



## Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016 – 10:00 AM

CAG Conference Room | 1075 South Idaho Road, Suite 300, Apache Junction, AZ 85119

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Chair* Curtis Ward  
(Payson)

Charla Glendening  
(ADOT - MPD)

Andy Smith  
(Pinal County)

Jerry Barnes  
(Globe)

Tara Chief – *Phone*  
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sylvia Kerlock - Excused  
(Winkelman)

Tom Homan  
(Gila County)

Vacant  
(Hayden)

Anna Flores  
(Kearny)

Vacant  
(Mammoth)

Joe Heatherly  
(Miami)

Tim Grier  
(Star Valley)

Todd Pryor  
(Superior)

Sandra Shade  
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Marvin Mull  
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Eric Boyles  
(ADOT – LPA)

Wayne Grainger  
(ADOT Southeast District)

#### CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh  
(Transportation Planning Manager)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM in the CAG Conference Room located at 1075 South Idaho Road, Suite 300, Apache Junction, Arizona 85119.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Ward led the Committee in the pledge of allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

**IV. INTRODUCTIONS**

No introductions were made as everyone in the room and on the phone knew each other.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (April 13, 2016)**

Chair Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the April 13, 2016 minutes. There were no comments. Chair Ward then asked for a motion to approve the April 13, 2016 CAG TTAC minutes as shown. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Glendening seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**VI. STANDING REPORTS**

**a. Member Jurisdictions**

**Globe**

Mr. Barnes stated there isn't much to report regarding the TIP projects at this time. However, he did report that the City has about \$5.5 million of Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) funds that need to be spent. He also reported that the City is currently building a new water tank and has already revamped five (5) others.

**Payson**

Chair Ward reported on three (3) items:

1. The Town has sent in their comments regarding the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) for the Longhorn and McLane roundabout project.
2. Half of the second set of the warning signs have been installed, and the Town is currently applying for their 80 percent reimbursement from ADOT.
3. Currently reviewing the right of way documents for the Bonita Street reconstruction project. He stated that the project is tentatively set to go out to bid by next summer.

**Pinal County**

Mr. Smith stated that he has no TIP projects to report on, but wanted to mention that the County is currently working on their Regionally Significant Routes (RSR) plan. The map for the RSRs has been sent out to the communities for updates and will incorporate the Regional Transportation Authority Plan projects on that map to help promote the corridor preservation that's being sought after. He also stated that a consultant is working on a stand-alone Access

Management document that relates to the design of the given RSR classifications.

Mr. Smith announced that the County is planning on submitting a Pre-Scoping Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Application for Pinal Airpark on Interstate 10 in conjunction with the Southcentral District.

**White Mountain Apache Tribe**

Ms. Chief reported on five (5) items:

1. A slurry seal was completed along US 73 in the White Mountain Apache Tribe's portion of Gila County, and they are anticipating a pavement preservation project in April of 2017.
2. The frontage road in Canyon Day is still moving forward.
3. Entered into a partnership with Navajo County, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Tribe is moving forward with a Partnership Agreement regarding the BIA Route 12 project.
4. Entered into a partnership with Navajo County assisting in mitigating dirt leading to the Black River along BIA Route 9 and Amos Wash, that has been washing out annually.
5. Reported that the Transit Manger, Andre Stevens, is no longer with the Tribe, but the Tribe is still moving forward with their transit program.

**b. Multi-Modal Planning Organization**

Ms. Glendening announced the call for projects, and the submittal of applications, for Fiscal Year 2017 for Pre-Scoping PARA projects (up to \$30,000 per application). The applications are due May 31, 2016 and Ms. Glendening recommended the Granite Dells Road from Payson or the Houston Mesa Road from Gila County, which are projects within the CAG TIP.

**c. Local Public Agency, ADOT**

Mr. Boyles stated that through ADOT's communication tool, the call for the PARA was sent out as previously announced by Ms. Glendening. He also announced that the Road Safety Assessment (RSA) program was sent out through the same communication tool and that there is a call for applications as well.

Ms. Glendening asked a question regarding the four (4) ADOT Transportation Enhancement Program projects in the TIP. Mr. Boyles stated that they have been delivered and can now come out of the TIP.

Ms. Glendening asked if Mr. Boyles foresees the program coming back in the near future. Mr. Boyles responded that they do expect it to come back; and are in the infancy of developing the new program due to the passing of the FAST Act, and expect to have a plan by end of Calendar Year 2016. The new program will now be the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP).

**d. Five District Engineers, ADOT**

**ADOT Southeast District**

Mr. Grainger reported on several items (He handed out a brochure of the ongoing projects):

1. The **“US 60 Oak Flats to Miami”** passing lane is still on going and closures on Tuesdays and Thursdays will continue through summer of 2016.
2. The **“Silver King-Superior Streets”** project started on the Stone Avenue bridge in Superior.
3. The **“US 60 Rock Fall Mitigation”** project has been completed.
4. The **US 60 Queen Creek Tunnel”** lighting project is now working on the installation of the lights in the center of the overhead tunnel.
5. The **“South of Young Rock fall Mitigation”** project has yet to be bid.
6. The **“Town of Winkelman Sign & Stripe”** project is underway.
7. The **“SR 77 Near Summit”** rock fall mitigation project appears to have a low bidder with contractor Fisher Sand & Gravel. Hopefully the US 60 road closures are done before the road closures for this project gets underway.
8. The **“Six Shooter Canyon Road; Remington-Cherokee”** sidewalk project has been advertised.
9. The **“US 70 at BIA 6”** intersection improvement project is still under design.
10. The **“US 70 San Carlos High School-BIA 170, San Carlos Tribe”** turn lane safety project is still underway.
11. The **“SR 77/SR 177-MP 145”** paving project is finishing design work and should advertise soon.
12. The **“Sidewalk Main Street; US 60 Golden Hill Road”** sidewalk project is finishing design work and should advertise soon.

**e. Sun Corridor MPO**

Irene Higgs was not present to report an update for the Sun Corridor MPO. However Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he had a discussion with Ms. Higgs and decided that there is no longer a need for the Sun Corridor MPO to have a Standing Report on the CAG TTAC agenda unless warranted for a specific purpose.

**f. CAG Transportation Planning Update**

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on three (3) items:

1. The **“5310 Mobility Management/Mobility Manager Grant”** was successfully submitted on April 27, 2016 requesting a total of \$250,000 for the next two years (\$125,000 per year with \$25,000 being local matching funds). The grant was also submitted in coordination with the Sun Corridor MPO to provide the mobility management services in the area. The award notification is expected to be announced in July/August of 2016.
2. The **“Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)”** will be hearing the recommendation for approval of the Pinal RTA Regional Transportation Plan on May 11, 2016, during the Pinal RTA Board meeting. The next step, upon approval of the plan, would be to present to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to have the plan and the half-cent sales tax placed on the November 2016 ballot. A Draft brochure has been created as part of the approval. Also, in relation to the Pinal RTA, HB 2373, allowing only Pinal County members of CAG to represent the RTA Board, passed in the State Senate and is ready for the Governor’s signature.
3. The **“Title VI Plan”** needs to be updated once again. A meeting took place with Mary Bermudez from ADOT’s Civil Rights section, to go over CAG’s Title VI Plan and identified deficiencies. Many of the COGs and MPOs, as a result of an ADOT audit from the Federal government, are missing several aspects of the plan and ADOT is trying to correct the issue.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. HPMS**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that a signed contract with Works Consulting was initiated for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$25,000, and for Fiscal Year 2017 for the amount of \$50,000, for regional traffic counting purposes.

Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that within future emails regarding TTAC meetings, a few links will be provided to provide the TTAC members with continuous access to the information. Such links may include information on proposed and historical traffic counts.

**b. Safety Study**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that there is nothing new to report on the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Study, but reminded the TTAC that there is a TAC meeting being held on May 18, 2016 at the Gila County Board of Supervisors’ meeting room. He explained that the consultant’s contract was extended from June 30, 2016 to September 10, 2016 with no cost changes, but that the plan is actually expected to be completed and delivered by July or August of 2016.

**c. HSIP (FY 2016-2017) Applications**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he did not receive any applications for the May 1, 2016 deadline in order for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to determine if a project was eligible for HSIP funds. He stated that only a few options exist on what to do with the funds for Fiscal Year 2017, and that one option would be to loan funds back out to another COG or MPO for the amount of \$267,689.43 and receive them back in Fiscal Year 2018. During another

discussion with Patrick Stone of ADOT, another option would be to loan the funds to ADOT, although typically not done.

