

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017 – 10:00 AM

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curtis Ward - <i>Chair</i> (Payson)	Jason Bottjen (ADOT - MPD)	Joe Heatherly (Miami)
Sylvia Kerlock (Winkelman)	Tom Homan (Gila County)	Todd Pryor (Superior)
Kathy Borquez - PHONE (Pinal County)	Tara Chief - PHONE (White Mountain Apache Tribe)	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Engel (ADOT Southeast District)	Dale Miller (Rick Engineering)	Matt Rencher - PHONE (Coolidge)
Rick Powers - PHONE (Jacobs)		

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 10:03 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. Eight (8) 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.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (February 9, 2017)

Chair Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the February 9, 2017 minutes. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he was contacted by a member on one minor correction. Under Agenda Item VI-A on page three, the updates for the City of Globe by Jerry Barnes were represented as Gila County. Gila County was corrected to be Globe. Ms. Kerlock made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Homan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Payson

Chair Ward reported on three (3) items:

1. The Town has received the final reimbursement of the Highways Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for the completed work of the installation on the second set of warning signs. The Town had requested to close out the project and has received a closeout letter from the ADOT Northcentral District.
2. The Design of the Longhorn Road and McLane Road Roundabout (**Project # PAY 19-02D**) that was authorized in FY 2016 using Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds is about 30% completed. Preliminary scoping documents were received and additional Right-of-Way was a topic of discussion. This project is not scheduled for construction until Fiscal Year 2024.
3. The Town has received signatures from all the Right-of-Way needed for construction of the Bonita Street project (**Project # PAY 16-01C**) for Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) dollars. A few design changes occurred after the 100 percent design documents were received. A retaining wall and a waterline drop constituted those changes. A final estimate is currently being developed, along with the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). However the Town is working on getting all the money in place.

Miami

Mr. Heatherly reported that the Town is looking at utilizing Community Development Block Grant dollars to do street replacement projects. He reported that the Town just completed Phase Two of a five phase sewer replacement project. Mr. Heatherly stated that the Town is looking to replace four streets that were affected by Phase II and should be starting construction by mid-summer.

Superior

Mr. Pryor reported on three (3) items:

1. The Town is currently doing a \$100,000 street project and planning on spending \$250,000 every year thereafter for other street projects from the Town's General Fund. He stated that the Town is currently paying back the misuse of Highway User Revenue

Funds (HURF) of the past. He stated the Town offered to pay it back over a 10-year period in which the State accepted. Now, there is current legislation (Arizona House Bill 1379) involving HURF repayment to the State due to misuse of funds. If passed, any misuse of funds would need to be paid back within 10 years. The proposed bill also would affect the Town of Mammoth.

2. The Sign and Pavement Markings Inventory project (**Project # SUP 16-01D**) should be starting soon as a contractor has been awarded.
3. Equipment is being purchased for the Town to do street work in-house. The Town is currently seeking a roller.

Pinal County

Ms. Borquez reported that the “Kick-off” meeting for the Kelvin Bridge Replacement project (**Project # PNL 00-01B**) was held on February 28, 2017. The pre-construction mitigation measures are currently being worked on to minimize environmental impacts in the area. A progress meeting was scheduled for March 14, 2017 to follow up on standing action items.

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Ms. Chief reported on two (2) items:

1. A 12-mile pavement preservation project on SR 73 is tentatively scheduled to start in April of 2017, with pedestrian crossings to be installed simultaneously.
2. Various BIA routes are also undergoing pavement preservation activities throughout the community.

Gila County and the Town of Winkelman did not have anything new to report.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Organization

Mr. Bottjen reported on two (2) items:

1. Reminder of the survey questionnaire that is forthcoming concerning traffic counting in the next few weeks.
2. The Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program is anticipating to do a call for projects in April of 2017, and would include both pre-scoping and full planning studies.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen announced that one of the vacant positions in the LPA section closed and is expected to be filled next month. The position will be responsible for taking over the “Transportation Alternative Program.”

