



## Transportation Technical Advisory Committee WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Superior Council Chambers | 199 North Lobb Avenue, Superior, AZ 85173

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Warren - *Chair*  
(Gila County)

Tara Harman  
(Pinal County)

Rick Powers  
(Globe)

Marvin Mull  
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Curtis Ward  
(Payson)

Lana Clark  
(Superior)

Cassie Kenton-Garcia  
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Jason Bottjen  
(ADOT - MPD)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier  
(Star Valley)

Don Jones  
(Mammoth)

Sandra Shade  
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT  
(Hayden)

Anna Flores  
(Kearny)

Sylvia Kerlock  
(Winkelman)

Joe Heatherly  
(Miami)

#### GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Guerena  
(Gila County)

Kurt Harris  
(ADOT SE District)

Jeff Minefee  
(ADOT SE District)

Aubree Perry - PHONE  
(ADOT MPD Transit)

#### CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh  
(Transportation Planning Manager)

Robert Mawson  
(Mobility Manager)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Warren 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.

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#### IV. INTRODUCTIONS & TITLE VI NOTICE

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 12, 2019)

Mr. Ward made the motion to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes as presented. Mr. Bottjen. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the call to the public.

#### VII. STANDING REPORTS

##### A. Member Jurisdictions

##### Gila County

Mr. Guerena had three (3) items to report:

1. The comment resolution meeting for the “**Colcord Rd**” bridge project (**Project # GIL 17-01D**) occurred on October 21, 2019. The project is still currently on schedule to go out to bid in the first quarter of next calendar year.
2. The “**Main St**” sidewalk project (**Project # GIL 09-01T**) will remain active. A meeting next week between ADOT and the County will discuss the next steps to move the project forward.
3. The future for the “**Golden Hill**” sidewalk project (**Project # GIL 22-01C**) is questionable at this time. Further need for discussions are presently being scheduled.

##### Globe

Mr. Powers had three (3) items to report:

1. The “**Oak Street/Hill Street**” pavement rehabilitation project (**Project # GLB 17-01C**), was completed in July 2019. There was an outstanding claim from the contractor that prevented the close-out of the project, but has since been rectified. The JPA is currently being amended as there were additional charges that need to be captured.
2. The “**Broad Street**” rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) is fairly complete. The City is currently working on amending the JPA for the additional funding that was applied to the project to repair an old culvert that collapsed during construction. The City is currently in the design process of that culvert to be repaired and expects the culvert to be repaired before the end of the calendar year.
3. The City is currently packaging the details of the project to send out to bid for the “**Jesse Hayes**” (**Connie’s Bridge**) bridge project, that is funded through the state budget. The City expects to have the bid package sent out by December 2019 for a design consultant.

##### San Carlos Apache Tribe

Mr. Mull reported that the “**US 70 Passing Lane**” ADOT safety improvement project, from San Carlos High School to BIA 170 milepost 270 to 271 is currently out to bid. He also stated that he went out on a tour with Bill Harmon from the ADOT Southeast District office regarding US 70 around the Apache Gold Casino and installing streets lights and pathways.

### Payson

Mr. Ward had two (2) items to report:

1. The Town received the “Notice of Termination” from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for erosion control on the “**E. Bonita St**” project (**Project # PAY 16-01C**).
2. Painted Sky is the hired consultant for design and title work on the “**Granite Dells Rd**” project (**Project # PAY 19-01D**). The project is slightly delayed due to the resignation of a key designer within consulting agency. There is a significant amount of Right-of-Way acquisition that will need to take place as well.

Pinal County, Superior, and White Mountain Apache Tribe did not have anything to report at this time.

### **B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT**

Mr. Bottjen stated that ADOT is currently working through the Planning to Programming (P2P) process. The ADOT District workshops are also currently ongoing. ADOT staff from pavement, bridge, expansion, etc. are attending the District workshops over the next few weeks to seek opportunities to combine projects. He stated there are approximately 30 projects for each region being looked at as part of these discussions. The following dates are the aforementioned webex based workshops:

- Southeast District – October 24, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Southcentral District – October 29, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Southwest District – October 31, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Mr. Bottjen also provided an update on the North-South Corridor Study with regards to public meetings for the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that occurred over the last month. The comment period for the Draft started September 6, 2019 and will end October 29, 2019.

### **C. District Engineers, ADOT**

Mr. Harris reported on five (5) items:

1. The “**US 60 Pinto Creek Bridge**” bridge replacement project may see a reduction of the temporary scheduled road closures due to the increased ability for the dozers and excavators to move mechanically for the cut slopes for the access road. Ames construction believe the rock from the blasting can simply be pushed into the shoulder allowing the closures be minimal. However, the District’s maintenance crew out of Globe and Safford wanted to utilize the original closure schedule to conduct deferred maintenance within that corridor. There are ongoing discussions how to tie that within the public notices. An open meeting for all emergency services that need to know about the closures is being scheduled for the end of the month.
2. The “**US 60 Queen Creek Bridge**” project is currently in the Design phase to include a passing lane from Superior to the existing passing lane west of the tunnel and construction is expected to start in FY 2023. This is the second most structurally deficient bridge within the state following the US 60 Pinto Creek Bridge mentioned above.

3. The **“SR 77 Gila River Bridge”** reconstruction project in Winkelman is progressing along. Sundt Construction was awarded the project. So far no traffic control complaints have been received and the project appears to be running smooth. The project will have automatic traffic control signals alternating traffic from one lane to the other throughout the project. The project is expected to take two years.
4. The Arizona State Transportation Board has recently awarded the contract for the **“SR 177 Mineral Creek Bridge Scour”** retrofit and deck rehabilitation project is expected to go out to bid at the end of the month. The critical plan is to incorporate and coordinate this project’s traffic control plan with the SR 77 Gila River Bridge and the US 60 Pinto Creek Bridge projects.
5. The **“US 60 Superior Gila County Line”** mill and fill project was awarded to FNF Construction. The public outreach meeting notice is expected to be sent out the last week of October. It is anticipated that much of the offline work such as guardrail installation, etc. will be done during the winter months due to the colder temperatures that would prevent FNF to do the roadwork.

**D. CAG Transportation Planning Update**

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on three (3) items:

1. Introduced Robert Mawson as the new CAG/Sun Corridor MPO Mobility Manager. Looking to possibly combine at least one meeting a year of the TTAC and the Gila-Pinal Rides Transportation Coordination Committee to broaden the discussions.
2. The first Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting for the Pinal County Transit Governance Study, contracted through Nelson\Nygaard, is scheduled for next week, October 30, 2019. He stated that the study is worth following as CAG is in the process applying for funds to conduct a Gila County Transit Governance Study.
3. CAG is applying for 5304 Transit Planning funds to conduct a Gila County Transit Governance Study. The application is due November 14, 2019. Awards are expected to be announced in December 2019. If current schedule holds, CAG anticipates that the notice for the Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be sent out by late January 2020 with the anticipation to start the study by late spring of 2020.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Ashbaugh recapped the previous meeting regarding the three awarded of the four projects that were submitted for the TIP:

1. The **“Hill St”** mill and fill with sidewalk replacement project submitted by the City of Globe
2. The **“BIA 170”** new sidewalk project submitted by the San Carlos Apache Tribe
3. The **“W Forest Dr”** Multi-use path project submitted by the Town of Payson

The combined project costs were approximately \$1.4 million. Mr. Ashbaugh then presented the changes and reprogramming of projects that was directed by the TTAC the previous meeting. He also made the caveat that should the HURF Exchange program fails to exist in the latter five years of CAG’s 10-year TIP, then adjustments will need to be made then. The TTAC

made the motions for the following TIP amendments:

1. Mr. Ward made the motion to move construction for the **“Longhorn & McLane”** Roundabout project, **(Project # PAY 24-01C)** from FY 2025 to FY 2024. Ms. Harman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Ward made the motion to move design for the **“Goodnow Rd”** project **(Project # PAY 26-01D)** from FY 2026 to FY 2025. Chair Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Ward made the motion to move construction for the **“Goodnow Rd”** project **(Project # PAY 28-01C)** from FY 2028 to FY 2026. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Chair Warren made the motion to move construction for the **“Houston Mesa Rd”** new shared use path project **(Project # GIL 27-01C)** from FY 2027 to FY 2025. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Ward made the motion to remove the **“Regional Traffic Count”** projects **(Project #s CAG 24-01P, CAG 25-01P, CAG 26-01P, & CAG 27-01)** from FYs 2024-2027 respectively. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Powers made the motion to add the design for the **“Hill St”** mill and fill/sidewalk replacement project **(Project # GLB 27-01D)** for the total amount of **\$85,000 (\$80,155 in STBGP dollars + \$4,845 in Local Match dollars)** in FY 2027. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Powers made the motion to add the construction for the **“Hill St”** mill and fill/sidewalk replacement project **(Project # GLB 29-01C)** for the total amount of **\$397,738 (\$375,066.93 in STBGP dollars + \$22,671.07 in Local Match dollars)** in FY 2029. Mr. Mull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Ward made the motion to add the design for the **“BIA 170”** sidewalk project **(Project # SCA 28-01D)** for the total amount of **\$130,000 (\$122,590 in STBGP dollars + \$7,410 in Local Match dollars)** in FY 2028. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Ward made the motion to add the construction for the **“BIA 170”** sidewalk project **(Project # SCA 30-01C)** for the total amount of **\$264,480 (\$249,404.64 in STBGP dollars + \$15,075.36 in Local Match dollars)** in FY 2030. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Ward made the motion to add the design for the **“W Forest Dr”** multi-use path HURF Exchange project **(Project # PAY 28-01D)** for the total amount of **\$105,555.56** in STBGP dollars **(\$95,000 for design + \$10,555.56 cost to exchange STBGP dollars for HURF)** for FY 2028. Mr. Mull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Ward made the motion to add the construction for the **“W Forest Dr”** multi-use path HURF Exchange project **(Project # PAY 29-01C)** for the total amount of **\$462,800** in STBGP dollars **(\$416,520 for construction + \$46,280 cost to exchange STBGP dollars for HURF)** for FY 2029. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After the motions were conducted, Mr. Ward asked if the funding allocation will be adjusted to

inflation for the future years, resulting in additional allocated funds. Mr. Ashbaugh responded by stating that inflation would not change anything, however the upcoming Census in 2020 could. He explained that once the official numbers come out, ADOT will need to compute the population based formulas with the new official Census figures. He stated that the CAG Transportation Planning Boundary does not have communities that are growing like those in the Phoenix metro area and could actually result in a lower allocation of funds. However, it is speculative at the moment and will still have at least a few years before we know how the updated population numbers could affect the allocations.

**B. 5310 Mobility Management Grant FFY 20 & 21**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he expects that the 5310 2-year grant cycle will be opening up somewhere around December 2019/January 2020. The grant application requires a letter from the Regional Council giving permission to apply. CAG applies for this grant to fund the Mobility Manager position. In order to have the letter readily available for the application, CAG would need to take the letter request through the CAG committee structure for the December 4, 2019 Regional Council meeting.

Chair Warren made the motion for CAG to apply for the 5310 Mobility Management 2-year grant cycle for FY 2020 and FY 2021. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Roundtable**

Chair Warren reminded the committee that this item is more geared towards anything that an agency would like to share with the committee that is not a TIP project.

**Superior**

Ms. Clark had five (5) items to report:

1. An architect was selected from the recent Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding the Town's proposed Multi-Generation Center.
2. Work under the CAG Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Besich Park is currently underway in order to hold larger events.
3. The "US 60 Park" is currently being renovated, which includes a dog park, funded through Resolution Copper.
4. The Superior "entrance" sign will be replaced. The sign has not been replaced since the US 60 construction was completed.
5. Town is working on annexation project to accommodate approximately 400 housing units and possibly an area for a 70-100 room hotel.

**San Carlos Apache Tribe**

Mr. Mull reported that the Tribe is in the process of transferring over ownership all BIA Routes within their jurisdiction. Finalization of the transfer is expected by December 2019.

### **White Mountain Apache Tribe**

Ms. Kenton-Garcia also stated that WMAT is in the process of overseeing 200 plus miles of BIA roadways. A resolution was passed to transfer the responsibilities over. However, there has been process interpretation issues among the regional or Central BIA office and the Federal BIA office on how to carry this out. She stated that WMAT DOT has already maintained and/or cleared approximately 100 miles of roadway. Pictures of the improvements are on the agency's website.

### **CAG**

Mr. Ashbaugh provided a general summary of the AZ Rural Transportation Summit. He stated attendance and sponsorship records were set and heard many great things about the sessions.

Mr. Harris stated he attended and that it was enlightening to see the rural Legislators pushed to try and increase the HURF funding when the need has been illustrated for several years. He mentioned that Arizona State Senator Noel Campbell will be trying to pass an \$0.18 gas tax increase over the next three years (\$0.06 each year) to then index it with inflation to help cover some portion of the game in transportation funding. He also mentioned the \$32 registration fee issues and that a \$500 million surplus that is expected in the upcoming state budget to where there is a real push to use that money towards transportation projects.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that approximately \$100 million of that \$500 million is the estimate that the Legislators are most likely going to push for towards shovel ready transportation projects. He stated that the legislators would really like to see these projects come to them and encourage local agencies to also have a stake in the game with local funding too. Mr. Ashbaugh encouraged all at the meeting to consider large scale projects that are shovel or near shovel ready to possibly be funded through the state budget process, just as the Jesse Hayes Bridge project was funded the previous state budget. Projects to consider are those with a high price tag that the current CAG TIP would never be able to fund due to the small allocation the region receives.

As far as the \$32 registration fee per vehicle, Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the law will be rescinded in 2021. However, Arizona State Senator Noel Campbell will be proposing a bill to take out the word "notwithstanding" from the current legislation that has allowed HURF sweeps, to fund the Department of Public Safety (DPS), in order to prevent potential HURF sweeps in 2021 and on. By taking out the word "notwithstanding," legislation would hold the sweeps to only \$10 million instead of the \$100 to \$200 million the legislators had done in the past.

### **IX. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM to be held at the CAG Office. However, due to lack of items, the meeting may be canceled. He asked all attendees if there are any specific items they would like to discuss to let him know within the next few weeks in order to prepare.

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 11:17 AM.