



Meeting Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

1:00 – 3:00 PM

JANUARY 8, 2026

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In-Person Location

Downtown Connection Center
216 W Phoenix Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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NOTICE OF OPTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the MetroPlan Executive Board and to the general public that, at this regular meeting, the MetroPlan Executive Board may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice and discussion with the MetroPlan Executive Board's attorneys for legal advice on any item listed on the following agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- Miranda Sweet, Vice Mayor of Flagstaff, Chair
- Judy Begay, Chair Coconino County Board of Supervisors, Vice-Chair
- Austin Aslan, Flagstaff City Council
- Tony Williams, Mountain Line Board of Directors
- Becky Daggett, Mayor of Flagstaff
- Jamescita Peshlakai, Arizona State Transportation Board Member
- Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County Board of Supervisors
- Patrice Horstman, Coconino County Board of Supervisors (*alternate for Coconino County*)
- Anthony Garcia, Flagstaff City Council (*alternate for City of Flagstaff*)

METROPLAN STAFF

- Kate Morley, Executive Director
- David Wessel, Planning Manager
- Tami Suchowiejko, Business Manager
- Mandia Gonzales, Transportation Planner
- Kim Austin, Transportation Demand Management Planner
- Melanie Nagel, Montoya Fellow

- Hailey Bishop, Transportation Education AmeriCorps Member

A. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sweet called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, any member of the public may address the Board on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Board on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Board cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the agenda. To address the Board on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard. Individuals are limited to three (3) minutes for comment. Members of the public who wish to make a comment are asked to raise their hand to be recognized.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Board Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025 (Pages 4-11)

Motion: Member Daggett made a motion to approve the Executive Board Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2025. Member Peshlakai seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Board Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2025, Amend Action Item # 1, Motion Second and Passage (Pages 12-18)

Motion: Member Williams made a motion to approve the Executive Board Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2025. Member Peshlakai seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are routine in nature and/or have already been budgeted or discussed by the Executive Board.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REGARDING SUPPORT LETTER FOR TOWN OF TUSAYAN BUILD GRANT APPLICATION (Pages 19-12)

MetroPlan Staff: Kate Morley, Executive Director

Recommendation: Staff recommend the Board approve the support letter for the Town of Tusayan BUILD grant application.

Executive Director Morley presented information regarding the Flood Control District's request for a letter of support for their BUILD grant application.

Board Discussion: There was no discussion by the Board about this topic.

Public Comment: There were no public comments on this item.

Motion: Member Daggett made a motion to approve the support letter for the Town of Tusayan BUILD grant application. Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JOHN WESLEY POWELL BOULEVARD EXTENSION** (Pages 22-23)

MetroPlan Staff: Kate Morley, Executive Director

Recommendation: Staff recommend the Board authorize the Executive Director to issue support letters.

Executive Director Morley provided information regarding the City's request for a letter of support for their grant application for the extension of John Wesley Powell Boulevard.

Board Discussion:

Chair Sweet requested that Executive Director Morley advise the Executive Board when she prepares the letters. Executive Director Morley noted the Az SMART Fund letter would be submitted in the next day and affirmed that she would advise the Executive Board of future letters.

Public Comment: There were no public comments on this item.

Motion: Member Daggett made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to issue support letters for grants for the extension of John Wesley Powell Boulevard between Lake Mary Road and I-17. Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LETTER TO NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CRUZ RIVERA** (Pages 24-32)

MetroPlan Staff: Kate Morley, Executive Director

Recommendation: Staff recommend the Board approve the letter dated January 8, 2025 to Northern Arizona University President Cruz Rivera to inform NAU of MetroPlan's intent to remove NAU from its bylaws and organizational branding unless NAU fully joins MetroPlan, and modifying the second paragraph to state, "At its upcoming March Board Meeting..."

Executive Director Morley presented information regarding NAU's current status as a member of MetroPlan and the purpose of the letter.

Board Discussion:

Member Daggett commented that the letter is well written and makes clear that we would love to have NAU continue, and to be a true partner to MetroPlan. She appreciated the

tone of the letter.

Chair Sweet asked if NAU has stated why they are reluctant to participate. Executive Director Morley explained that the position that NAU wanted to participate in has been vacant for over a year. When the position was filled, we met with the new staff member and talked about the opportunity. Chair Sweet expressed that it would be very beneficial to have NAU as a member.

Member Peshlakai expressed her appreciation to Executive Director Morley for keeping the communication open. It is good that NAU is part of the Board membership.

Public Comment: There were no public comments on this item.

Motion: Member Peshlakai made a motion to approve the letter dated January 8, 2025 to Northern Arizona University President Cruz Rivera to inform NAU of MetroPlan's intent to remove NAU from its bylaws and organizational branding unless NAU fully joins MetroPlan, and modifying the second paragraph to state, "At its upcoming March Board Meeting...". Member Daggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. TITLE VI CIVIL RIGHTS TRAINING

(Pages 33-34)

MetroPlan Staff: Tami Suchowiejko, Business Manager

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Business Manager Suchowiejko presented information regarding MetroPlan's Title VI Civil Rights Plan.

Board Discussion: There was no discussion by the Board about this topic.

Public Comment: There were no public comments on this item.

2. TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE

(Pages 35-36)

MetroPlan Staff: Kim Austin, Transportation Demand Management Planner

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Planner Austin presented an update on TDM projects.

Board Discussion:

Member Daggett commented that she spoke to Executive Director Morley about the traffic issues on Hwy 180 in front of Sechrist Elementary school and about trying to do something with students getting to school in a manner other than private vehicles. Executive Director Morley explained that TDM Planner Austin has been undertaking an existing conditions report. The report will provide strategies we can implement that are unique to each school. TDM Planner Austin commented that the goal of report is to empower the schools to implement Safe Routes to School programs. She described that her goal for Sechrist is to

create a park and walk. We are waiting for the consultant to provide specific guidelines and recommendations, which will be part of the existing conditions report. Recommendations will be given to each school to reduce the number of students driven to school by their parents.

Public Comment: There were no public comments on this item.

3. METROPLAN HAPPENINGS

(Pages 37-38)

MetroPlan Staff:

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Executive Director Morley provided an update on MetroPlan's recent activities and accomplishments.

Board Discussion: There was no discussion by the Board about this topic.

Public Comment: There were no public comments on this item.

E. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Member Peshlakai shared that the next State Transportation Board Meeting will be January 16, 2026, in Maricopa. She also shared that the naming ceremony for the bridge in Cameron will take place in February or March.

2. NEXT SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

*Annual Strategic Advance – IN PERSON
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – 9:00am to 12:00pm*

3. ADJOURN

Chair Sweet adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) final program of projects for Sections 5307 and 5339 funding under the Federal Transit Administration unless amended. Public notice for the TIP also satisfies FTA public notice requirements for the final program of projects. The MetroPlan Public Participation Plan (PPP) provides public participation notices and processes for NAIPTA as required to meet federal and state requirements for public participation and open meetings.