
Amanda Luecker – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Rebecca Shexnayder – Pinal County
Adrian Nunez – Ford Motor Credit National Recovery Center

Call to Order

Jerry Geering called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. (quorum present).

Meeting Minutes

Kim Passante motioned to approve the March 31, 2020 minutes and Annie Foster seconded. Jean Woltjer and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Plans Offered with “Reject” Recommendation

BMO Harris Bank – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is requesting a restoration of last year’s plan budget and carpool parking documentation needs to be provided. Kim Passante motioned to accept staff’s reject recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Corral Phoenix, LLC – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is requesting the addition of a Guaranteed Ride Home measure to the plan. Annie Foster motioned to accept staff’s reject recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Sheila Johnson seconded. Jean Woltjer and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Ford Motor Credit National Recovery Center – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is requesting a TRP fair be added to the plan. Adrian Nunez said he has no problem adding the fair and a \$150 increase to the annual budget. Jerry Geering asked Adrian to submit a revised plan with that information for approval next meeting. Sheila Johnson motioned to accept staff’s reject recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded. Jean Woltjer, Kim Passante, and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

Gruber Industries – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is recommending some measures be added/removed so the plan is more effective and some cosmetic changes are needed. Kim Passante motioned to accept staff's reject recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Terry Solis seconded. Annie Foster, Jean Woltjer, and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Phoenix Elementary School District – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is requesting a restoration of last year's budget for the monthly AMU drawing as well as some cosmetic changes. Kim Passante questioned why the employee count increased this plan year, and Kristen said this may be due to sites being reactivated if they now have over 50 employees. Discussion was held as to what budget increase was appropriate and it was agreed a restoration of last year's budget was appropriate. Sheila Johnson motioned to accept staff's reject recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Terry Solis seconded. Annie Foster, Jean Woltjer, and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Royal Palms Resort & Spa – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needs cosmetic revisions. Kim Passante motioned to accept staff's reject recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded. Jean Woltjer, Sheila Johnson, and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Terry Solis motioned to approve all plans on the consent agenda and Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster, Jean Woltjer, and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Open Items

Aztec Engineering – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #4 on the consent agenda.

Copper State Bolt & Nut Co. – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #13 on the consent agenda.

Cox Automotive – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #15 on the consent agenda.

RSI Enterprises – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #51 as Mercedes Benz North Scottsdale on the consent agenda.

XPO Logistics – Kristen Weston-Smith said a plan has been received and was approved at #62 on the consent agenda. Peter Muthig confirmed any other outstanding issues with the employer have been taken care of.

Discussion / Action

2019 Cost Study – Phil Cummings presented the 2019 Cost Study to the Task Force for approval. He shared there were 1150 unique plans used for the calculations and the new average spent per employee across all industries is \$24.13. He also shared the cost study followed the same format as the previous cost study, but the 2019 study followed the county fiscal year instead of calendar year and 'Hospitality and Recreation' and 'Restaurants' were separated into two categories rather than being combined. Kim Passante motioned to accept the 2019 Cost Study and approve the industry values within for use by TRP staff. Jean Woltjer seconded the motion. Annie Foster, Sheila Johnson, and Terry Solis seconded and the motion passed.

COVID-19 Employer Variance Extension – Kristen Weston-Smith stated that since the stay-at-home order was issued she was requesting the Task Force members extend the variance due date 30

days. She shared some employers were still continuing their travel reduction programs and no negative responses had been received to the variance. Jerry Geering stated he had some hesitation due to the uncertainty on how long the situation would last. Discussion was held regarding the legality of extending the variance and confirming the new variance end date of June 22nd. Sheila Johnson made a motion to extend the variance end date to June 22nd and Terry Solis seconded. Annie Foster, Jean Woltjer, and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Valley Metro

Abigail Cooksey-Williams reviewed the update.

Call to Public

None.

Updates from Chairman and Other Members

Kristen Weston-Smith shared for Tina Wesoloskie that the P-7 ordinance is moving towards the final stages. Laura Jardieanu said the department hopes to have an updated timeline later in the week.

Jerry Geering shared that current data on COVID-19 doesn't support a full reopening of business and discussed the impact on the community. Discussion was also held regarding High Pollution Advisories and how to educate employees on the cause.

Adjournment

Jean Woltjer motioned to adjourn the meeting and Terry Solis seconded. Annie Foster, Kim Passante, and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed (10:20 a.m.). The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2020.