

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017 – 10:00 AM

Town of Superior Council Chambers | 199 North Lobb Avenue, Superior, AZ

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathy Borquez - *Vice Chair*
(Pinal County)

Jason Bottjen
(ADOT - MPD)

Todd Pryor
(Superior)

Marvin Mull
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Tara Chief - PHONE
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Sylvia Kerlock - PHONE
(Winkelman)

Anna Flores - PHONE
(Kearny)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Curtis Ward - *Chair*
(Payson)

Tom Homan
(Gila County)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

Jerry Barnes
(Globe)

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Mammoth)

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(Hayden)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dedrick Denton
(Pinal County)

Fausto Burruel
(Marana)

Rick Powers
(Jacobs)

Tom Engel
(ADOT Southeast District)

Jeff Swan
(Swan Consulting)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Borquez called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Borquez 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. Mr. Ashbaugh, at this time, read a statement of where and how to file a complaint with regard to Title VI violations.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (April 20, 2017)

Mr. Bottjen made the motion to approve the April 20, 2017 minutes with the correction to delete Mr. Mull from the “Members Absent” list. Ms. Kerlock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Pinal County

Vice Chair Borquez reported that the Kelvin Bridge Replacement project (**Project # PNL 00-01B**) is well underway and is approximately 10 percent complete. There is currently a temporary bridge in place and completion is expected in the first part of next year.

Superior

Mr. Pryor reported on two (2) items:

1. The “**Silver King-Superior Streets**” project is expected to open all four lanes as early the week of July 16, 2017. The full checklist of items for the project is expected to be completed by October of 2017.
2. The Sign and Pavement Markings Inventory project (**Project # SUP 16-01D**) is scheduled to be completed within the week.

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Ms. Chief reported on four (4) items:

1. A 12-mile pavement preservation project on SR 73 is ongoing. This project began a few weeks ago. Pedestrian crossings are also to be installed simultaneously.
2. An ADOT chip-seal project on US 60 (between Globe and Show Low) through the Salt River Canyon will begin July 19, 2017.
3. Various BIA routes are also undergoing pavement preservation activities throughout the community.
4. The Fort Apache Connection Transit is now up and running within the Community.

The Town of Winkelman, the Town of Kearny, and the San Carlos Apache Tribe did not have anything to report.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Organization

Mr. Bottjen reported on two (2) items:

1. The Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Program submissions totaled fifteen (15) PARA Studies and four (4) Pre-Scoping Studies for a total of nineteen (19) applications. Notification of awarded applications is anticipated to be made by the end of next week.
2. The Statewide Studies Program, formerly known as the “District Studies Program,” received seventeen applications. Notifications to the ADOT Districts on awarded

submittals will be sent out at the end of July 2017.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen announced that there will be an LPA staff member from ADOT assigned to CAG in the near future as vacant positions are currently being filled.

Mr. Bottjen also provided an update on the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) Exchange Program. The ADOT LPA section held a meeting at the end of June to work on a work flow chart/timeline type document to initiate the swapping of HURF dollars for local projects. The document should be coming out within the next few weeks.

D. District Engineers, ADOT

Southeast District

Mr. Engel reported on two (2) items:

1. The **“US 60 Globe to Show Low”** chip-seal project is about to begin.
2. The **“SR 87”** construction project between the valley and SR 188 in the Roosevelt/Tonto Basin region.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on two (2) items:

1. The **Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility and Implementation Study** is currently on schedule. The second Technical Working Group meeting was held on June 27, 2017. Primarily the meeting information was to discuss results from the surveys sent out to mobility management providers as well as future public involvement activities.
2. The 5310 Mobility Management Grant that CAG had applied to continue Mobility Management services for the CAG and Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Regions was preliminarily awarded. Eddie Caine, the current CAG/SCMPO Mobility Manager, stated he will continue to stay as the Mobility Manger, under contract, for one additional year.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

HSIP Applications

Mr. Ashbaugh stated his concerns with regards to the lack of HSIP application submittals to date. One application has been submitted thus far from the ADOT Northcentral District. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that CAG needs to have all HSIP applications approved for submittal to ADOT by CAG Regional Council before ADOT’s October 2, 2017 deadline. He stated that with nine of the 10 identified projects within the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) were on State Routes and that he had contacted the ADOT Districts to apply for those projects while utilizing the CAG allocated Fiscal Year 2018 HSIP funds to do so. To date only one application has been submitted from the Northcentral District. Mr. Ashbaugh expressed concern should the project not be eligible, CAG would lose approximately \$777,777.00 of HSIP funds. All projects would need eligibility determination by November 15, 2017 and given that Fiscal Year 2018 is the last year CAG would be receiving HSIP fund allocations.

Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that in order to submit all applications to ADOT and meet the October 2, 2017 deadline, CAG would need to have all applications received by the end of July to discuss and

take action for recommendations at the August 2017 TTAC meeting. He stated the alternative use of the HSIP funds should no projects become eligible is to transfer all available funds to the Sun Corridor MPO. The rationale was that if projects cannot be funded within the CAG Transportation Planning Boundary pending eligibility status, then the member agencies of the Sun Corridor MPO, who are also CAG members, could benefit from the funds. At minimum, funds would remain within the overall CAG Region.

After further discussion and understanding that the crash data used within the CAG STSP would suffice for application purposes, Mr. Engel within the ADOT Southeast District will reevaluate the identified projects for a potential additional submittal before the end of July 2017.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the TIP is usually placed under “Old Business” within the agenda every meeting in case a situation arises to where a vote is needed on a project. As no vote was needed during this meeting, Mr. Pryor made a motion to table the TIP. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

AZ ASCE Infrastructure Report Card

Mr. Swan presented the highlights of the American Society of Civil Engineers 2015 Report Card for Arizona’s Infrastructure document. The next update is estimated to begin in approximately two to three years and will take about 18 months to complete. The document and PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.

CAG Limited English Proficiency Plan

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that one of the sections within the Title VI Non-Discrimination Program and Implementation Plan discusses how to deal with those individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Within the section, CAG had stated that it would formalize an LEP Plan for transportation related activities. A draft formalized plan has since been created. Mr. Ashbaugh requested that if a motion to recommend approval of the document was to be made, to also include that the section within the current Title VI Non-Discrimination Program and Implementation Plan be administratively amended to include said plan.

Mr. Pryor made a motion to recommend approval of the CAG LEP Plan and to administratively amend the LEP section of the current Title VI Non-Discrimination Program and Implementation Plan. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the call to the public.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Vice Chair Borquez stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the City of Globe Council Chambers. Mr. Ashbaugh also made a request to the committee if anyone is willing to host the CAG TTAC September 14, 2017 meeting and to contact him after the meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Borquez adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.