

Flip Chart Notes

Action Items

(all next steps and action items were pulled out the general notes and listed below):

NEXT STEPS will be carried forward by: Diane, Melissa, Jermaine, Ed

- * Schedule meeting for Action Planning – Jan/Feb – Diane/Melissa
 - internal meetings prior
 - extend invitation
 - have right people
- * Incorporate evaluation criteria for GIS needs - add “MPOs”
- * Yearly statewide meeting to include all state and federal agencies (6001 group consultation)
 - Identify mitigation – conservation – restoration activities
 - Develop 6001 consultation process
 - Intro language/context
 - Incorporation of environmental considerations in Planning/6001
- * Share MPO processes w/ workshop group
- * Find resources/identify what resources needed to support group consultation (approach legislation office, governor’s office, etc)
- * Develop a series (3) of pilot projects to demonstrate benefits of early consultation in long range planning process – demonstrate to agencies and Arizona (subregion to start)
- * Need to decide on requirements for Technology & Data, then find appropriate technology and data
- * Take Wildlife Linkages results to Governors to get support for taking next steps.
- * Request a directive or policy from leaders of all agencies
- * Overlay Long Range statewide plans with large-scale conservation areas
- * Wildlife needs to be considered in every level of planning

- * Fundraising under 6002 for liaison positions/Environmental Streamlining Funding
- * Communication to whole agency from management providing specific guidance to ADOT, FHWA and Resource Agencies
- * List of resource agency contacts in Arizona (Trish White agreed to provide)
- * List of natural resource data sources (Shara Howie agreed to provide initial list)
- * Keep the conversation going

CWCS
make it
SPATIAL

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By December 1 – decides yes

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Resources
GOVERNOR

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General Notes from Meeting:

- Facilitator – understand needs, monitor progress
- meet people, hear ideas
- Trying to find link between conservation and transportation planning
- Early coordination
- Introduce you to CWCS
- Learn as much as possible about transportation planning
- Coordination could be better, SAFETEA-LU – “fine”
- Data sharing, technical applications
- Seeing increasing coordination
- Need real pilot efforts, workshop = abstract ...do real example
- Learn tools, work with agencies
- Share our organization structure – knowing the right people
- FS: Our people are doing other jobs – you better bring \$\$
- GF: Need upfront involvement, mitigation, research, does it work?
- Learning about SAFETEA-LU, need more coordination, work with MPOs
- Better coordination
- FWS: Need coordination – “mostly our fault”
- Do homework before you come to see us
- Never enough coordination (relevant vs. irrelevant) ...wheat chaff
- Limited resources, rely on others to help
- Publicize success stories, snowball effect

- Better job, early, LRTP
- Learn, meet new people, education
- Engineers involved in planning, ADOT has made changes
- How to go about/beyond minimum requirements
- Continuation from LPN
- Identify obstacles to achieve (\$)
- How will the end product work? Changes – what to expect
- Coordination getting better, getting there
- MAG – updating plan 2007 now, workshop on mitigation, chapter on
- meet with all agencies, made list of who has info they need
- Primary goal – meeting requirements
- Need clear definition of conservation – different from NEPA?
- Implement LPN P.A
- More open minded, improved coordination, made contacts expand knowledge
- Learn more about conservation planning, coordination excellent
- Interpretation of regulation – is it enough? Fine
- Get involved earlier, how ADOT can solicit input
- Input points are all different – need more coordination
- How to seduce tribes into coming to the table
- Capitalize advancements already out there
- Bring diverse factors into play early
- Not just compliance – what is good decision-making?

- Process / Tool
- Data/Warehouse
- Planning Studies
- meetings
- General/Overall/Annual
- Involved at meaningful stage
- Frequency

1. Include an ADOT...

- should we invite resource agencies?
- invite them?
- OES will invite

2. Implement actions...

- * Develop a list...
- * Incorporate evaluation criteria in GIS...
- add "MPOs"

P.2 Ensure enviro/resource agency...

