

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 – 10:00 AM

Apache Junction Multi-Generation Center | 1035 North Idaho Road, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dedrick Denton – *Chair*
(Pinal County)

Scott Warren – *Vice Chair*
(Gila County)

Jerry Barnes
(Globe)

Anna Flores
(Kearny)

Curtis Ward
(Payson)

Charles Russell
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Jason Bottjen – *PHONE*
(ADOT – MPD)

Todd Pryor – *PHONE*
(Superior)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Don Jones
(Mammoth)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Tara Harman
(Pinal County)

Rick Powers
(Jacobs)

James Meyer
(ADOT)

Jothan Samuelson
(Works Consulting)

CAG STAFF:

Rob MacDonald – *PHONE*
(Executive Director)

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Denton 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 – (April 12, 2018)

Mr. Barnes made the motion to approve the April 12, 2018 minutes as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Pinal County

Chair Denton reported on two (2) items:

1. The “**Florence-Kelvin Bridge**” bridge replacement project (**Project # PNL 00-01B**) is still on track to be completed by May 25, 2018. The revegetation and watering plan is currently in the process. A ribbon cutting is planned for June 8, 2018.
2. The Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) Transit subcommittee met on May 8, 2018. The PRTA Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on June 6, 2018. The first Citizen Technical Advisory Committee was held on May 3, 2018.

Globe

Mr. Barnes reported on four (4) items:

1. Stage five design plans for the “**Oak Street/Hill Street**” pavement rehabilitation project (**Project # GLB 17-01C**), have been submitted. The City finally received the Temporary Construction Easements from the Post Office and is expecting to go out to bid by the end of May 2018.
2. The “**Broad Street**” rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) is at 30 percent design and will be ready for construction by FY 2019 as currently programmed.
3. The Signing Inventory and software project from FY 2013 is off the ground running once again after a hiatus due to issues to get it out to bid over the years. The project is expected to go out to bid within a month.
4. There is currently \$3 Million worth of Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) projects occurring within the City ranging from Design to Construction phases.

Payson

Mr. Ward reported on two (2) items:

1. The “**Longhorn Road and McLane Road Roundabout**” (**Project # PAY 19-02D**) is currently scheduled for construction in FY 2024. The Town just received the 95 percent plans and in the review process. There are four Right-of-Way acquisitions needed.
2. The “**Bonita Street**” project (**Project # PAY 16-01C**) is well under construction. The west business portion will be paved on May 22, 2018 and is expected to be opened for the holiday weekend.

The Town of Kearny, Gila County, Town of Superior and San Carlos Apache Tribe did not have anything new to report at this time.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen reported on three (3) items:

1. As a reminder the public comment period for the ADOT Tentative 5-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program for FY2019-FY2023 started March 16, 2018 and will end June 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM. The next public hearing is scheduled in conjunction with the Arizona State Transportation Board meetings on May 18, 2018 in Phoenix.
2. The Notice for Funding for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant opportunity was published on April 23, 2018. There is \$1.5 Billion dollars available through September 30, 2020. The maximum amount a project can be awarded is \$25 Million and only up to \$150 for any given State. However, 30 percent of the funds are to be used within rural areas. The grant opportunity replaces the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recover (TIGER) grant program.
3. There will be no funding available in FY 2019 for the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program, which is to include Pre-Scoping activities. The intent is to have the program back in FY 2020.

C. District Engineers, ADOT

No District Engineers were present to provide a report.

D. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on two (2) items:

1. A preliminary award notification for CAG's 5310 Mobility Management Grant Application is expected to be posted on ADOT's website any day.
2. CAG has finally moved into our new office location.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

CAG 2018 Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Implementation Plan Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reminded the Committee that a recommendation to approve the plan was requested during the April 12, 2018 TTAC meeting and that there was a possibility that additional changes from ADOT would be provided soon after. Mr. Ashbaugh did receive additional changes and requested approval of presented changes.

Mr. Warren made the motion to recommend approval to CAG Regional Council the CAG 2018 Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Implementation Plan. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADOT Traffic Counts & Functional Classification Status Update

Mr. Meyers from ADOT presented several improvements that the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) is undergoing within their processes in relation to the local agencies.

Mr. Meyers announced that ADOT is no longer activating the HPMS Portal which previously required agencies to review six attributes on each federal-aid roadway within their regions. He also stated that ADOT is not asking agencies to review the non-traffic roadway attribute information using the HPMS Input System as they will be reviewing this data themselves.

A training program will be available for those who need to be trained on how to upload traffic count data information into the new system.

Mr. Meyers and Mr. Samuelson with Works Consulting also presented an updated proposed Federal Classification system of roadways within Arizona due to the State's rebalancing efforts. There are approximately 3,300 new roadways that are expected to be federally classified upon the already classified roadways through the rebalancing effort. A web based program displaying current and proposed federally classified roadways was also presented. A link will be provided after the meeting for local agencies to begin looking at the proposed changes in order to provide comments at a later time. The expected completion date to finalize the proposed classifications and send to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is November 2018.

Mr. Ward asked if future roads can be classified before they are built. Mr. Meyer responded that yes, a future road can have a classification assigned. Other discussions and clarifications pursued regarding the changes.

B. Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility & Implementation Study

Mr. Powers of Jacobs Engineering presented the background and public survey information that illustrated the need for transit services in Gila County. He followed-up with recommendations of the Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility and Implementation Study that began January 9, 2017. The recommendations were primary separated essentially by three sub-regions (Payson/Star Valley Miami/Globe, and San Carlos Apache Tribe) as well as a Countywide/Regional perspective.

One of the notable recommendations was in that the Payson/Star Valley sub-region is in need of a transit system. The data collected and analysis conducted has indicators that are higher in areas where there is already a transit system being provided, such as the Cobre Valley Transit system in the Miami/Globe sub-region. As a result of the information that was collected during Phase I: Feasibility, the Payson Senior Center decided to apply for 5311 Transit Grant funding through ADOT to begin a transit system in the Payson/Star Valley. This helped facilitated Phase II: Implementation Plan for said sub-region.

Jacobs Engineering has presented the recommendations to the Star Valley Town Council and the Gila County Board of Supervisors as an informational item to date. They are scheduled to present to the Town of Payson later in the evening as well. Mr. Ashbaugh and Jacobs Engineering are planning to expand the presentations to the Town of Miami, City of Globe, and the Tribal Council of San Carlos Apache Tribe.

The Draft Feasibility Report (Phase I) and the Draft Implementation Plan (Phase II) details and recommendations are available upon request. Pending approval of the CAG Regional Council in June 2018, the two documents will be posted within the CAG website.

Mr. Ward made the motion to recommend adoption to CAG Regional Council the recommendations of the Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility Report and Implementation Plan. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. CAG Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Application Presentations & Rankings

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that seven applications were submitted and a composite score was provided that took the average score of all those who scored the applications. He stated that he believes that all projects can be funded, but would need to discuss the years for which they are to be funded as many projects are requesting years where there is not enough funding.

Each agency who submitted an application then presented additional details of their proposal. The end goal for the TTAC was to come to an agreed overall ranking for each project. After all presentations were given the TTAC agreed to accept the current rankings that were provided with the TTAC packet as presented, with the exception of the City of Globe's ranking for Gila County's proposal. The modified ranking that the City of Globe provided for the Gila County proposal moved the proposal to number two from three and lowering Payson's Longhorn and McLane Roundabout Additional Funds proposal to number three from two. The final rankings can be obtained upon request.

D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the current requested years of the proposed STBGP applications from the "Call-for-Projects" puts many of the Fiscal Years in the negative for funding. There was much discussion on possibilities of where each project can be placed where funding was available. However due to time constraints, Mr. Ashbaugh stated that further analysis would need to be done on where each proposal can be programmed. He asked the applicants to provide him with absolutes of where their proposals can and cannot be placed to seek flexibility and work within the available funding. He stated that a special meeting can be scheduled a week later or to have an electronic vote via email, pending further analysis. The Committee concluded to make a recommendation to keep the STBGP applications programmed as proposed and work it out with the TIP within the next week and hold a special meeting or conduct the electronic vote via email. Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that if this was to be the recommendation, to also add to the motion the submitted San Carlos Apache Tribe Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) proposed project as a parking lot item, pending ADOT's approval of said project.

Mr. Barnes made the motion to recommend approval to CAG Regional Council the San Carlos BIA 10/Airport 79 Road-Street Light project as a parking lot item under the competitive HISP application process, as well as all STBGP submitted applications according to their current proposed fiscal years. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh then reiterated that a special meeting or an electronic vote will be forth coming pending further analysis to reprogram the submitted STBGP applications before next CAG Management Committee and CAG Regional Council held in June 2018.

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 July 12, 2018 at the Gila County Public Works Conference Room at 10:00 AM. However a special meeting or an electronic vote on amending the newly recommended STBGP proposals could take place within the next week.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barnes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Denton adjourned the meeting at 12:26 PM.

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