

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: February 10, 2011**

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment (GPA10-002) – Adoption of CYMPO Transportation Plans

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development Department

PREPARED BY: Joe Scott, Planner, for Richard T. Parker, Community Development Director

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Resolution No. 1735

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: A public hearing to take comments on a proposed minor text amendment to the *General Plan 2020* (GPA10-002) adding a new Guiding Principal “B” (with corresponding Goals and Policies) in Chapter 5 to administratively allow plans adopted by the CYMPO Board to become part of the recommendations of the Circulation Element of the General Plan 2020.

The Town’s *General Plan 2020* was adopted by the Council in January, 2002, after receiving a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Plan was ratified by a vote of the public in March, 2002. The General Plan is divided into several elements including Chapter 5: Circulation Element. Section 5.4 provides the Guiding Principles, Goals and Policies. There is one Guiding Principal in Chapter 5 being, GUIDING PRINCIPLE CIR-A: ESTABLISH AND BUILD A SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF ROADS THAT IMPROVES THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC, ENHANCES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, PROMOTES COMMERCE, AND PROVIDES FOR ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT PRESCOTT VALLEY. The goals of CIR-A deal with encouraging public transit, increasing connectivity of local trail systems, developing street improvement plans, and increasing access to the Prescott Airport.

The General Plan is an evolving document that is subject to regular updates through the General Plan Administration process of Chapter 10. Amendments to the Circulation Element do not affect acreage or land use classifications, therefore, are processed as Minor Amendments per Section 10.2.1. There have been a number of amendments to Chapter 5 because road systems and alignments are changing on a regular basis based on new data a studies, mostly conducted by the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO). The Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO), a partnership of Chino Valley, City of Prescott, Prescott Valley, Yavapai County and the Arizona Department of Transportation, was established in June, 2003 by federal mandate when the region achieved a population of fifty thousand (50,000). Its purpose is to cooperatively plan the transportation future of the Central Yavapai region that falls within the approximately four hundred one (401.46) square miles of the MPO Planning Boundary.

Most changes to the Circulation Element are the result of plans adopted by CYMPO. The CYMPO is represented by Prescott Valley. Plans are adopted by the CYMPO Board on a regular basis. Staff observes that it would be practical to have a process in place to have plans adopted by the CYMPO Board to become part of the recommendations of the Circulation Element as any such plans are approved. Therefore, Staff proposes that a new Guiding Principal “B”, with corresponding Goals and Policies, be added in Chapter 5 through this Minor General Plan Amendment (GPA10-002) in order to accomplish this.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE CIR-B: ADMINISTRATIVELY UPDATE CHAPTER 5, THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE YAVAPAI COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND UPDATES PREPARED AND APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL YAVAPAI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CYMPO).

GOAL: CIR-B1 *Make part of the General Plan 2020 relevant transportation related studies and plans approved by CYMPO.*

POLICIES: CIR-B1.1 *Include as an addendum to the Circulation Element of the General Plan 2020 any planning study or document approved by the CYMPO Executive Board related to circulation and transportation in Prescott Valley*

This proposed amendment is supported by the Public Works Director. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and approved GPA10-002 at its regular meeting on September 13, 2010 and voted to forward same to the Town Council with a recommendation for approval.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Public Hearing – No Options Analysis Provided.

ACTION OPTION: Public Hearing – No Action Option Provided.

RECOMMENDATION: Public Hearing – No Recommendation Provided.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Public Hearing – No Fiscal Analysis Provided.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____ Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____