D. District Engineers, ADOT

ADOT Southeast District

Mr. Engle reported on four (4) items:

1. The “**Silver King-Superior Streets**” project is expected to be completed around June of 2017.
2. The “**SR 77 Near Summit**” rock fall mitigation project is being extend a month or two.

3. The “**US 70 at BIA 6**” intersection improvement project will be begin shortly.
4. ADOT’s “Low Volume Study” was also completed recently.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on two (2) items:

1. The contract for the “**CAG Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility and Implementation Study**” held the “Kick-off” meeting on February 9, 2017 and received very valuable information from the Technical Working Group (TWG). Stakeholder Work Sessions will begin in May of 2017 with another TWG meeting in June. Jacobs is currently mining the background data.
2. The “**HURF Exchange**” program was discussed in depth at the last COG/MPO Planners Coordination meeting that was held on March 3, 2017. Highlights of the presentation were provided to the TTAC. The ADOT presentation will be sent to the members after the meeting and is available upon request.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)

Mr. Ashbaugh summarized what was discussed during the previous TTAC meeting for the need of direction on the HPMS contract. Mr. Ashbaugh requested that the TTAC to consider continuing contracting with Works Consulting for FY 2018, with the caveat that the contract would include the development of a six-year traffic count plan and to train CAG Staff to take over the HPMS activities for the FY 2019 cycle. The FY 2019 cycle would then hold a six-year contract on an “as needed” basis for activities outside of the physical traffic counting and separate the physical traffic counting as another contract.

Chair Ward asked for a motion to direct CAG Staff to continue to contract with Works Consulting for FY 2018 to carryout HPMS services activities, while developing a six-year traffic count plan and train CAG Staff to take over the HPMS activities for FY 2019. Mr. Pryor made the motion direct CAG Staff as stated, and Ms. Kerlock seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh then stated that he would then have Joe Breyer prepare a contract with the notion to develop a six-year traffic count plan and help train CAG staff to conduct the other HPMS activities to present to the TTAC for the April meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh stated the Regional Council approved the amendments on March 8, 2017 that were recommend during the previous TTAC meeting. He also stated a few administrative amendments were made to allow for the potential FTA grant funded activities be recorded on the TIP and that additional funds were added to the Main Street project (**Project # GIL 09-01T**) within the “Transportation Enhancement Program” section.

Mr. Ashbaugh then stated that CAG has received credit back in the amount of \$172,905.36 within the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds. He stated the he was approached

by the Town of Payson with regards to requesting the additional funds to be applied to the Town's Bonita Street Phase IV Reconstruction project (**Project # 16-01C**) as the project is short on funding.

Chair Ward stated that the Right-of-Way acquisition increased due to drainage issues. He also stated that after the 100 percent plans were finalized, additional costs in having to lower a waterline and build a retention wall were not factored in the original cost estimates. He is requesting to utilize the remaining STBGP funds to cover the additional costs. Chair Ward also requested that any leftover Design funds to be carried over into the Construction phase.

Chair Ward made a motion to utilize the **\$172,905.36** of available STBGP dollars to be applied towards the Bonita Street Phase IV Reconstruction project (**Project # 16-01C**) and to rollover any leftover from the Right-of-Way and Design dollars into the construction phase. Ms. Kerlock seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh then proceeded to discuss the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) call for projects. He went over the handouts providing the official "Call for Projects" of HSIP applications utilizing CAG's apportionment for FY 2018 with an April 27, 2017 deadline for application submittals to be turn into CAG Staff.

Discussions over the statewide bidding process after the FY 2018 and the current top ten project list from the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan then pursued. The understanding was that even though the Design of a project utilizing the CAG apportionment of FY 2018 from HSIP dollars could be approved, it does not guarantee HSIP dollars from the outlying fiscal years that is subject to the statewide bidding process.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the call to the public.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Ashbaugh stated the next meeting was scheduled during the same time the "Roads and Streets" Conference. He requested that the meeting be moved to April 20, 2017. Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that Marvin Mull from the San Carlos Apache Tribe offered to host the meeting and will provide lunch at the Apache Gold Casino Conference Center located at 5 US 70, San Carlos, AZ 85550.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Homan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pryor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Ward adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.