



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

July 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 21, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt - *Chair*
(Payson)

Nina Arredondo
(Pinal County)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Thomas Goodman
(Gila County)

Rick Powers
(Globe)

Alexis Rivera
(Miami)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Will Randolph
(ADOT - MPD)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Barney Bigman
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Amanda Kenney
(Kearny)

John Schempf
(Mammoth)

Guests:

Rachel Hansen
(Gila County)

Dylan Renner
(ADOT PM)

CAG Staff:

Andrea Robles
(Executive Director)

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. Call to Order

Chair Halberstadt called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations.

V. Approval Of Minutes – (June 30, 2022)

Mr. Powers made the motion to approve the June 30, 2022 minutes as presented. Ms. Clark 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. Town staff is continuing to complete the design plans for the **“Granite Dells Road”** project (**Project # PAY 19-01D**). Final quantities are being calculated, the Public Works Department is working on the plans to relocate the waterlines, and the bid-package are the most recent activities, moving closer to construction.

Gila County

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he had a meeting with the ADOT Program Manager and ADOT Finance regarding the **“Golden Hill Road”** (**Project # GIL 22-01C**) and the **“Main Street”** (**Project # GIL 09-01T**) projects, in moving forward with advertisement by September 2022. He stated that this is still within the Federal Fiscal Year and is not expecting to move the projects to the FY23, however, he is waiting on updated figures that would require an Administrative Amendment to the TIP. He explained that the original plan was to take some of the “Transportation Enhancement” funds from the “Main Street” project and apply them to the “Golden Hill Road” project. The readjustment would also result in a modification of a loan between ADOT and CAG.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. Randolph reported on seven (7) items:

1. **ADOT FY23-FY27 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program:** The State Transportation Board Approved the Five-Year Program at its June 17, 2022 board meeting. The Final 2023-2027 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program can be viewed at <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-programming/current-five-year-program>.
2. **FY24-28 Planning to Programming Cycle:** ADOT project ranking information was sent to the ADOT Districts, and meeting invites have been sent out for virtual District workshops.
3. **The HSIP Call for Projects for FY25-FY26 Program Years:** Submitted projects are currently under ADOT review.
 - Draft applications were due for review May 31, 2022.
 - TSS/LPA/PMG consolidated comments should have been sent to applicants by July 29, 2022
 - Final applications due to ADOT TSS on August 31, 2022.

The remainder of the HSIP approval schedule will remain the same. ADOT received 56 draft state/local submitted applications for a total of \$98.4 million (includes local matching funds).

4. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO):** Applications are due September 15, 2022. Additional information and resources about the SS4A Grant Program can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>.
5. **Long Rang Transportation Plan:** WSP has been selected as the consultant for this Plan. The Notice to Proceed was awarded to WSP on May 20, 2022, and the consultant is currently working on deliverables. The kick-off meeting for the public (including COGs/MPOs) will occur later in the year.

6. **Statewide Rest Area Study:** Data collection efforts are almost complete, with additional traffic counts remaining. Other tasks not dependent on the traffic counts will move forward. Extensive tribal outreach has also been conducted. The schedule of the project has been impacted. Deliverables and stakeholder outreach will now occur in September 2022.
7. **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan:** The first general stakeholder meeting is occurring the afternoon of July 21, 2022. Future meeting invites have also been sent to the stakeholders. A virtual public meeting was also held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Plan deliverables are being submitted and the plan is due August 1, 2022. For more information visit our EV plan website, and feel free to sign up to the mailing list to receive study updates by email and opportunities to provide input on the plan. <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/arizona-electric-vehicle-program>.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No updates were provided.

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Ashbaugh read an email provided by Jeff Minefee from the Southeast District. He read that the Southeast District currently does not have any active construction projects. However, many construction projects will be starting soon:

- US 60 lighting project, via HSIP funding, from Cherry Avenue to Radonovich Boulevard.
- Fence repairs due to the fires along SR 177, SR 77, US 60, & US 70.
- Tonto Creek Bridge
- Flood repair damage along US 60 between MP 240 to 245 +/-.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reminded the Committee that the Arizona Rural Transportation Summit is occurring on September 14-15, 2022 at the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. He stated that a list of registered State Legislators will be provided in the near future to the Committee.

VIII. Old Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment(s)

Mr. Ashbaugh stated from an earlier conversation that he is expecting to make a few Administrative Amendments regarding the **"Golden Hill Road" (Project # GIL 22-01C)** and the **"Main Street" (Project # GIL 09-01T)** projects in Gila County. He also stated that he submitted an Administrative Amendment for the **"Control Road – Segment 1"** HSIP construction project (**Project # GIL 24-03C**) as there were minor adjustments in the funding amounts per ADOT's request.

No action was taken.

B. RTAC Legislative Project List

Mr. Ashbaugh recapped the information that was presented last meeting and the direction he was given by the Committee with regards to potential funding through the RTAC initiative for the FY24 State Budget Cycle. He then shared a spreadsheet that was created to show how the potential funds for each of the three funding tiers, would be distributed among all projects listed within the TIP based on that direction given. A 60 percent, 50 percent, and a 40 percent option were presented.

After discussing many possibilities of how the potential funding could be distributed, the Committee directed Mr. Ashbaugh to look at all projects below \$2 million and add a 10 percent increase to design and a 60 percent increase to construction. Any remaining funds should then be split proportionately among the remaining projects above \$2 million. With regards to the Town of Payson HURF Exchange projects listed within the TIP, the Town stated they would provide a 5.7 percent match to show “skin in the game” and to help provide additional funds throughout the proposed initiative. The matching funds would be a portion of the original project total of the given project before adding the increase.

Mr. Powers made the motion to apply a 10 percent increase to design projects, a 60 percent increase to construction projects under \$2 million, and apply the remaining funds proportionately among the projects above \$2 million. Mr. Goodman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

A. Election of Vice-Chair

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2022. Mr. Goodman nominated Rick Powers (Globe) as a nomination. Ms. Arredondo seconded the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Mr. Goodman made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Goodman made a motion to appoint Rick Powers (Globe) as the Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2022. Ms. Arredondo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Round Table

No discussion took place.

C. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ashbaugh stated the only known agenda item would be with regards making a final decision on the RTAC Priority Project funding Tiers.

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings

Chair Halberstadt stated that the next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022 and Thursday, October 13, 2022.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM.