



March 19, 2013

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
Multi-Modal Planning Division

SUBJECT: Establish Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization

As a result of the 2010 census, the Sierra Vista area is now classified by the United States Census Bureau as an Urbanized Area with a population of 52,745. Federal rules and laws established by the federal transportation bill "Moving Ahead for Progress in the Twenty-First Century" (MAP21) requires the creation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) if federal transportation dollars are to be spent within the area designated as urbanized.

Since the passage of MAP 21 last summer, City of Sierra Vista staff has been working diligently to accomplish forming the MPO.

The MPO Planning Boundary includes:

- The minimum required Census defined Urbanized Area;
- Areas that are expected to urbanize in the next 20 years;
- The entire incorporated limits of Sierra Vista to include Fort Huachuca;
- Portions of the county based on Federal Highways functionally classified roads and sections of land used for smoothing the boundary;

Cochise County

Portions of Cochise County in the area of Sierra Vista are included in the Urbanized Area. County Administrator Michael Ortega understood the importance of creating a boundary that will benefit the transportation needs of the region and supports the planning boundary decided upon by the City Council.

Attached is a letter from Cochise County in support of the establishment of the MPO and the MPO Planning Boundaries.

Huachuca City

Initial discussions with the Town of Huachuca City City Clerk, Louis Valdez, indicated that Huachuca City wanted to be included in the MPO as they understood the benefit of being included in an organization that will provide regional transportation planning. However, Huachuca City City Council decided not to be included in the MPO planning boundary thereby requiring the City of Sierra Vista City Council to amend Resolution 2013-010 and MPO Planning Boundary map excluding the Town of Huachuca City from the MPO Planning Boundary.

Once the MPO is formally declared by Governor Brewer, the City of Sierra Vista will apply for Federal Funding to hire a Director and create by-laws for the MPO. The MPO will be administered by a Board of Directors composed of three (3) representatives from Sierra Vista appointed by the City Council; one (1) representative from the Cochise County Board of Supervisors; and one (1) representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Sierra Vista MPO Timeline:

March 27, 2012: A notice by the Census Bureau listed in the Federal Register designating Sierra Vista as an Urbanized Area.

July 6, 2012: Transportation reauthorization bill, MAP-21, was signed in to law by President Obama keeping the requirement from the previous transportation bill that Urbanized Areas, as designated by the Census, shall form an MPO.

Summer - Fall 2012: City Staff began working with Federal Highway Administration and ADOT personnel and researching the implications of the MPO.

November 29, 2012: Joint work session with City Council and Cochise County at City Hall to hear a presentation by ADOT and review staff's research to better understand the requirement and implications of the MPO.

January 28, 2013: City Council work session to discuss MPO Planning Boundary.

February 11, 2013: City Council work session to discuss agenda items, to include the MPO, at the upcoming Feb. 14, 2013 City Council meeting.

February 14, 2013: Sierra Vista City Council approves Resolution 2013-010 establishing the MPO including the Town of Huachuca City.

March 7, 2013: The Town of Huachuca City City Council votes unanimously not to be included in the MPO and will reconsideration participation in the MPO at a later date.

March 14, 2013: Sierra Vista City Council approves Resolution 2013-016, an amendment to Resolution 2013-010, changing the MPO Planning Boundary.

The City of Sierra Vista is moving forward with this process. Please do not hesitate to contact the project manager, Daniel Coxworth, should you require additional information or documentation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Potucek', written in a cursive style.

Charles Potucek,
City Manager
City of Sierra Vista

Attachments:

- Resolution 2013-010, Authorizing the establishment of the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Resolution 2013- 016 , Amendment to Resolution 2013-010
- Planning Boundary Map
- Letter of support from Cochise County

RESOLUTION 2013-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SIERRA VISTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND MPO PLANNING BOUNDARY, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICES AND AGENTS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, it has been determined as a result of the 2010 United States Census that the City of Sierra Vista and the local surrounding Cochise County area has been designated as an Urbanized Area of 50,000 or more persons; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive and use Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds provided under Title 23 U.S.C Section 134 and Moving Ahead for Progress (MAP 21) funds provided under Title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 within the urbanized area, certain organizational arrangements and planning requirements must be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council met with the Cochise County Board of Supervisors in a joint work session on November 29, 2012 to discuss the formation of the new Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the City coordinated with Cochise County and Huachuca City to determine the Metropolitan Planning Organization planning boundary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIERRA VISTA CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

The City Council hereby creates the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization.

SECTION 2

The City Council authorizes the City of Sierra Vista participation in the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

SECTION 3

The Metropolitan Planning Organization shall be administered by a Board of Directors composed of six (6) representatives: three (3) representatives of the City of Sierra Vista appointed by the Sierra Vista City Council; one (1) representative from Cochise County Board of Supervisors; one (1) representative from Huachuca City; and one (1) representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation.

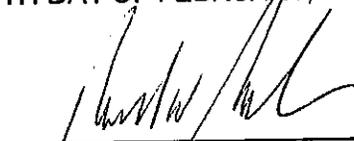
SECTION 4

To promote the continuity and participation in the long range transportation planning of the area, the Metropolitan Planning Organization will be designated to include the 2010 Census defined Urbanized Area plus the 20-year growth forecast as the area displayed in Sierra Vista MPO Area Boundary Exhibit A.

SECTION 5

The City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.



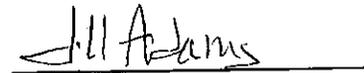
FREDERICK W. MUELLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



STUART L. FAUVER
City Attorney



JILL ADAMS
City Clerk

PREPARED BY:
Daniel Coxworth, AICP
Senior Planner

RESOLUTION 2013-016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; AMENDING RESOLUTION 2013-010 APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SIERRA VISTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND AMENDING THE MPO PLANNING BOUNDARY, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICES AND AGENTS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

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WHEREAS, the City coordinated with Cochise County to determine the Metropolitan Planning Organization planning boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Huachuca City, City Council voted to not participate in the Metropolitan Planning Organization as they are not required since the Town limits are not in the Urbanized Area;

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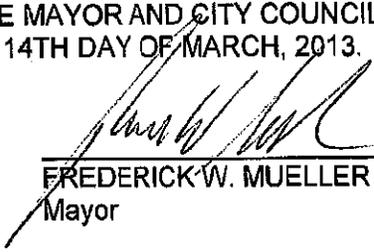
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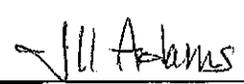
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.


FREDERICK W. MUELLER
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


STUART L. FAUVER
City Attorney

ATTEST:


JILL ADAMS
City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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Board of Supervisors

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District 2

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Vice-Chairman
District 3

Patrick G. Call
Supervisor
District 1



Michael J. Ortega
County Administrator

James E. Vlahovich
Deputy County Administrator

Katie A. Howard
Clerk

February 26, 2013

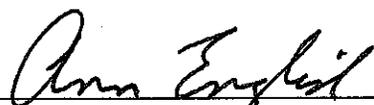
Re: City of Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization

To Whom It May Concern:

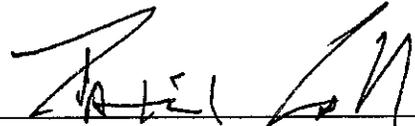
As a result of the 2010 Census, the Greater Sierra Vista area is now classified by the United States Census Bureau as an Urbanized Area with a population of over 50,000. This designation requires the Urbanized Area to form a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The City of Sierra Vista is taking action to form the MPO and create a Board of Directors that includes representation from unincorporated portions of Cochise County as well as Huachuca City. The Cochise County Board of Supervisors is pleased that county residents in this area will have a say in local transportation planning and offer their enthusiastic support for the establishment of this MPO.

Sincerely,



Ann English, Chairperson, District 2



Patrick G. Call, District 1



Richard Searle, District 3