

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016 – 10:00 AM

Gila County Public Works Conference Room | 745 Rose Mofford Way, Globe, AZ 85501

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Curtis Ward
(Payson)

Charla Glendening
(ADOT - MPD)

Marvin Mull
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Tom Homan
(Gila County)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Kathy Borquez - Phone
(Pinal County)

Sylvia Kerlock – Phone
(Winkelman)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anna Flores
(Kearny)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Todd Pryor
(Superior)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Vacant
(Hayden)

Vacant
(Mammoth)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jason Bottjen
(ADOT – LPA)

Tom Engel
(ADOT Southeast District)

Rick Powers
(Jacobs)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM in the Gila County Public Works Conference Room located at 745 Rose Mofford Way, 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.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (May 11, 2016)

Chair Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the May 11, 2016 minutes. There were no comments. Chair Ward then asked for a motion to approve the May 11, 2016 CAG TTAC minutes as presented. Mr. Homan made the motion and Ms. Glendening seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Gila County

Mr. Homan reported that the Joint Project Agreements (JPA) with ADOT regarding the two CAG TIP items under Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for Fiscal Year 2016 will be presented for approval to the Gila County Board of Supervisors on August 2, 2016.

San Carlos Apache Tribe

Mr. Mull reported that the “San Carlos – US 70 High School Turn Lane (Phase II)” project (Project # SCA 016-01C) programmed with Fiscal Year 2016 HSIP funds, was successfully transferred to Fiscal Year 2017, along with the funds.

Payson

Chair Ward reported on three (3) items:

1. The Joint Project Agreement (JPA) for the design of the Longhorn Road and McLane Road roundabout project (Project # PAY 19-02D) for Fiscal Year 2016 STP Funds has been approved.
2. Work continues on the installation of a second set of warning signs that were funded through HSIP funds.
3. Appraisal reviews on the Right of Way for the Bonita Street project (Project # PAY 16-01C) for Fiscal Year 2017 STP funds are ongoing. Some appraisals have been approved, with others yet to be reviewed.

Winkelman

Ms. Kerlock reported that the Fiscal Year 2016 HSIP project (Project # WKL 16-01C) for signage and striping is about 50 percent completed and should be done by the end of the month. She informed the committee that social media and the copper country newspapers had a misprint stating that the project cost \$950,000.00, when in fact, it should have been \$95,000.00.

Pinal County

Ms. Borquez reported on the Kelvin Bridge project (Project # PNL 00-01B), stating that the biological assessment is nearing completion, which would “wrap up” the environmental portion of the project. She stated that Pinal County is expecting construction to occur during early 2017.

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Ms. Chief reported on three (3) items:

1. The Joint Project Agreement (JPA) with ADOT for the frontage road in Canyon Day along SR 73 has been completed. Construction is anticipated to commence during 2018.
2. The Tribe is still moving forward in a partnership with Navajo County and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for project repairs on BIA Route 12 near the community of Cibequé. The Tribe wanted to reach out in their efforts to include Gila County.
3. The Tribe is working on the Cedar Fire aftermath and the flooding mitigation. BIA has had their Burned Area Emergency Response (BEAR) team assess the damage, and they are working with the Tribe to determine road closures and restricted uses for the upcoming year.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Organization

Ms. Glendening stated that the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Pre-Scoping Committee met the previous week for final recommendations. She provided explanation regarding Payson's submittal on the SR 260 & SR 87 proposal and the denial of funds. Ms. Glendening stated that the committee believes the submittal should come directly from the Northcentral District in order to provide more of a project assessment for a DCR. She stated that ADOT will be reaching out to Audra Merrick from the District to have the project submitted, and to have the project included in ADOT's five-year construction program for preliminary design.

Ms. Glendening announced her recent promotion as the ADOT Assistant Manager over Planning and Programming. She stated that eventually a new planner would be assigned for the CAG Region, and that she will be serving throughout the transition. She is now responsible for the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Planning to Programming (P2P), and the development of performance measures and targets for the State, that eventually will be utilized within the COGs and MPOs.

Ms. Glendening also announced that the State Transportation Board approved the FY 2017 5-Year Construction Program. She briefly presented the major projects within the CAG Region that were part of the approval process. The document is available on the ADOT website for viewing.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen stated that the LPA Section is down a staff member and will be realigning the responsibilities within the section. Mr. Bottjen will be taking over for Eric Boyles until further notice. He then elaborated on projects discussed during the member jurisdiction updates.

D. Five District Engineers, ADOT

ADOT Southeast District

Mr. Engel announced that he is taking over the responsibilities for the Development Engineer in the District. He reported on six (6) items:

1. The "US 60 Oak Flats to Miami" passing lane project is still ongoing and closures on Tuesdays and Thursdays will continue through summer of 2016.

2. The **“Silver King-Superior Streets”** project has expanded the scope for construction to the entire limits of the project now. All bridges, local streets, and connections within the scope are now underway.
3. The **US 60 Queen Creek Tunnel”** lighting project schedule is most likely being extended. The lighting is taking longer to be shipped than originally estimated.
4. The **“South of Young Rock fall Mitigation”** project will begin on July 22, 2016.
5. The **“SR 77 Near Summit”** rock fall mitigation project has been awarded to Fisher Sand & Gravel, and they are currently evaluating an engineering proposal. Project is expected to start this summer. Closures on SR 77 will be coordinated with other closures as necessary.
6. The **“SR 77/SR 177-MP 145”** paving project appears to have a low bidder in Granite Construction Company. The decision to award the project will be heard at the next ADOT Board Meeting.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on six (6) items:

1. The **“5310 Mobility Management/Mobility Manager Grant”** was awarded for the duration of a year for \$90,000 with \$22,500 local matching dollars for a total of \$112,500.
2. Discussions took place with Sara Allred, ADOT Transit Program Manager, for clarification purposes regarding the **“CAG Transit Feasibility Study.”** The focus will be within Gila County, due to the limited funds that were awarded. A Draft Scope of Work has been created, and ADOT has requested that the CAG TTAC provide any comments or input within the next week. The goal is to have a consultant on board by November of 2016.
3. For the **“CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan,”** the consultants will be conducting the field investigations for the top 10 sites during the week of July 18th to July 21st. ADOT District Engineers and City/Town/County representatives of the 10 locations were encouraged to attend site visits to provide additional local knowledge.
4. The **“Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)”** counts will start in the near future and will continue through August of 2016. Links to the proposed and historical traffic counts will be provided within all CAG TTAC Meeting emails, and will also be posted on the website.
5. The **“2015 CAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan Update”** will be brought before the TTAC at the next meeting in order to request the approval of a recommendation to the CAG Regional Council in September of 2016.
6. The **“Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)”** passed a Plan and Resolution for a half-cent sales tax for transportation needs, to be sent to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to call for a countywide election to be held in November of 2016. The BOS voted to table the Resolution and not to have the propositions go forward to the voting public at the November Election. The BOS did request that the Pinal RTA bring back a revised Resolution prior to December 28, 2016 for consideration to address the concerns associated with “capping” the half-cent sales tax on single purchase personal

property items at \$10,000.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh restated that many items on the TIP needed to be worked out. He asked the committee to think about the solutions for the following projects for the next TTAC meeting:

Longhorn Road & McLane Road Roundabout – (Project # PAY 23-01C & # PAY 24-01C)

- Move the FY 2023 funds to FY 2024 (or vice versa) and condense the project into one project, under Project # PAY 24-01C or # PAY 23-01C.
- Payson to reevaluate and/or assure the local match is correct since it's larger than the 5.7% required.

San Carlos – US 70 High School Turn Lanes: Phase II – (Project # SCA-16-01C)

- Reevaluate the need of additional HSIP funds, once the final estimate is produced. The CAG Regional Council had approved to move the project from FY 2016 to FY 2017 to deal with the gap of additional funds needed for the project than what was currently programmed.

Mr. Ashbaugh also mentioned that he was not planning on issuing a call for projects for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds due to estimated overages of currently programmed projects. He suggested we keep the outlying Fiscal Years of 2025 and 2026 unprogrammed in case those funds are needed throughout the next few years. Mr. Ashbaugh then proceeded to discuss shortfalls within the STP funding for Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2022.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that a call for projects for the Fiscal Year 2018 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) will most likely begin after the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Study has been completed.

Chair Ward then asked for any motion to table the current TIP. Ms. Kerlock made the motion to table the current TIP and Ms. Glendening seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Title VI Plan

Mr. Ashbaugh presented and provided an explanation of the plan update. He then proceeded to discuss some of the deficiencies that ADOT's Civil Rights section had brought to CAG's attention.

Chair Ward then asked for a motion to recommend approval of the CAG Title VI Plan, to be forwarded to CAG Regional Council for consideration and approval. Ms. Bourquez made the motion to forward the CAG Title VI Plan to CAG Regional Council for consideration and approval, and Mr. Homan seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Amendments to TTAC ByLaws

Mr. Ashbaugh presented changes to the CAG TTAC ByLaws to add the White Mountain Apache

Tribe in Section III-B(1) as a voting member of the Committee, and the rephrasing of Section III-B(2) due to the new boundaries of ADOT's Districts. In addition to the changes, he provided smaller grammatical and consistency updates.

Chair Ward then asked for a motion to recommend approval of the CAG TTAC ByLaws with the changes as presented, which will be forwarded to the CAG Regional Council for consideration and approval. Mr. Homan made the motion to recommend approval of the CAG TTAC ByLaws with the changes as presented, to be forwarded to the CAG Regional Council for consideration and approval, and Ms. Glendening seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Committee Roster/Attendance/Ambitions

Mr. Ashbaugh directed everyone's attention to the voting TTAC Membership list, to inquire about updated contact information for each member, which will then be forwarded to the CAG Regional Council for consideration and approval. He then proceeded to ask what interests the committee in order to make the TTAC meetings more meaningful for everyone instead, of just those with projects within the TIP. As an example, Mr. Ashbaugh suggested that we have a training session on the HSIP application when the call for projects comes near. Others within the committee also suggest the following:

- Presentation on other funding sources and applicable projects associated with them;
- Create a "wish list" of projects for when unknown funding resources come to play;
- Joint meeting with the Pinal & Gila Rides Committee once or twice a year;
- Provide crash data statistics every six months, pending the Safety Study;
- Provide a sheet of all of the Acronyms;
- Provide "educational" items on a regular basis; and/or
- Provide a general informational packet or resource for new members.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Ward announced that the next scheduled meeting will be in August of 2016. The Committee had a discussion on whether to move the originally scheduled meeting date a day ahead, due to the US 60 blasting that is still ongoing. The next CAG TTAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the CAG Conference Room located at 1075 South Idaho Road, Suite 300, Apache Junction, Arizona 85119.

The Committee discussed whether or not the meetings should be moved to another day, and decided to add it as an agenda item at the next meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ward asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kerlock made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Borquez seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.