



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

Jerry Geering, Chairman

November 17, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Foster
Jean Woltjer
Terry Solis

Chelsie Hockersmith
Kim Passante

ABSENT

Jerry Geering
Sheila Johnson
Tina Wesoloskie

STAFF / VISITORS PRESENT

Kristen Weston-Smith, Morgan Wohlbrandt, Joel Fowler – Maricopa County TRP
Peter Muthig – Deputy County Attorney
Abigail Cooksey-Williams – Valley Metro
Dean Giles – Maricopa Association of Governments
Nancy Johnson – Maricopa County
Nicool Hipolito, Sam Towleron – GoDaddy Operating Company, LLC
Debora Enyeart, LeeAnn Baranski – CEA (Cultural Experiences Abroad)
Rick Tesman, Dave Bartsch – Bechtel Corporation
Nicholle Harris, Stephanie Small – City of Avondale
Emily Hinkle, Karika Bridgers – Intel

Call to Order

Kim Passante called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. (quorum present).

Meeting Minutes

Terry Solis motioned to approve the October 13/14, 2020 minutes and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Variance Requests

Bechtel Corporation – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer submitted variance request to accept a reduced plan but staff needs clarification on some items before recommending for approval. Dave Bartsch and Rick Tesman stated the company is working on a telecommuting policy and until that is implemented they are unable to know their TRP situation going forward. Kristen Weston-Smith said staff would be able to recommend the submitted reduced plan with telecommuting documentation. Terry Solis motioned to disapprove the submitted plan and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed. Terry Solis motioned to give the employer 14 days to supply telecommuting documentation to support the reduced plan. Chelsie Hockersmith seconded. Annie Foster and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Best Buy – Kristen Weston-Smith said the submitted plan has no 4th ordinance measure but TRP supports the variance request due to low SOV rates and spending already above the industry average. Annie Foster motioned to accept the variance request and approve the submitted plan. Terry Solis seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

CEA (Cultural Experiences Abroad) – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer is below 50 employees but was 1 month short of the required documentation to remove from program. She also stated TRP supports the variance request with the documentation the organization has provided. Terry Solis motioned to accept the submitted documentation and approve the variance request. Jean Woltjer seconded the motion. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

Fry's Electronics - Tempe – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer has furloughed a number of employees and is under 50 employees currently. She also stated TRP supports the variance request. Annie Foster motioned to approve the variance request to suspend employer through 1/31/2021. Terry Solis seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

GoDaddy Operating Company, LLC – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer is requesting to not conduct the 2020 TRP survey due to all employees telecommuting. She also stated TRP doesn't support the variance request. Sam Towleron and Niccol Hippolito stated it would be hard to encourage employees to complete the survey and that the employer has already met the goals of TRP by having employees telecommute. Members of the Task Force shared their experiences with surveying and Kristen Weston-Smith shared that the survey provides valuable information even if employees are telecommuting. Jean Woltjer motioned to deny the variance request and Terry Solis seconded. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

Integrated Medical Services – IMS – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer submitted an approvable plan and they were requesting to delay implementation through 12/31/2020. She also stated TRP supports the variance request. Jean Woltjer motioned to approve the variance request and Chelsie Hockersmith seconded. Annie Foster and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

Enforcement Action Requests

AutoNation Nissan Tempe – Kristen Weston-Smith said a Request for Documentation was sent after an audit was unable to be scheduled and a Notice of Violation was issued after the variance ended. Jean Woltjer motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit an approvable plan and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

Avondale, City of – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan was originally due during the TRP variance but no plan had been submitted after the variance due date. Nicholle Harris stated the City was working on the plan and would have it submitted. Annie Foster motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit an approvable plan and Jean Woltjer seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

BrightView Landscapes, Inc. – Kristen Weston-Smith said no surveys had been received from the employer and a Notice of Violation was issued after the TRP variance ended. Terry Solis motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit an approvable plan and Jean Woltjer seconded. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

University of Arizona – College of Medicine Phx – Kristen Weston-Smith said a plan had been sent in but was missing the required multi-site sheet. Chelsie Hockersmith motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit an approvable plan and Annie Foster seconded. Jean Woltjer and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

Plans Offered with 'Disapprove' Recommendation

Gardens of Scottsdale, The – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needed cosmetic changes but the TC had not responded to TRP requests. Chelsie Hockersmith motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 7 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded. Jean Woltjer and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

MDS Communications Corporation – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needed cosmetic changes and telecommuter documentation but the TC had not responded to TRP requests. Terry Solis motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 7 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Phx: Simon/Jude – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needed minor changes but the TC declined stating she was too busy. Annie Foster motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 7 days to submit a revised plan. Jean Woltjer seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

WinCo Foods, LLC – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needs a fourth ordinance measure to be approvable but the TC declined stating adding an additional measure would not be possible. Terry Solis motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 7 days to submit a revised plan. Chelsie Hockersmith seconded. Annie Foster and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Terry Solis motioned to approve all plans on the consent agenda and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Open Items

Boeing Distribution Systems Inc. – Mesa – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan had been received and was approved at #16 on the consent agenda.

FedEx Freight – North – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had been referred to the county attorney for further enforcement.

Larry H. Miller – Nissan Mesa – Kristen Weston-Smith said all documentation was received and the RFD and NOV were closed.

Origami Owl – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had been referred to the county attorney for further enforcement and the TC was in contact.

RED Development – Kristen Weston-Smith said all documentation was received and the RFD and NOV were closed.

Ticketmaster – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had been referred to the county attorney for further enforcement.

Discussion / Action

Travel Reduction Plan Format P-7 Revision – Kristen Weston-Smith said the Maricopa County Ordinance P-7 revision was on the Board of Supervisor's meeting agenda for approval on 11/18 and along with this revision, the TRP plan format has been updated and lists new incentives. Terry Solis motioned to accept the revised plan and Jean Woltjer seconded. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

2021 Proposed Task Force Meeting Dates – Terry Solis motioned to approve the 2021 proposed Task Force meeting dates and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Valley Metro

Abigail Cooksey-Williams reviewed the update.

Call to Public

None.

Updates from Chairman and Other Members

On behalf of Tina Wesoloskie, Kristen Weston-Smith shared there are reappointments for some Task Force members coming up. She also shared that Ordinance P-7 was scheduled to be approved by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors on 11/18/2020.

Adjournment

Jean Woltjer motioned to adjourn the meeting and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed (10:54 a.m.). The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

Approved