



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

August 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 11, 2022
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt - *Chair*
(Payson)

Rick Powers
(Globe)

Nina Arredondo
(Pinal County)

Sharon Jakubowski Wolz
(Kearny)

Alexis Rivera
(Miami)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

LaReesa Sanchez
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Will Randolph
(ADOT - MPD)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

John Schempf
(Mammoth)

Barney Bigman
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Thomas Goodman
(Gila County)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jeff Minefee
(ADOT SE District)

Mark Henige
(ADOT LPA)

CAG Staff:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Director)

I. Call to Order

Chair Halberstadt called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Halberstadt 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 & Title VI Notice

Introductions were made individually on the Webinar. Mr. Ashbaugh, at this time, read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations.

V. **Approval Of Minutes – (July 21, 2021)**

Mr. Powers made the motion to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes as presented. Ms. Jakubowski Wolz 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**

Payson

Chair Halberstadt reported on one (1) item:

1. The design plans for the “**Granite Dells Road**” project (**Project # PAY 19-01D**) is near completion. Bid documents are now being developed. The Town is also bringing in an outside consultant to assist in the acquisition of Right-of-Way and easements.

Mr. Henige stated that ADOT would need an updated schedule for this project since it is a HURF Exchange project and need to keep the communication open with ADOT finance. Chair Halberstadt stated he would contact Jennifer Hobert next week to bring the status up to date.

Mr. Ashbaugh inquired about the status of the “**Intersection: W. Longhorn & S. McLane Rd – (Roundabout) – ROW Acquisition**” project. Chair Halberstadt stated that he would need to contact the Project Manager at ADOT, who is administering this project, to begin understanding what the next steps would be. Mr. Ashbaugh stated he will be contacting ADOT as well to discuss the potential funding of the RTAC Priority List and how it impacts project process.

No other agencies present had updates.

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

Mr. Randolph reported on six (6) items:

1. **FY24-28 Planning to Programming Cycle:** ADOT project ranking information was sent to the districts, and meeting invites have been sent out for the virtual district workshops. Virtual workshops will begin the last week of August 2022.
2. **HSIP Call-for-Projects for FY25-26 Program:** Final applications are due to ADOT TSS on August 31, 2022.
3. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A):** The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is now available and final applications are due September 15, 2022. Additional information and resources about the SS4A Grant Program can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>.
4. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Notice to Proceed was awarded to WSP on May 20, 2022. The consultant is currently working on deliverables, with continued internal meetings in the department regarding the plan. The kick-off meeting for the public (including COGs/MPOs) will occur later in the year.
5. **Statewide Rest Area Study:** Data collection efforts are almost complete, and work will continue with the plan deliverables. Tribal outreach has also been conducted, and meetings will occur with tribal leaders.

The schedule of the project has been impacted and deliverables and stakeholder outreach will occur in September 2022.

6. **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan:** The EV plan was submitted to the US Joint Energy office and Transportation on August 1, 2022. ADOT will be moving forward with performing updates to the plan to be finalized in November, and will continue to meet with stakeholders, vendors, and have further public involvement meetings. For more information visit ADOT's EV plan website.

<https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/arizona-electric-vehicle-program>

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mr. Henige reported on one (1) item:

1. A Memorandum was sent out last month from the ADOT LPA on behalf of ADOT's Traffic Safety section. The Memorandum was with regards to the 705 specifications that deal with thermal plastic and tape for pavement markings. ADOT is seeking input from local agencies that may have used these items within their projects.
2. ADOT received 54 applications on the HSIP FY25-26 Call-for-Projects, in which no agency within the CAG transportation boundary had applied. Forty-four applications were from local agencies, with the remaining coming from within ADOT. Out of the 44 local agency applications, only two had detailed "civil items" identified. ADOT would like to see more detailed "civil items" identified as this typically gets left out of cost estimates causing the Cost/Benefits ratio to change. It was also stated that traffic control and mobilization appear to always be left out of all applications as well.
3. The "Off-System Bridge" (OSB) Program guidelines are being updated. There will be a second program that is coming forth, as part of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), known as the "Bridge Formula Program." ADOT is planning on grouping that program with the OSB Program for future calls. The next Call-for-Projects is expected to come out in Fall 2022. Many tentative details about the "Bridge Formula Program" were discussed, however ADOT is still working out the details and will be providing a presentation in the future, once solidified.

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Minefee reported on two (2) items:

1. The "Copper Springs to Miami" project (Project # F0418) to mile post 240 to 244+/- is currently underway. It is an emergency relief project for fence replacement due to the Mescal/Telegraph fires.
2. The "SR-77 & SR-177" project (Project # F0440) is also currently underway. The project is also an emergency relief project for fence replacement due to the Mescal/Telegraph fires.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on three (3) items:

1. The Request for Proposals for CAG's FY23-27 Traffic Count Program will be posted shortly. FY23 will be the biggest count year as all locations will be counted per the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) program criterion.
2. The Arizona Rural Transportation Summit at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is about a month away. If you plan on attending, early bird registration has been extended.

3. CAG staff is managing the Gila County IPTA Exploratory Committee that was recommended from the Gila County Transit Governance Study. AECOM's contract has been extended to lead those discussions. An IPTA, if formed, would set the long-term goals of how Gila County provides transit services. The Exploratory Committee is tasked with defining the guiding principles and setting the rules in which an IPTA would be governed by, should it be formed. An MOU among the stakeholders has been drafted to capture the guiding principles for the goal of forming the IPTA.

While the IPTA Exploratory Committee is occurring, the Town of Payson is working with the Payson Senior Center in the transitioning of operations and administration of the grant for the Beeline Bus program, until an IPTA is formed, in which the program would then be transitioned to the IPTA.

VIII. Old Business

A. RTAC Legislative Project List

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the updated information of the RTAC Priority List for all three tiers of funding amounts (\$100, \$200, & \$300 million) in which the Committee directed to apply a minimum 60 percent of additional funding towards all construction projects and 10 percent towards design projects. The only exception was for the projects above \$2 million in the \$300 million tier. Any left-over funding after the percentages were applied would then be proportionally applied to the projects above \$2 million.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that when the minimum 60 percent of additional funding was applied within the \$300 million tier, not all projects would receive additional funding. The adjustment was then made to 55 percent to all projects under \$2 million, with the left-over funding applied proportionally to those projects above \$2 million respectively.

Mr. Powers made the motion to approve the RTAC Legislative Project List as presented, utilizing the 55 percent allocation of additional funding for the \$300 million tier. Ms. Jakubowski Wolz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh noted that the list of projects will be displayed at the Arizona Rural Transportation Summit at the CAG table.

B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments(s)

No updated TIP amendments were brought forward. No action was taken.

IX. New Business

A. CAG/SCMPO JPA for Mobility Management Services

Mr. Ashbaugh stated the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) for Mobility Management Services with the Sun Corridor MPO is an annual agreement that is renewed pending a successful grant application. He stated the only changes that occurred from the previous year are the dates within to show that the agreement is for the time period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

Ms. Jakubowski Wolz made the motion to approve the CAG/Sun Corridor MPO Joint Project Agreement for Mobility Management Services as presented. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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B. Round Table

No discussion took place.

C. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that every Committee member will be sending a scoring sheet for the RFPs on the FY23-27 CAG Traffic Count program. It is anticipated at the October 2022 meeting, a consultant will be recommended.

Chair Halberstadt requested an update on the Arizona Rural Transportation summit for those who were unable to attend.

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings

The next tentatively scheduled meetings are for October 13, 2022 and November 17, 2022.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 10:58 AM.