



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016 – 10:00 AM
City of Globe Council Chambers | 150 North Pine Street, Globe, AZ 85501

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curtis Ward - <i>Chair</i> (Payson)	Jason Bottjen (ADOT - MPD)	Tom Homan (Gila County)
Sylvia Kerlock (Winkelman)	Todd Pryor (Superior)	Cassie Kenton-Garcia (White Mountain Apache Tribe)
Kathy Borquez – <i>Phone</i> (Pinal County)	Dedrick Denton – <i>Phone</i> (Pinal County)	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jerry Barnes (Globe)	Sandra Shade (Ak-Chin Indian Community)	Anna Flores (Kearny)
Joe Heatherly (Miami)	Marvin Mull (San Carlos Apache Tribe)	Tim Grier (Star Valley)
VACANT (Hayden)	VACANT (Mammoth)	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wayne Grainger (ADOT Southeast District)	Rick Powers (Jacobs)	David Maestas (City of Maricopa)
Ray Acuna (City of Maricopa)	Dan Marum (Wilson & Company)	Matt Rencher - <i>Phone</i> (Coolidge)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM in the City of Globe Council Chambers located at 150 North Pine Street, Globe, Arizona 85501.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ward led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Seven (7) voting members were present constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC ByLaws. Mr. Ashbaugh, at this time, read a statement of where and how to file a complaint with regard to Title VI violations.

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IV. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by those present in the room and on the phone.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (October 12, 2016)

Chair Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the October 12, 2016 minutes. There were no comments. Chair Ward then asked for a motion to approve the October 12, 2016 CAG TTAC minutes as presented. Ms. Borquez made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Pryor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Payson

Chair Ward reported on two (2) items:

1. Work on the installation of the second set of warning signs that were funded through Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds are 100 percent complete. The Town has applied for the final 20 percent of the reimbursement of the HSIP funds.
2. The Town is currently in the Right of Way acquisition phase for the Bonita Street project (**Project # PAY 16-01C**) for Fiscal Year 2017's Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. The 100 percent design documents are scheduled to be released December 31, 2016.

Superior

Mr. Pryor reported on two (2) items:

1. The Sign and Pavement Markings Inventory project (**Project # SUP 16-01D**) is currently out for bid and should be starting over the next several months.
2. The Superior Pavement Assessment Study, funded through the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program, is also nearing completion.

Pinal County

Ms. Borquez reported that the Kelvin Bridge Replacement project (**Project # PNL 00-01B**) is currently out for bid. Pinal County expects the Arizona Transportation Board's approval during January of 2017, and hopes to award the contract sometime in February of 2017.

Gila County, the Town of Winkelman, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe did not have anything new to report.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Organization

Mr. Bottjen reported on two (2) items:

1. He introduced himself as the new ADOT Planning Program Manager. He stated that he moved over from ADOT's Local Public Agency (LPA) section.
2. Presented the results of the Safety Target Study Coordination Workshop. The workshop introduced and proposed safety targets that ADOT would be reporting to the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Bottjen stated if CAG wanted to set their own safety targets instead of adopting ADOT's, CAG would be inviting Federal oversight for compliance. However, since CAG is a Council of Governments (COG) and not a

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), CAG is not required to have such targets to set. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he has not had a chance to internally discuss the subject matter since the meeting took place, but would suspect if safety targets were set, CAG would likely adopt ADOT's.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen stated that Eric Boyles is the only LPA staff member left in the section and was unable to attend. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he received an update from Eric via email that reported on three (3) items:

1. The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program is still in the approval process and tentatively scheduled to be approved after the first of the year. Once approved the program framework will be provided to the LPA stakeholders for comment.
2. The "Off-System Bridge" Program is also in the approval process and tentatively scheduled to be approved after the first of the year. However, the program framework for these funds will not provide a comment period due to the technical restrictions of the funding.
3. The development of changes surrounding the project initiation process is almost complete. This may include slight changes to what the LPAs submit at time of initiation, but will hopefully provide a great improvement in communication and efficiency in the initial stages of development.

Mr. Bottjen also provided a Progress Report on all projects within the CAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which was submitted to Mr. Ashbaugh prior to the meeting and is available upon request.

D. District Engineers, ADOT

ADOT Southeast District

Mr. Grainger, ADOT Southeast District Development Transportation Engineering Specialist, reported on nine (9) items:

1. The "**US 60 Queen Creek Tunnel**" lighting project is substantially complete.
2. The "**US 60 Oak Flats to Miami**" passing lane project is substantially complete.
3. The "**South of Young Rock Fall Mitigation**" project was completed in half the time.
4. The "**SR 77/SR 177-MP145**" paving project that is north of Winkelman is 96 percent complete.
5. The "**Silver King-Superior Streets**" project is about 74 percent complete.
6. The "**SR 77 Near Summit**" rock fall mitigation project is about 30 percent complete.
7. The "**US 70 at BIA 6**" intersection improvement project is currently advertising with a bid opening of January 26, 2017.
8. The "**Sidewalk Main St; US 60 Golden Hill**" sidewalk construction project is anticipated to advertise in March of 2017.

