



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016 – 11:00 AM

Bullion Plaza Gym | 150 North Plaza Drive, Miami, AZ 85539

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Curtis Ward
(Payson)

Charla Glendening
(ADOT)

Tom Homan
(Gila County)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Andre Stevens
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Andy Smith
(Pinal County)

Steven Sanders
(Gila County)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Jerry Barnes
(Globe)

Vacant
(Hayden)

Anna Flores
(Kearny)

Vacant
(Mammoth)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Vacant
(Superior)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Marvin Mull
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wayne Grainger
(ADOT Southeast District)

Tom Engel
(ADOT Southeast District)

Joe Breyer
(Works Consulting)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

Angela Gotto
(Community Development Analyst III)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM in the Bullion Plaza Gym located at 150 North Plaza Drive, Miami, Arizona 85539.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

As there was no flag present, the pledge of allegiance was not conducted.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Five (5) voting members were present allowing for a quorum as allowed by the CAG TTAC ByLaws.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (December 10, 2015)

Chair Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the December 10, 2015 minutes. There were no comments. Chair Ward then asked for a motion to approve the December 10, 2015 CAG TTAC minutes as shown. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Homan seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

V. STANDING REPORTS

a. Member Jurisdictions

Gila County

Mr. Sanders reported on three (3) items:

1. The Main Street sidewalk and waterline relocation by Arizona Water Company
2. An update on the Six Shooter Canyon Road project, which has sidewalks that are scheduled for bid in Spring 2016.
3. The County is in the process of addressing drainage issues for the Pine/Strawberry rest shelters, which should then move toward 100% plans.

Payson

Chair Ward reported on two (2) items:

1. The first set of warning signs has been completed and the second set of warning signs have been delivered and are currently being installed.
2. The Bonita Street project is having a kick-off meeting next week for final design.

Pinal County

Mr. Smith stated that the Florence-Kelvin Bridge has had verbal approval from the Bureau of Land Management, and Pinal County is now working on approval from ADOT and the Department of Game and Fish, with the possibility of going to bid in October of 2016.

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Ms. Chief introduced herself as the newly hired Transportation Director, and provided an explanation that the Transportation Division for the White Mountain Apache Tribe is now its own separate division. Ms. Chief also introduced Mr. Stevens, Transit Manager, and the only other staff member of the division.

Ms. Chief reported on Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Route 12 within Gila County near the community of Cibecue, and stated that the subgrade is failing due to steep inclines in the area.

She stated that many crashes have taken place due to the current damage of the roadway structure, and that they are currently trying to identify funding for the project.

b. Multi-Modal Planning Organization

Ms. Glendening reported on two (2) items:

1. The Superior Pavement Assessment Study, which is funded through the ADOT Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program, had a kick-off meeting the previous week.
2. The ADOT Long Range Transportation Plan is now a part of her new responsibilities, in which she will be managing the plan from this point forward. In light of her new responsibilities, Ms. Glendening stated that she no longer represents the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG), but fully intends to remain engaged in the CAG Region as part of her current responsibilities.

c. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mr. Boyles re-announced the HSIP current call for projects for Fiscal Year 2017, and stated that the applications are due May 1, 2016, in order to seek funding eligibility from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). He stated that the next HSIP call for projects for Fiscal Year 2018 will be announced in January of 2017.

Mr. Boyles also stated that ADOT has recently issued a couple of FHWA clarification memos regarding the *“Change to Applicability of Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates per the FAST Act”* and *“Buy America Compliance Requirements.”*

Mr. Boyles stated that the following design projects are in the final approval stages, and that TRACS #s have been established, and are waiting on Federal IDs:

1. Longhorn & McLane Road – (Payson)
2. Colcord Road – (Gila County)
3. Golden Hill Road – (Gila County)

Mr. Boyles stated that once the Federal IDs have been provided he can then initiate the IGAs and will have the Joint Project Administration review them as soon as possible in order for the member agencies to seek approval. In order to request authorization, an executed IGA must be present.

A discussion followed on the Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) call for projects. Explanations from Mr. Boyles and Ms. Glendening regarding the understanding of what specifically is being called for were provided. The clarification was in regard to when a “call for HSIP projects” is being made from Mr. Boyles, it’s from the State’s portion of funds and not from the CAG apportionment that CAG receives every year. The State HSIP funds would allow larger projects to be funded beyond what CAG is apportioned for that given Fiscal Year. However, since the funds are through a competitive application process, the HSIP apportionment for CAG for that awarded year would have to be surrendered to ADOT.

Mr. Boyles also explained the May 1, 2016 deadline is really for FHWA eligibility requirements, before a project can be authorized.

d. Five District Engineers, ADOT

ADOT Southeast District

Mr. Grainger reported on four (4) items:

1. The Silver King Road and Superior Streets project is still ongoing. ADOT is attempting to complete the divided highway section up to the airport before they start Superior streets.
2. The Queen Creek Tunnel technology lighting upgrade project is still waiting for the new equipment in order to begin installation.
3. The climbing lane on US 60 is still ongoing. Road closures are anticipated to continue until approximately December of 2016 due to a change in a retaining wall design that ADOT accepted within the area.
4. The rock fall mitigation on SR 77 will open for bid on April 22, 2016. Road closures are anticipated to occur for three to four months.

e. Sun Corridor MPO

Irene Higgs was not present to report an update for the Sun Corridor MPO.

f. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on three (3) items:

1. The CAG Strategic Safety Study is coming to a close. Mr. Ashbaugh has been in contact with Cambridge Systematics to set up a TAC meeting for May 18, 2016 to discuss the top ten site selections before field work is conducted on those sites.
2. 5304 funds were awarded to CAG for the CAG Regional Transit Study. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he's still reading the material to grasp the proposal, and will then begin working on a Scope of Work with CAG's Mobility Manager and Sara Allred with ADOT.
3. The Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) recently completed five (5) public open houses in various locations throughout Pinal County. He stated there is a meeting on April 14, 2016 with the City and Town Managers and Public Works Directors within Pinal County to attempt to finalize a final project list. The next step would be to present the final proposed projects to the Pinal RTA Board for approval, and to then ask the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to place the projects on a ballot as part of a half-cent sales tax, on the November 2016 ballot.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. HPMS

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that when he was hired he understood that the contract for FY 2015-2016 HPMS funds to be utilized for traffic counting was not implemented. He explained that a year ago the TTAC had approved a contract for \$25,000, but TTAC requested to see a more descriptive proposal. Mr. Ashbaugh stated he also asked Mr. Breyer to submit a proposal for FY 2016-2017 which he did for \$50,000.

Chair Ward asked if \$50,000 was necessary since the CAG Region was reduced in geographic area for transportation planning purposes.

Mr. Breyer and Ms. Glendening both explained the requirements from FHWA and the need for the HPMS program, and how it translates to the responsibilities that CAG has in order to make

sure the reporting for the CAG Region is completed. Ms. Glendening furthered her explanation and said she recommends that CAG continue to set aside \$50,000 each year, even if a smaller contract is awarded to conduct traffic counts. CAG can then utilize the remaining HPMS funds for transportation planning for time spent on consultation with Mr. Breyer.

Chair Ward then asked for a motion to approve the proposed contract for Works Consulting in the amount of \$25,000 for FY 2015-2016 as presented. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the contract, and Ms. Glendening seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chair Ward then asked for a motion to approve the proposed contract for Works Consulting in the amount of \$50,000 for FY 2016-2017 as presented. Mr. Sanders made a motion to approve the contract, and Ms. Glendening seconded the motion.

A discussion took place on how many traffic counts the \$50,000 would provide. Mr. Breyer responded with approximately 276 traffic count locations in addition to the approximate 88 traffic count locations within the FY 2015-2016 contract. Further discussions continued on how the contract corresponded with the Town of Superior Pavement Assessment Study conversation from earlier in the meeting. Mr. Ashbaugh explained that the Superior study will be looking at traffic counts, and would want to see if there would be any benefit for Mr. Breyer's proposal to provide updated counts, or possibly have specialized counting locations that have not been conducted to provide the study more efficient data. He stated that a conference call was being scheduled with Works Consulting, the ADOT Project Manager of the study, and the consultant of the study, to discuss in further details.

Chair Ward then asked if there were any further discussions of the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

b. Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the TIP being presented to the committee is the one that was approved at Regional Council on March 23, 2016. He stated that he revamped the aesthetics, and included the ADOT ledger information to display any remaining funds. He stated that the only reason a "Pass-Fail-Table" decision is on the agenda is to capture any changes that may come up during a TTAC meeting so that action can take place immediately. Mr. Ashbaugh explained that if no decisions need to be made, then to continue tabling the TIP from meeting to meeting.

Through the revamping process, Mr. Ashbaugh discovered that CAG had remaining funds to be spent down for STP funds in the amount of \$108,873 and \$177,818 in HSIP funds for FY 2015-2016. He stated that due to specific time constraints with ADOT, he's in the process of loaning the funds to ADOT for FY 2015-2016 to be returned in FY 2016-2017. He also stated that the "Obligation Authority" portion in the amount of \$58,374 for the FY 2015-2016 funds would still need to come out, and therefore, he is asking them to be taken out through the HSIP fund apportionment because projects eligible for these funds are harder to program. This translates to an \$119,444 HSIP loan to ADOT on a dollar for dollar basis for CAG to receive back in FY 2016-2017.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Safety Study

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he covered this update in agenda item "V(f)" and restated the May 18, 2016 TAC meeting information. He stated that the information for the meeting will be sent out to the study's TAC in a few weeks.

b. TTAC 2016 & 2017 Schedule

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the schedule for Calendar Year 2016 and 2017, but stated that the TTAC meetings will probably have to be determined on a meeting by meeting basis due to the extended blasting schedule on US 60, as was mentioned earlier in the meeting.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Ward opened the floor for the call from the public. No one answered the call to the public.

IX. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The CAG TTAC decided to move the May 12, 2016 meeting to Wednesday, May 11, 2016 in the CAG Conference Room located at 1075 South Idaho Road, Suite 300 at 10:00 AM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ward asked for a motion for adjournment. Ms. Glendening made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Homan seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM.