



MARICOPA COUNTY TRAVEL REDUCTION PROGRAM REGIONAL TASK FORCE

3800 N. Central Avenue, 17th Floor, Conference Room 1 - Phoenix, Arizona

Jerry Geering, Chairman

January 14, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Foster* Chelsie Hockersmith*
Jean Woltjer* Jerry Geering
Kim Passante* Terry Solis*
(* via teleconference)

ABSENT

Ginni Naegle
Heloise Cook
Sheila Johnson
Tina Wesoloskie

STAFF / VISITORS PRESENT

Michele Wheatley, Kristen Weston-Smith, Morgan Wohlbrandt – Maricopa County TRP
Laura Jardieanu – Maricopa County Air Quality
Peter Muthig – Deputy County Attorney
Lillian Duarte – Valley Metro
Rebecca Schexnayder* – Pinal County
(* via teleconference)

Call to Order

Jerry Geering called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. (quorum present).

Meeting Minutes

Terry Solis motioned to approve the December 3, 2019 minutes and Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster, Chelsie Hockersmith, and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Enforcement Action Requests

Arizona Production & Packaging, LLC – Kristen Weston-Smith said the original Request for Documentation due date was 11/28, late notice sent, NOV sent with a due date of 12/20. Any documentation provided by TC has either been lost during auditor transitions or is for the previous plan year. Chelsie Hockersmith motioned to give employer a final seven days to submit an approvable plan and Jean Woltjer seconded. Annie Foster, Kim Passante, and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

XPO Logistics (new plan) – Kristen Weston-Smith said the original plan due date was 11/19, late notice sent, NOV sent with a due date of 12/09 but nothing has been received. Kim Passante motioned to give employer a final seven days to submit an approvable plan and Terry Solis seconded. Annie Foster, Chelsie Hockersmith, and Jean Woltjer voted aye and the motion passed.

Plans Offered with “Reject” Recommendation

Pappadeux Seafood Kitchen – Kristen Weston-Smith said the overall plan budget was reduced and TC has told staff this is due to an internal incentive program regarding sales. She further explained since the incentive program is not related to the organization’s travel reduction program TRP staff is requesting a restoration of the original budget with added funds for a survey incentive to increase low participation rates. Discussion followed as to what level budget increase would be acceptable

and members noted the employer may not be willing to increase budget past the previous year's amount. Kim Passante motioned to accept staff's reject recommendation and give employer seven days to submit a revised plan. Chelsie Hockersmith seconded. Annie Foster, Jean Woltjer, and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

Transact – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been submitted and staff is now recommending approval. Terry Solis motioned to reject staff's original reject recommendation and approve the revision. Jean Woltjer seconded. Annie Foster, Chelsie Hockersmith, and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

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

Open Items

Arizona College – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #7 on the consent agenda.

Brookdale Senior Living – Parkdale Regency – Kristen Weston-Smith said the business has changed ownership and is now operating as a new organization. A plan was received and they are in compliance.

Dash Designs, Inc. – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #12 on the consent agenda

Liberty - GMC – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #31 on the consent agenda.

Life Care Center of North Glendale – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #32 on the consent agenda.

Life Care Center of Paradise Valley – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #33 on the consent agenda.

Macy's Credit and Customer Service – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #35 on the consent agenda.

RR Donnelley & Sons Company – Kristen Weston-Smith said documentation has been received and the audit has been cleared.

Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #51 on the consent agenda.

Sumitomo Chemical Advanced Technologies, LLC – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #54 on the consent agenda.

SuperShuttle – Kristen Weston-Smith shared that the organization is closed as of 12/31.

Target Stores, Inc. – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #56 on the consent agenda.

Tiedemann Globe – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #58 on the consent agenda.

Valor IT, Inc. – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #64 on the consent agenda.

XPO Logistics - Documentation – Peter Muthig shared that there has been no contact from the XPO Logistics corporate office and he has been unable to get in touch with their legal team. He has a planned meeting with the Board of Supervisors on 1/27 for approval to pursue litigation.

Discussion / Action

Kristen Weston-Smith explained that TRP staff has been running into issues with student survey completion, particularly for high school students when there are school breaks. She asked for opinions on making a motion to allow for extensions in these situations. Discussion followed regarding the timelines of school years and Kristen Weston-Smith defined a break as any length of time of a week or more. Laura Jardianu clarified in the upcoming P-7 ordinance this will be covered in the student survey section rather than as a variance. Jean Woltjer motioned to approve 14 day extensions for student survey due dates if the extension is needed due to a school break. Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster, Chelsie Hockersmith, and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

Valley Metro

Lillian Duarte reviewed the update.

Call to Public

Lillian Duarte shared that Macy's Credit and Customer Service will be closing and is going through major layoffs. Michele Wheatley shared they are currently going through the process to get exempted from the Travel Reduction Program.

Kristen Weston-Smith shared Jean Woltjer's reappointment to the Task Force was approved by the Board of Supervisors and other members would be up for reappointment at the next Board meeting.

Updates from Chairman and Other Members

Jean Woltjer stated Redflex Traffic System's contract with the City of Phoenix to provide red-light cameras at traffic intersections ended as of 1/1/2020. The organization has gone through some layoffs but is above 50 employees still and will continue in the Travel Reduction Program.

Jerry Geering shared a letter he received from the Arizona Department of Transportation notifying drivers with an 'energy efficient' license plate that the program has expired and these license plates will no longer be available. The letter also included a list of vehicles, sorted by priority, that can use High Occupancy Vehicle lanes. Discussion followed about the placement of motorcycles on the list and the effects of the discontinuation of this program, particularly on organizations' individual travel reduction plans.

Adjournment

Jean Woltjer motioned to adjourn the meeting and Terry Solis seconded. Annie Foster, Chelsie Hockersmith, and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed (1:50 p.m.). The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020.