9. The “**Gila River Bridge Replacement**” project on SR 77 is scheduled for FY 2017 at an amount of approximately \$9.5 Million.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on five (5) items:

1. The Mobility Management Contract with Eddie Caine was officially signed on October 17, 2016.
2. The “**CAG Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility and Implementation Study**” Request for Proposals (RFP) generated two responses. The two consulting firms that responded were Jacobs Engineering Group and Moore and Associates. The Selection Committee selected Jacobs Engineering Group. Contract negotiations have started and CAG expects to have a signed contract in place by the end of December of 2016 or early January of 2017. The “kick-off” meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 9, 2017, immediately after the next scheduled TTAC meeting to accommodate many of the TTAC members who are part of the Technical Working Group for the Study.
3. The “**Highway Performance Monitoring System**” (HPMS) traffic counts are still underway. The only counts that have been conducted thus far were the Town of Superior counts. Works Consulting has been in contact with a few of the local agencies to cross reference work efforts to make sure double counting will not occur.
4. The “**CAG Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan 2017**” Public Comment Period will begin in January of 2017.
5. It is anticipated that the “**Highway User Revenue Fund**” (HURF) Exchange will be brought back next Fiscal Year. ADOT has recommended to the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC) in November of 2016 to bring the Program back.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chair Ward announced that the Town of Payson is looking into increasing the Town’s contribution to the Bonita Street project (**Project # PAY 16-01C**) so that it’s more in line with the Town’s budget and will anticipate a TIP Amendment in the near future.

Mr. Ashbaugh presented two (2) amendments to the CAG FY 2017 – FY 2027 TIP which are as follows:

1. **GIL 17-01D (TRACS # T008701D)** – Colcord Road Bridge Project (Design)
 - Applied **\$204,000** of ADOT “Off-System Bridge” funds towards Design in FY 2017 with a Local Match of **\$12,331**.
 - Total funding for Design (includes FY 2017 STP funds and Local Match thereof) = **\$322,545**.
2. **GIL 17-01C (TRACS # T008701C)** – Colcord Road Bridge Project (Construction)
 - Applied **\$796,000** of ADOT “Off-System Bridge” funds towards Construction in FY 2020 with a Local Match of **\$48,114**.

- Total funding for Construction (includes FY 2020 STP funds and Local Match thereof) = **\$1,234,114.**

Mr. Homan then made a motion to recommend approval of the two (2) amendments as presented, with Ms. Kerlock seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Highway Safety Improvement Program Presentation

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that Larry Talley could not attend today's TTAC meeting and provide a presentation on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Mr. Talley disclosed in a phone conversation days before the meeting, that the Program is undergoing some significant changes that recently took place. The changes pertain to how applications will be reviewed. Mr. Talley also disclosed that the tentative date on the HSIP call for projects is now January 20, 2017. Mr. Ashbaugh indicated that Mr. Talley is planning on presenting at the February 9, 2017 TTAC meeting assuming that all is ready with the HSIP program.

B. CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

Mr. Ashbaugh is requesting an approval recommendation to the CAG Regional Council with regard to the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. He stated that the timing for the Plan to be officially adopted is for local agencies interested in applying for HSIP funds on the recommended projects within their jurisdictions, when the "call for projects" is announced. By having an adopted plan, the potential HSIP applications of such recommended projects from the Plan would provide credence during the review process.

Mr. Ashbaugh then presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the results of the analysis of crash data and public involvement which ultimately generated the recommendations for future potential HSIP funded projects. The PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.

Chair Ward requested a motion to recommend approval of the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan as presented. Mr. Pryor then made a motion to recommend approval of the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan as presented, with Mr. Homan seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Ward asked for a call to the public. No one answered the call to the public.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Ashbaugh stated the next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2017 at 10:00 am and will be held at the City of Globe Council Chambers located at 150 North Pine Street, Globe, AZ 85501. He stated that a change in location was made for this particular meeting date to help accommodate a separate meeting involving the CAG Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility and Implementation Study that will follow on the same day.

Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that he would send out a survey to seek a potential new day/time/week of the month for future TTAC meetings. He stated that he is encountering many scheduling conflicts of other standing committees/meetings throughout the year and would like to explore a potential new timeframe other than the current second Thursday of the month schedule.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ward asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Homan made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Kerlock seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.