



## MARICOPA COUNTY TRAVEL REDUCTION PROGRAM REGIONAL TASK FORCE Teleconference Meeting (all participants joined via GoToMeeting)

Jerry Geering, Chairman  
July 14, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Foster	Chelsie Hockersmith
Jean Woltjer	Jerry Geering
Kim Passante	Sheila Johnson
Terry Solis	Tina Wesoloskie

### ABSENT

### STAFF / VISITORS PRESENT

Kristen Weston-Smith, Morgan Wohlbrandt, Ernie Jannett, Joel Fowler – Maricopa County TRP  
Laura Jardieanu – Maricopa County Air Quality  
Peter Muthig – Deputy County Attorney  
Abigail Cooksey-Williams – Valley Metro  
Amanda Luecker – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Rebecca Shexnayder – Pinal County  
Nancy Johnson – Maricopa County

### Call to Order

Jerry Geering called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. (quorum present).

### Meeting Minutes

Kim Passante motioned to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes and Annie Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Plans Offered with “Disapprove” Recommendation

DuroBag – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff was requesting a restoration of some plan measures but a revised plan had been received and was only missing signatures. She said the plan was now being recommended for approval. Jerry Geering said since the revised plan hadn't been sent for Task Force review, it would still be disapproved until the Task Force could review the new plan. Sheila Johnson motioned to accept staff's original disapprove recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Chelsie Hockersmith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

International Paper – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needed some cosmetic changes. Morgan Wohlbrandt added a revised plan addressing all changes had been received and was approvable. Jerry Geering stated the Task Force would need to be sent the revised plan to approve it. Terry Solis motioned to accept staff's original disapprove recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Peoria Ford – Kristen Weston-Smith said the submitted plan budget has been decreased but SOV rates are still high so staff is recommending a budget restoration and addition of a new plan measure. Kim Passante motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Jean Woltjer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Consent Agenda**

Terry Solis motioned to approve all plans on the consent agenda and Sheila Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Open Items**

Banner Health – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #6 on the consent agenda.

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Phoenix – Kristen Weston-Smith said an auditor is working with the TC on a revised plan.

Gilbert Public Schools – Kristen Weston-Smith said no further response had been received from the TC.

Higley Unified School District – Kristen Weston-Smith said no further response had been received from the TC.

Investis Digital – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #18 on the consent agenda.

Performance Software Corporation – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #23 on the consent agenda.

Scottsdale Camelback Resort HOA – Kristen Weston-Smith said an auditor is working the the TC on a revised plan.

Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, The– Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #29 on the consent agenda.

Summit Health Management – Kristen Weston-Smith said the organization has closed and has been removed from TRP.

WSP – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #37 on the consent agenda.

## **Discussion / Action**

Variance Response – Kristen Weston-Smith shared feedback that she received from an anonymous employee that the TRP variance was negatively affecting him as his employer was no longer offering paid bus passes since they were able to suspend their travel reduction program and therefore he had to now pay for his own bus pass. Abigail Cooksey-Williams clarified that while Valley Metro busses are not physically collecting fares, riders are still expected to have the fare and therefore public transit is on the ‘honor system’ and not currently free. Jerry Geering said his employer was currently continuing their travel reduction program as normal and Kristen Weston-Smith said some employers are not choosing that and are instead suspending the awarding of TRP incentives as allowed by the variance and this may be affecting their employees. She also shared the language of the variance to confirm if it does allow employers to suspend their travel reduction programs through the variance period. Discussion was held on possibly clarifying the variance language to discourage the suspending of travel reduction programs if not necessary. The Task Force members said that while employers suspending their programs when they don’t need to is an unintended consequence, this was not the intention of the variance and hopefully most employers are continuing their programs as usual.

P-7 Ordinance Update – Laura Jardieanu shared the Notice of Proposed Ordinance Making was published and the draft P-7 Ordinance is open for public comment through August 9<sup>th</sup>. She stated no comments have been made yet and if everything follows the schedule, the ordinance will be presented to the Task Force at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Valley Metro**

Abigail Cooksey-Williams reviewed the update.

**Call to Public**

None.

**Updates from Chairman and Other Members**

Jerry Geering expressed appreciation for the support the TRP staff has provided during the variance period.

**Adjournment**

Sheila Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jean Woltjer seconded. The motion passed unanimously (10:37 a.m.). The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Approved