A discussion then followed on the Statewide competitiveness of the program starting in Fiscal Year 2019, and how that would play into the final years of apportionment when it came to the design portion of a given project and the construction portion of the given project.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. CAG Regional Transit Study**

Mr. Ashbaugh restated that CAG was awarded 5304 Transit Funds to conduct a CAG Regional Transit Study in the amount of \$80,000, with a \$20,000 local match, for a total of \$100,000. He stated that a conference call is set up for May 16, 2016 with ADOT, CAG, and the Sun Corridor MPO to clear up some confusion on what the study will entail, and the Scope of Work.

### **b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he is continuing to do some “house cleaning” on the TIP with missing information, etc.

Mr. Ashbaugh had a conversation with Mr. Barnes in Globe regarding the questions from the April 13, 2016 TTAC meeting on the “**Oak Street**” project. He stated that the project estimate originally came in over at \$1.3 million. A reduction in the Scope of Work was done to bring the estimate down to \$716,339.00. Mr. Ashbaugh pointed out that the current approved TIP by the Regional Council on March 23, 2016, had approved the course of receiving an ADOT loan for \$225,000.00 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for Fiscal Year 2018, to be paid back in Fiscal Year 2022. However, no official paperwork has been filed due to ADOT’s procedures as ADOT typically waits to do the loan transfers when that particular Fiscal Year arises. He also stated that the total STP funding currently allocated to the “**Oak Street**” project is \$681,033.85 (*\$642,215.00 in STP funds + \$38,818.85 in local match funds*). He pointed out that the project is still short \$35,305.15 in funding.

Mr. Ashbaugh then presented a number of options on how to deal with the shortfall. Discussions then followed on how to utilize the \$141,705.51 in STP funds, which are currently available for Fiscal Year 2017.

After the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Barnes to split the 141,705.51 of STP funds and apply half (\$70,852.75) to the “**Bonita Street**” project in Payson for a total funding of \$514,329.53 (*\$485,012.75 in STP funds + \$29,316.78 in local match*) for Fiscal Year 2017 and the other half (\$70,852.76) to be loaned out to ADOT, to be returned in Fiscal Year 2018 and apply towards the “**Oak Street**” project for a total funding of \$756,169.42 (*\$713,067.76 in STP funds that includes the \$225,000 ADOT loan + \$43,101.66 in local match*). Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh then stated that a motion was needed to loan the Fiscal Year 2017 HSIP funds out to another COG or MPO to recapture the funds in Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Barnes made such a motion with Mr. Smith seconding the motion. Discussion followed regarding ADOT

potentially looking into another process other than the loaning of funds among COGs and MPOs, although ADOT is not quite sure how it would be implemented at this time. The motion was then carried unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh then brought to the attention of the TTAC future items to begin thinking about regarding the following projects in the TIP:

1. The “**W. Longhorn & S. McLane Road Roundabout**” project in Payson is broken down into two years of construction (Fiscal Year 2023 & Fiscal Year 2024). The TTAC should consider combining construction into one year by being creative through loan swapping, or other available options.
2. The Design phase and the Construction phase of the “**Granite Dells Road**” project in Payson is programmed in back to back Fiscal Years (Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021). The typical recommendation for projects has been to leave a gap between the Design and Construction phases in case there are Design issues that could delay the construction phase, in which case could upset the balance of projects within the entire TIP. He then asked the TTAC if they would provide the most current estimates for their projects known to date.

**c. Nominations of TTAC Vice Chair**

Mr. Ashbaugh informed the TTAC that the CAG TTAC ByLaws indicate that if a Chair should be unable to complete the present term, then the Vice-Chair shall automatically succeed the Chair by serving the remainder of the term (term ends after the September meeting). He stated that the succeeding Chair may also be selected to continue serving as Chair at the next regular election as well. Mr. Ashbaugh then stated that if the Vice-Chair should be unable to complete the current term, (now acting as Chair), another member of the Committee of the opposite County will need to be elected to fill the remainder of the term by the same method as the original election.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to nominate Mr. Smith as the new Vice-Chair of the CAG TTAC with Ms. Glendening seconding that motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**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 tentatively be July 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Gila County Public Works Conference Room located at 745 Rose Mofford Way, Globe, Arizona, 85501.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ward asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM.