



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020 – 10:00 AM

CAG Conference Room | 2540 West Apache Trail, Suite 108, Apache Junction, AZ 82120

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Warren - *Chair*
(Gila County)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Jason Bottjen
(ADOT - MPD)

Tara Harman - PHONE
(Pinal County)

Rick Power - PHONE
(Globe)

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)

Cassie Kenton-Garcia
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

David Mansfield
(Payson)

Charles Russell
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kurt Harris
(ADOT SE District)

Mark Guerena
(Gila County)

Tim Wolfe
(Dibble Engineering)

Mark Henige
(ADOT LPA)

David Do
(ADOT LPA)

Aubree Perry
(ADOT MPD Transit)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

Andrea Robles - PHONE
(Executive Director)

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. Five (5) voting members were present, constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC Bylaws.

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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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 – (January 8, 2020)

Mr. Bottjen made the motion to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes as presented. Chair Warren 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

Superior

Currently there are no Superior projects within the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), However, Ms. Clark reported on three (3) projects within the town.

1. The **“US 60 Park,”** funded through Resolution Copper, is approximately 95 percent complete.
2. The **“Pool & Skate Park,”** funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, is approximately 65 percent complete.
3. The **“Besich Park,”** funded through the CBDG program, is also approximately 65 percent complete.
4. The **“Flood Mitigation”** project around the low drainage areas around Stone Avenue/Kiser Street, as well as constructing new concrete culverts along Church Avenue being done by Pinal County.

Gila County

Mr. Guereña reported on the **“Colcord Rd”** bridge project (**Project # GIL 17-01D**). He stated that the project was opened for bid on January 31, 2020. The low bid came under the engineer’s estimate. The County hopes that this bid is awarded at the Arizona State Transportation Board meeting as the next lowest bid was over approximately \$400,000 of the engineer’s estimate.

Pinal County

Currently there are no Pinal County projects within the TIP. However, Ms. Harman reported on the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority’s (PRTA) current lawsuit. She stated that that Pinal County has won the last decision, however the Gold Water Institute has one day left to file an appeal with the State Supreme Court currently has one day left to file.

Globe

Mr. Powers reported that the **“Broad Street”** rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) was completed last July 2019. However, the City is still working on getting the design started to repair an old culvert that collapsed during construction. The decision by the City and ADOT was to have Mr. Powers design the culvert, get them approved by the City and seek the estimate with the current contractor under the opened ADOT contract for this project. The design is expected to be done by the end of the month.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen provided an update regarding the Planning to Programming (P2) process for the tentative FY 2021 – FY 2025 five-year construction program. He stated the tentative five-year plan will be presented to the AZ State Transportation Board meetings throughout the months of March-May 2020, in which comments can be submitted on the plan. The next Public Hearings are scheduled on:

- March 20, 2020 in Marana
- April 17, 2020 in Flagstaff
- May 15, 2020 in Phoenix

Mr. Bottjen also reminded everyone that the Off-System Bridge applications are due on February 21, 2020 and that the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant is due February 25, 2020. He also stated that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant for 2020 should be coming out the third week of February 2020.

Mr. Bottjen provided a summary of the San Carlos Apache Tribe's Long Range Transportation Plan update. He stated that the recommended roadway improvements were presented to the Tribal Transportation leadership on February 5, 2020, followed by two public meetings with comments due February 26, 2020. The final deliverables are expected to be presented to the Tribal Council in March 2020.

Chair Warren asked Mr. Bottjen if there is any update regarding the design for the Lions Spring SR-260 widening project within the five-year construction program. Mr. Bottjen stated that project is still being discussed internally as there have been many comments, however there has been \$5 million dedicated towards the design on this particular project.

Mr. Henige reminded everyone that the Arizona Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) applications for 2020 are due April 14, 2020. There will be a webinar on March 3, 2020 at 9:00 AM MST. Mr. Ashbaugh stated he would send out the information following the meeting. Mr. Powers ask if Tribes were eligible for these funds. Mr. Harris stated that the Tribes are not eligible for these funds as it's through Central Federal Lands out of Denver and would have to go through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

Mr. Henige, with the ADOT Local Planning Agency (LPA) section, requested feedback from the two Arizona Crash Information System (ACIS) webinar trainings that were recently held. Mr. Ashbaugh stated he attended the last training session but the sound cut off mid-way and therefore many dropped off the webinar. Mr. Henige did state that the presenter will do a "road show" upon request and perhaps invite her to a future TTAC meeting.

Mr. Henige also announced the next "Every Day Counts" Stakeholder meeting for March 12, 2020. The meeting will take place at the MAG offices. He then showed a video that is typical information shared at these meetings. He also stated that this group of people want to understand how to encourage TTAC attendance within the COG's and MPO. The last announcement that Mr. Henige made was with regards to the 2020 AZ ITE/IMSA Spring Conference that will be held on February 27-28, 2020 in Scottsdale. He stated there will be a

Session for COG/MPOs discussing Local Road Safety Plans.

C. District Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Harris stated all projects reported last meeting are about the same with the exception of the following four (4) items:

1. The ADOT Southeast District is applying for AZ FLAP funds for SR-288
2. The **“US 60 Superior Gila County Line”** mill and fill and guardrail replacement project is moving along according to schedule. The contractors had to get a larger rock machine for the terminal ends due to the high amount of rock. Paving is scheduled for April 2020.
3. The **“US 60 Pinto Creek Bridge”** bridge replacement project is now having issues with the contractor with regards to adding more soil to the fill slop. The soil portion of the retaining wall on the west side of the alignment is in question and now additional environmental reviews will need to take place, causing delays from the original schedule. However, the blasting has been completed and the general public shouldn't expect traffic closures or delays for a while.
4. The contractors for the **“SR 77 Gila River Bridge”** reconstruction project in Winkelman are running into delays with their pier shaft drillings. The District is working with the contractors to get them back on schedule. The current bridge size has also been of concern as half of the bridge has been dismantled causing capacity issues and movement of materials and equipment.

D. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on four (4) items:

1. CAG is planning to submit a two-year grant application for 5310 Transit Mobility Management funds by next week. The position covers the CAG transportation planning boundary and the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Organization's (MPO) boundary. CAG will be requesting \$110,000 per year to administer the program and to cover the loss of 5310 Transit Administration through the annual CAG/ADOT Work Program that will be swept from all Council of Governments (COGs) in FY 2021.
2. The second Pinal County Transit Governance Study Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting was held on January 30, 2020. The result of the meeting was that there were some outstanding questions regarding the Peer Reviews that were conducted on existing structures and that a deeper analysis is needed within the Governance models that were presented. All agreed that it was too earlier to take any information to the elected officials for input. The TWG meet again on February 25, 2020 to review more detailed information.
3. CAG was awarded 5305(e) Transit Planning funds to conduct a Gila County Transit Governance Study. The goal is to have an RFP out by March and to have a consultant on board late spring or early summer of 2020.
4. As a reminder CAG, in partnership with the Sun Corridor MPO will be hosting the 2020 Arizona Rural Transportation Summit at the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on October 14-16, 2020. Registration is expected to open in March 2020.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pinal County's Awarded BUILD Grant Presentation

Mr. Wolfe with Dibble Engineering presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the successful BUILD Grant application for Pinal County. A PDF copy of the presentation is available upon request. He stated that Dibble Engineering is currently an on-call consultant for Pinal County and that the application was a result of many years of refining the proposal after other unsuccessful efforts. He first laid out the history of when the proposal first was submitted to now. Mr. Wolfe proceeded to discuss each section of the application including upfront costs and the partnership needed to be successful. He stated the inclusion Nikola Motor Company made the proposal more real than the previous application submittals, propelling the application to its award winning status.

Mr. Wolfe concluded with the lessons learned throughout the multiple applications throughout the years. He stated the following:

1. If at first you don't succeed, to keep trying
2. It takes money to make money
3. Maybe you need professional help
4. Tell a good story
5. It is all about the benefits
6. Letters of Support are important

B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that Gila County has requested amendments to be processed for three of their current projects within the TIP. In summary, Gila County has requested the following TIP Amendments:

1. **Golden Hill Rd – (Project # GIL 22-01C) – CONSTRUCTION – (\$225,000)**
 - a. Move to from FY 2020 to FY 2021
 - b. Move funding of **\$225,000** to FY 2021
 - c. Add Additional **\$740,244** of STBGP dollars – (*See Houston Mesa Rd project phases*)
 - d. Add Additional **\$44,744.34** required Local Match dollars
 - e. Total STBGP dollars = **\$965,244**
 - f. Total required Local Match dollars = **\$58,344.55**
 - g. Total Local Match dollars being committed = **\$84,744.34**
 - h. Total project dollars = **\$1,049,988.34**
2. **Main St – (Project # GIL 09-01T) – CONSTRUCTION – (\$570,515)**
 - a. Add Additional **\$137,788** of STBGP dollars in FY 2021 – (*See Houston Mesa Rd project Phase II*)
 - b. Add Additional **\$8,328.65** required Local Match dollars
 - c. Total STBGP dollars = **\$708,303**
 - d. Total required Local Match dollars = **\$42,813.65**
 - e. Total project dollars = **\$751,116.65**
3. **Houston Mesa Rd – (Project # GIL 22-01D) – DESIGN – (\$100,000)**
 - a. Remove from FY 2020
 - b. Apply funding of **\$100,000** to **Golden Hill Rd (Project # GIL 22-01C)** in FY 2021

4. **Houston Mesa Rd Phase I – (Project # 24-01C) – CONSTRUCTION – (\$300,000)**
 - a. Remove from FY 2022
 - b. Apply funding of **\$300,000** to **Golden Hill Rd (Project # GIL 22-01C)** in FY 2021

5. **Houston Mesa Rd Phase II – (Project # GIL 27-01C) – CONSTRUCTION – (\$478,043)**
 - a. Remove from FY 2025
 - b. Apply partial funding of **\$340,244** to **Golden Hill Rd (Project # GIL 22-01C)** in FY 2021
 - c. Apply partial funding of **\$137,788** to **Main St (Project # GIL 09-01T)** in FY 2021

Chair Warren made the motion to recommend approval to the Management Committee and Regional Council the TIP Amendments as presented. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the TIP Amendments are expected to be decided on at the March 25, 2020 Regional Council.

Chair Warren inquired about the need to add the Tonto Creek Bridge project that is currently being discussed within the state budget process as a bill. He was wondering if it needed to be in the CAG TIP.

Mr. Henige stated that there are still ongoing discussions if it should be placed on the CAG TIP or the State TIP and there isn't a clear answer at the moment. Mr. Ashbaugh stated he has no issues placing the project on the TIP as it would be administratively since the funding source is not competitive in the sense as the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, however he needs the details of the project. The conclusion was to wait until the state budget has passed to see if the project is included, then the decision can be discussed further.

C. Off-System Bridge Applications

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the City of Globe is the only local agency that has submitted an application and therefore the ranking is automatically number one overall for the CAG region. Mr. Powers provided an overview of the Cottonwood Bridge (bridge # 09711) over Pinal Creek. The bridge currently has a structural rating of 19.6 and is structurally deficient and tower vulnerable, resulting in a need for full replacement.

Mr. Powers made the motion to recommend approval to the Management Committee and Regional Council the Off-System Bridge Application ratings as presented. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Warren stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM to be held at the Gila County Public Works Conference Room in Globe, AZ.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM