



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 – 10:00 AM

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Warren - *Chair*
(Gila County)

Jerry Barnes
(Globe)

Curtis Ward
(Payson)

Tara Harman
(Pinal County)

Marvin Mull
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Jason Bottjen
(ADOT - MPD)

Sylvia Kerlock PHONE
(Winkelman)

Marco Burnette - PHONE
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Don Jones
(Mammoth)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

Anna Flores
(Kearny)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Guerena
(Gila County)

Rick Powers
(Globe)

Kurt Harris
(ADOT SE District)

Jeff Minefee
(ADOT SE District)

Dale Miller
(Rick Engineering)

Oscar Oliden
(Oliden Engineering)

Aubree Perry - PHONE
(ADOT MPD Transit)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Warren led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GILA COUNTY: GLOBE, HAYDEN, MIAMI, PAYSON, STAR VALLEY, WINKELMAN
PINAL COUNTY: APACHE JUNCTION, CASA GRANDE, COOLIDGE, ELOY, FLORENCE, KEARNY, MAMMOTH, MARANA, MARICOPA, QUEEN CREEK, SUPERIOR
TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS: AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY, GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY, SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE, WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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III. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Eight (8) voting members were present in person or by phone, constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC Bylaws.

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 – (August 15, 2019)

Mr. Bottjen made the motion to approve the August 15, 2019 minutes as presented. Ms. Harman 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 reported the County recently received Stage IV plans for the “Colcord Rd” bridge project (**Project # GIL 17-01D**). The project is currently on schedule to go out to bid in the first quarter of next calendar year.

Globe

Mr. Barnes had two (2) 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. Project close-out process is now underway.
2. The “Broad Street” rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) is fairly complete. However, during paving, damage was done to an old culvert which now is in need of major repair that isn’t covered under contract. The City is currently in the design process of that culvert to be repaired.

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.

Pinal County

Ms. Harman Stated there were no new updates regarding the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA). She stated that oral arguments will be heard on September 18, 2019 with anticipation of a decision in December 2019/January 2020.

Winkelman, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Payson did not have anything to report at this time.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen provided an update on the North-South Corridor Study with regards to upcoming public meetings for the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The comment period for the Draft started September 6, 2019 and will end October 29, 2019. He stated the public meetings will be held on October 1, 2019 in Florence, October 10, 2019 in Eloy, and October 15, 2019 in San Tan Valley. A request was made to ADOT for a public meeting to be held in Apache Junction. ADOT is currently seeking options for the additional meeting request.

C. District Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Harris reported on five (5) items:

1. An Open House was held on September 5, 2019 for the **“US 60 Pinto Creek Bridge”** bridge replacement project. He announced that road closures on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM will begin in the near future for blasting and will remain in effect for a few months. The entire project is expected to take two years for completion.
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.
3. The **“SR 77 Gila River Bridge”** reconstruction project in Winkelman is expected to break ground next week. 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 **“SR 177 Mineral Creek Bridge Scour”** retrofit and deck rehabilitation project is expected to go out to bid in October 2019.
5. The **“US 60 Superior Gila County Line”** mill and fill project is expected to be awarded to FNF Construction by the AZ State Transportation Board next week. Once approved, a start date will then be determined.

D. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on four (4) items:

1. CAG held interviews for the CAG/SCMPO Mobility Manager on September 3, 2019. He stated pending the outcome of the negotiations with the number one candidate, CAG may go back out for advertisement. If negotiations are successful, the start date for the position would be in October 2019.
2. A contract with Nelson\Nygaard for the Pinal County Transit Governance Study was executed on September 1, 2019. A Kick-off meeting was held on September 10, 2019 with the program managers to revise the Scope of Work and identify participants for the Technical Working Group.
3. CAG anticipates applying for 5304 Transit Planning funds to conduct a Gila County Transit Governance Study in the near future.
4. CAG may explore the idea of holding a joint TTAC meeting or similar in nature, with all TTAC representatives of CAG member agencies. The CAG agencies would include those also within the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) regions. The idea is not necessary to hold a

meeting to where action items would need to take place, but to facilitate and discuss common goals and interests that can be shared among the region. Since the split of Pinal County into three planning agencies, it's believed that the knowledge is being lost from the results of all the collaboration and discussions that took place before the split among the region. Staff would like to initiate a meeting with all the CAG member agencies, to come together at least once a year to share ideas and knowledge.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. STBGP Application Rankings & Presentations

Before presentations began, Mr. Ashbaugh handed out the overall rankings of each of the four projects that were submitted from the latest "Call-for-Projects" regarding the available Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program dollars within the CAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He shared three sets of rankings; 1) Raw scores, 2) Scores with the overall High/Lows taken out, and 3) High/Lows of individual categories taken out.

The four projects that were submitted and ranked from highest to lowest based on raw scores are as follows:

1. Globe – Hill Street
2. San Carlos Apache Tribe – BIA 170 Multi-Use Path
3. Superior – Panther Drive
4. Payson – W Forest Multi-Use Path

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that only three projects are likely to be funded and the fourth would be have to be resubmit during the next "Call-for-Projects" unless additional funds are discovered within the current 10-year TIP. He stated that the Globe and San Carlos Apache Tribe scores were clear to hold the top two ranked scores. However, the Superior and Payson projects were very close in scores.

Mr. Ashbaugh further explained the reasoning of having the presentations as a mandatory requirement in order to be considered for funding. He stated it was to provide the TTAC opportunities to ask questions and adjust their scores if they deemed necessary. The presentations also allowed the presenters an opportunity to clarify information that may not have been easily captured within the application and/or defend their proposal.

Mr. Barnes, Mr. Mull, and Mr. Ward then proceeded to present their proposals for Globe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, and Payson respectively. The Town of Superior was not in attendance for the meeting and was not able to present their proposal. No adjustments were made to the ranking scores after the presentations.

B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh restated the rankings of the four proposals from the latest "Call-for-Projects." He then laid out the available dollar amounts within each Fiscal Year of the 10-year TIP. He also stated before he can begin the work of understanding where the approved proposals could be programmed within the TIP, the TTAC would need to decide which proposals would make the cut. He stated only three of the four projects could be funded at this time and that the fourth

would have to resubmit during the next “Call-for-Projects” in the future.

Discussion pursued regarding the mandatory presentation of proposals as a consideration for which projects would be programmed. All agreed that the three agencies that were in attendance and presented their proposals would be the three to be programmed.

Mr. Barnes made the motion to move forward to program the proposals from the City of Globe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, and the Town of Payson within the CAG FY 2020 – FY 2030 TIP. Mr. Mull seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 with Mr. Bottjen abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Ashbaugh made a request to remove the FY 2028 Regional Traffic Count project and to reprogram the \$50,000 to the FY 2029 Regional Traffic Count project for a total of \$100,000 in order to be ready for a six-year regional traffic count contract that is expected to begin in FY 2029.

Mr. Ward made the motion to remove the FY 2028 Regional Traffic Count project and to reprogram the \$50,000 to the FY 2029 Regional Traffic count project for a total of \$100,000. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh then discussed the many option of moving current projects in the TIP to the front end first before programming the new projects recently recommended from the “Call-for-Projects.”

Mr. Barnes made the motion to first reprogram current projects closer to the earlier fiscal years of the TIP, and then reprogram the new projects recently recommended from the “Call-for-Projects” on that later years. Chair Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 with Mr. Bottjen abstaining from the vote.

C. FY 2020 Traffic Counts

Mr. Ashbaugh explained that only 17 traffic count locations are being counted for FY 2020. The 17 counts are the “growth counts” as was approved by the TTAC a year ago. He explained that the CAG Region does not having any federal functional classified roads as Principal Arterials that are required to be counted every three years, and therefore, the Regional Traffic Counts can be conducted once every six years. The “growth counts” would then cover the other five years to provide a formulated growth for all count locations.

D. FY 2020 TTAC Schedule

Mr. Ashbaugh was updating the FY 2020 TTAC Schedule with identified locations and stated he would be sending out the entire year’s invites to everyone soon, once all locations identified are confirmed.

E. 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.

Globe

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

1. Current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) “mill and fill” project has a pre-construction meeting scheduled for September 19, 2019.
2. The City has over \$3 million worth of water infrastructure projects ongoing. The projects are working around the \$15 million worth of gas line relocation projects that are ongoing at the same time.

San Carlos Apache Tribe

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

1. Work on a 3.2 mile portion of BIA Route 6 will be completely overhauled. Work on the roadway has begun with an overall cost of approximately \$8 million.
2. A new access road will be constructed that leads to the local hospital.
3. Alt Construction is working with the Tribe to access a location where Apache Sand and Gravel used to conduct business. Alt Construction is looking to obtain the proper certification to become a supplier of roadway construction materials for the region. This would bring in another option for the region and potentially allow for lower bids for road construction projects.

Gila County

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

1. Working on the “Rim Trail” small bridge replacement project northeast of Payson. The County is hoping to start construction early next summer.
2. Planning on doing chip sealing in house, starting for this fiscal year’s pavement preservation activities. The activities would be also looking into a Job Order Contract (JOC) with other agencies to complete these activities.

IX. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM and will be held at Superior Town Hall. However, due temporary road closures of the US 60 on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM associated with the Pinto Creek Bridge replacement project for the next several months, he suggested we will need to move the meeting date.

The October 2019 meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019 tentatively at Superior Town Hall located at 199 N. Lobb Avenue, Superior, AZ 85173. Due to the rescheduled October 2019 meeting, the November 14, 2019 TTAC meeting has been canceled as well.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 11:47 PM.