

## Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017 – 10:00 AM**

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

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curtis Ward - *Chair*  
(Payson)

Dedrick Denton  
(Pinal County)

Charles Russell  
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Joe Heatherly  
(Miami)

Anna Flores - *Phone*  
(Kearny)

Sylvia Kerlock – *Phone*  
(Winkelman)

Steve Sanders  
(Gila County)

Jason Bottjen  
(ADOT - MPD)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Simpson  
(Globe)

Tim Grier  
(Star Valley)

Sandra Shade  
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Anthony Huerta  
(Superior)

Cassie Kenton-Garcia  
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

VACANT  
(Mammoth)

VACANT  
(Hayden)

#### GUESTS PRESENT:

Tom Homan  
(Gila County) – *Alternate*

Mark Henige  
(ADOT LPA)

Rick Powers  
(Jacobs)

*Keith Brown*  
(Eloy)

#### CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh  
(Transportation Planning Manager)

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

#### **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.

#### 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 – (September 14, 2017)

Mr. Denton made the motion to approve the September 14, 2017 minutes as presented. Ms. Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. STANDING REPORTS

##### A. Member Jurisdictions

###### Payson

Chair Ward reported on two (2) items:

1. The comments with regards to the 60 percent Design Plans for the “**Longhorn Road and McLane Road Roundabout**” (Project # PAY 19-02D) has been submitted to ADOT and expects to begin on the 95 percent Design Plans soon. A land exchange is currently ongoing between the Forest Service and the School District as part of a Right-of-Way exchange process.
2. There is one outstanding piece of Right-of-Way for the “**Bonita Street**” project (Project # PAY 16-01C) as the Town is still waiting for the lien release. The project potentially could go out to bid again.

###### Pinal County

Mr. Denton reported that the work continues with the piers for the Kelvin Bridge Replacement project (Project # PNL 00-01B). The overall project is on track to be completed by April 2018 or sooner.

###### Gila County

Mr. Sanders reported on three (3) items:

1. The initial assessment of the “**Golden Hill Road**” project (Project # GIL 18-01D) has been submitted to ADOT and is now working towards 30 percent Design Plans.
2. The kick-off meeting was held for the “**Colcord Road**” bridge project (Project # GIL 17-01D) and is now moving forward.
3. The “**Main Street**” sidewalk project (Project # GIL 09-01T) was initially cancelled by ADOT for convenience due to a utility conflict that was overlooked during the design stages that impacted the construction. The project is currently being assessed for next steps.

###### San Carlos Apache Tribe

Mr. Russell reported on three (3) items:

1. The “**US 70/BIA Route 6**” construction project (Project # SCA 13-01C) is 100 percent completed.
2. The bids for the “**US 70 High School Turn Lane**” project (Project # SCA 16-01C) came in higher than expected. The search for additional funding is currently underway.

3. An ADOT project in the Bylas community is now underway. The project will address safety improvements, construct pedestrian walkways, and replace some street lighting.

**The Town of Miami, the Town of Kearny, and the Town of Winkelman did not have anything to report.**

**B. Multi-Modal Planning Organization**

Mr. Bottjen reported on four (4) items:

1. The ADOT Freight Plan that is required to be updated every five years has been completed. The Freight Plan is available on ADOT's website.
2. The ADOT Bicycle Safety Action Plan Committee is looking for volunteers to participate in the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Plan. The commitment is approximately for eight (8) months in which the TAC will meet approximately five (5) times.
3. All the task assignments for the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) projects have been entered into "SharePoint" and ADOT expects all of them to be sent out in the near future.
4. Registration for the Arizona Rural Transportation Summit is still open.

**C. District Engineers, ADOT**

**Southeast District**

No District Engineers were present to report.

**D. CAG Transportation Planning Update**

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on three (3) items:

1. The CAG **Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility & Implementation Study** has recently completed the outreach activities/surveys and is being process for analyzation. The Technical Working Group for the study will hopefully meet in early December after the Final Draft of the Feasibility Report is completed.
2. CAG has executed a contract with Eddie Caine on October 2, 2017 for Mobility Management Services, covering the CAG and Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization Regions.
3. The 5305(e) Transit Planning Grant Applications will close on October 26, 2017. If there is interest within your agency, then CAG will be the one administering the project on behalf of the applicant.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the Regional Council approved the swapping of CAG FY 2018 HSIP funds for MAG FY 2019 STBGP funds. CAG is currently waiting for MAG to complete the process through their committee structure before the paperwork can be finalized. With Regional Council's approval, Mr. Ashbaugh then referenced the email for this meeting that outlined all of the project

advancements that could have happened pending TTAC's recommendation. The proposed Amendments to the CAG FY 2018 – FY 2028 TIP include:

1. **PAY 19-01D (TRACS # TBD)** – Granit Dells Road – Design
  - Advance from FY 2020 to FY 2019.
2. **GIL 22-01C (TRACS # TBD)** – Golden Hill Road - Construction
  - Advance from FY 2022 to FY 2019.
3. **GIL 24-01D – (TRACS # TBD)** – Houston Mesa Road - Design
  - Advance from FY 2022 to FY 2020.
4. **GIL 24-01C – (TRACS # TBD)** – Houston Mesa Road - Construction
  - Advance from FY 2024 to FY 2022.

Mr. Sanders also stated that the following projects can be deleted from the TIP:

1. **GIL 07-01T – (TRACS # SL648)** – Six Shooter Canyon Pedestrian Sidewalks - Construction
  - Project has been completed.
2. **GL 10-01T – (TRACS # SL722)** – Pedestrian Rides Shelter - Construction
  - Project has been completed.
3. **ADOT 16-01** – Grover Canyon Road & AZER Railroad Crossing
  - Project has been pulled for consideration.

Discussion also occurred with regards to the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) Exchange process for upcoming projects within the CAG FY 2018 – FY 2028 TIP. There was a debate with regards to whether or not ADOT stated that Design & Construction of a HURF Exchange project to be completed within 18 months or 24 months. Further discussion pursued to when the time table actually begins. Mr. Henige stated he would look into it.

After the discussion, Mr. Sanders made the motion to recommend approval of all the project advancements and deletions from the CAG FY 2018 – FY 2028 TIP as discussed. Ms. Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Application**

Mr. Ashbaugh summarized the need for updating the current CAG STBGP Application in order to account for better cost estimates and more description details for the Committee to have the ability to differentiate stronger needs among potential project proposals. He stated there was a request from the previous TTAC meeting to look at other applications from the nearby Councils of Government (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). He also stated that certain individuals from the previous TTAC volunteered to run through a mock-proposal application to understand the length of time it would take to fill out the draft CAG STBGP application. However, those individuals were not in attendance for this meeting to provide their synopsis.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he received a copy of the Sun Corridor MPO's and Western Arizona Council of Government's (WACOG) applications for reference. He stated that the Sun Corridor MPO tailored theirs towards their Performance measures and that he liked the overall structure of the application. However, he iterated that he doesn't believe the costs estimates are broken

down well enough. Mr. Denton concurs with Mr. Ashbaugh as Pinal County is a member of both the Sun Corridor MPO and CAG.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that WACOG's application was recently updated and approved which does provide a better break down of the cost estimates when compared with Sun Corridor MPO's application but believes that it still doesn't provide enough details for historical tracking purposes.

Discussion pursued regarding the draft CAG STBGP application ranking structure and whether or not if any agency would be penalized because they do not have the proper means for certain items to be completed. Mr. Ashbaugh responded that there is the potential for that occurring. The discussion then pursued regarding the questions or items in the application that may not be necessary.

After the discussions, Mr. Homan made the motion to recommend tabling the draft CAG STBGP Application until next scheduled meeting. Mr. Heatherly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. I-15 Resolution**

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the draft Interstate 15 Resolution. The Resolution encourages ADOT to seek alternate funding sources towards the roadway improvements for Interstate 15.

Mr. Sanders made the motion to recommend approval of Resolution No. 2017-02 encouraging ADOT to seek alternate funding sources towards Interstate 15 roadway improvements. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Meeting Time and Location for CY 2018**

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the upcoming TTAC schedule for Calendar Year 2018. He noted that the January 11, 2018 meeting would be at 1:30 PM due to CAG Management Committee schedule for the same day. Outlook invites will be sent as placeholders in the near future.

#### **IX. 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 November 9, 2017. Upon discussion, the Committee decided the meeting can be cancelled due to lack of agenda items for discussion. Therefore the next scheduled TTAC meeting is for January 11, 2018 at 1:30 PM at CAG's offices in Apache Junction.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ward adjourned the meeting at 11:46 AM.