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ACTION PLAN

WHAT? _ DEFINE ITEM

HOW? _ DEFINE STEPS

WHEN? (NO ASAP) _ “DATES”

WHO? (A) RESPONSIBLE TO SEE GETS DONE BY “WHEN”
(B) WHO CAN HELP?

Definition of CONSULTATION Advice/Exchange

FWS – Need to research agreement

- resolve issues

OR – but don't need to reach agreement

- outcome based/process based

Letter

Phone calls

face to face meetings

Group meeting

Interviews

Mailing list

Public involvement?

Shall involve...

Rural/Elected Officials

Sharing information

Always 2-way

Stake holders

How to document?

Higher level of coordination

Implementation

- what do you DO with it?

Effective/Address it in your plan

Definition of CONSERVATION

- meeting the needs of current generations without compromising needs of future generations
- Sustaining wise use of resources – systematic
- meeting objectives, legal mandates, and public values of natural resources
- sustain/enhance/restore

Definition of PLANNING

- Systematic process identifying needs, solutions and sources of funds for implementing

- working toward desired outcome

Programmer - \$

Long-term vs. Short term

- systematic, assess, priority setting strategy, devt.

- identify alternatives

Trans Act 1964

Cooperative
Continuing
Comprehensive

How can we support early planning?

- interagency consultation

g What are we doing now?

g What can we do in short-term?

What do we want to tell the executives?

1. * Yearly statewide (all state and federal agencies)
Group 6001 consultation
2. Find resources/identify what resources needed to get group consultation
* (approach legislation office, governor's office, etc)
3. * Develop series (3) pilot to demonstrate benefit to agencies and Arizona!
(subregion to start)
4. * Take Wildlife Linkages results to Governors to get support for taking next steps.

- Who is owner of all the data?
- Need iterative process for updating data and doing long range plan.
- Arizona Geo Database

What can we do now!?!

- Formulate planning language, doesn't restrict development
- Clear definition – realistically integrate
- Anticipating federal guidance of SAFETEA-LU SAFETEA-LU
"New to me"
- Need contact lists, need puzzle parts FHWA cheat sheets
- Define end product for my agency
- Can help integrate, coordination, junk mail
- Need "nuts and bolts", need check list
- NONESENSE coordination
- Observe your networking, coordination – so we can continue it all project level
- SAFETEA-LU mandating because we didn't do it before
- "Jury still out on 6001"
- Train left the station. We're just playing catch up."
- Establish statewide planning body, coordinate with MPOs
- Limited resources, limited staff
- How can GIS bring 2 camps together?
- Help us be more efficient, mesh efforts together
- Break down barrier with coordination
- EPA – Provide effective info to MPOs, prioritize, how can we help you?
- Don't know, haven't been involved

- Smaller MPOs don't have resources to "bug" resource agencies
Need coordinating body/team
- Resource agencies want assurance that their input will be considered (EPA)
- What to tell upper management:
 - o Public perception
 - § safety
 - § good PR
 - § prevent listing (easier to solve species decline before listing)
 - § why it benefits the agency
 - § save money, time
 - § prevent litigation
 - o Everyone has a stake
 - § investment
 - § talking regularly
 - o Arizona
 - § work more effectively as a team
- Only state where Game and Fish and ADOT sent letters of support for 6001

- Integrate data and tools
- Pilot efforts, Regional level plans, avoid and minimize
- Define planning – what does long range mean to you?
- All projects – “not much planning going on”
- SAFETEA-LU – need guidance from FHWA
- Coordinate = understand, not just get a list
- Data – requirements, drivers for databases
- GIS clearinghouse/geospatial data clearinghouse

- What support needed from EPA?
→ provide to EPA upper management
- Are MOUs effective, or are there other drivers?
- * Request a directive or policy from leaders of all agencies
- What should the directive include: Collaborative Team

- Need to make Long Range Plans less “fuzzy” so conservation/resource agencies can more easily respond (Joy F.)
- Consult – sit down together, bring data together
Compare – Compare goals/needs
Discuss – How to reduce impact to natural resources (Trisha W)
- Need to be proactive with Resource Agencies
Need to get input iteratively (Maricopa Co.)
- Include specific management recommendations in index of long range plan – separate for clarity but still capture info that can be used in future
- What is best to way to “consult”
 - need to know right person to contact
 - Resource Agencies need to be proactive too (Alicia)
- Road Block → Resources (lack of staffing)

- NEEDS to be identified on both sides – “Know it coming down the pike”
Work together to resolve before NEPA
- Regulatory Requirements
Upper Management buy-in necessary to be successful (Melissa M.)
Executives → Thurs AM
- Limited Resources – Need to identify positions that will carry this forward
(Ray S.)
- Public Participation Plan Process
(Yuma) Starting up that will include federal agencies in discussion of
Transportation plans (long range?)
23 year plan identify areas for mitigation
TIP (annual), RTP (23 years, 6 other plans annually)
- Resource Agencies cannot respond to all MPO, ADOT plans – need to coordinate
to reduce burden on Resource Agencies (B. Eilerts)

- How do we incorporate conservation data into different levels/scales of transportation planning (M. Culp)
- How do we improve consultation when data or planning data is “fuzzy” (M. Culp)
- * Overlay Long Range statewide plans with large-scale conservation areas
- * Wildlife needs to be considered in every level of planning
- How?
 - Have data sets “in hand” to inform transportation planning
 - Ecoregional Plans also “fuzzy” – no specific management recommendations
Fuzzy level Data Overlay (transportation and conservation)
then local efforts to develop specific management recommendations
 - Public Awareness

- Buy-in from Upper Management in natural resource agencies
 - MOUs
 - state-wide management/ or 2 a year Advisory Board
- New way of doing business
 - letters don't work
 - USFS - turn over of staff
- Management – November 15+16
- * Fundraising under 6002 for liaison positions
 - Environmental Streamlining Funding
- ADOT needs to evaluate results from this workshop and long range plan to determine what we can take on – will likely save time and money
- MPOs don't liaison agreement that ADOT does – how to address?

What to tell Upper Management:

- Resolve major conflicts
- Use technology for ongoing Land use planning analysis
- * Communication to whole agency from management providing specific guidance to ADOT, FHWA and Resource Agencies
- Environmental issues already being considered in Long Range Plans
- All levels of Planning need to comply with ESA! (Bruce E.)
- Demonstrate economic benefit
 - develop Case Study
- **Save massive amount of time by doing early rangewide consultation rather than sending 100s of letters to Resource Agencies (Thor)!**

What do you need from GF?

How can we get involved?

Do we have it?

Technical vs. Planning staff

Joint steering committee

Consolidate

CWCS – make it spatial

ACTION ITEMS

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- Governor

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Annual Consultation

Pilot

AWL to Governor

Directive

Funding a Liaison

Technology/Data

Inventory (mitigation – conservation – restoration) activities

Develop 6001 consultation process

Intro language/context

Incorporation of environmental considerations in Planning/6001

* List of contacts

* List of data sources

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Summit – for leadership

Mesh with LPN

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Great speakers
- EPA can't always attend
 - help us focus capacity, red flags
 - want to be involved earlier, more, but helpful
- Informative
- Making progress – efficient, effective
- Learning more, continue effort
- See finalized product
- JG – meeting?
- Productive, enlightening
- Primarily ADOT, MPOs second days, late-in game
- relationship building, MPOs considered,
- in from beginning
- Great meeting, faces to names
- Another group/training/T&E/avoid train wrecks
 - early coordination is the answer
- Great start
- Show and Tell X2
- “Wore me out”
- Pilot

- Early involvement, coming on board less resistance now
- Wealth of info
- Looking forward
- Enjoyed – tree hugger roots
- Contact list
- Direction – good
- More MPO perspective
- Whole state benefits when we work together

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