



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

June 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 30, 2022
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt - *Chair*
(Payson)

Jason Bottjen
(Pinal County)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Steve Sanders
(Gila County)

Rick Powers
(Globe)

Barney Bigman
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Will Randolph
(ADOT - MPD)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Amanda Kenney
(Kearny)

John Schempf
(Mammoth)

Karen Norris
(Miami)

CAG Staff:

Andrea Robles
(Executive Director)

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. Call to Order

Chair Halberstadt called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Halberstadt led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Seven (7) 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 – (May 12, 2022)

Mr. Bottjen made the motion to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes as presented. Mr. Sanders 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

Mr. Ashbaugh asked Mr. Sanders if Gila County was able to move forward with advertisement for the **“Golden Hill Road” (Project # GIL 22-01C)** and the **“Main Street” (Project # GIL 09-01T)**. Mr. Sanders stated they were not able to as they need to find additional funding for Golden Hill Road or modify the project limits as a possible alternative.

Mr. Ashbaugh followed up by asking if it would be advertised before September 1, 2022. Mr. Sanders stated that would need to be followed up on after the holiday weekend.

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)** and is getting closer to the finish line.

No other agencies present had updates.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. Randolph reported on five (5) 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. **The HSIP Call for Projects for FY25-FY26 Program Years:** Submitted projects are currently under ADOT review. The Call was released on February 28, 2022. There are changes in this year’s application process. One is the mandatory review of all applications prior to final submission. The review is required for the final application to be accepted.
 - Draft applications were due for review May 31, 2022.
 - TSS/LPA/PMG consolidated comments will be sent to applicants by July 29, 2022
 - Final applications due to ADOT TSS on August 31, 2022.
3. **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.
4. **Statewide Rest Area Study:** Data collection efforts are almost complete, only some additional traffic counts remain. Contract modifications for additional site collections are currently on-going with stakeholder meetings occurring in July 2022. Some Task 3 work for Forecasting Future Conditions and Identifying Deficiencies has begun while waiting for the remaining data.
5. **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan:** Date and invites to future meetings have been sent to those stakeholders. The first general stakeholder meeting is occurring this afternoon at 1:30 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
No updates were provided.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update
No updates were provided.

VIII. Old Business

A. STBGP Application – Revision/Process Proposal

Chair Halberstadt stated that discussions over the application have been extensive over several meetings and the Committee has gone over it in depth, but the Chair provide another opportunity for any final comments. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that during the last meeting, the Committee wanted to see the information within the Memo that was presented, describing the process and criteria of presentations, to be memorialized within the application. He stated the information is now memorialized within the application being presented today.

Mr. Powers made the motion to approve the CAG STBGP Application as presented. Chair Halberstadt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment(s)
No action was taken.

IX. New Business

A. RTAC Legislative Project List

Mr. Ashbaugh updated the Committee regarding the initial \$50 million RTAC Priority Project List that was proposed to the State Legislature did not pass. He recapped that this package included the following projects that were decided on by the TTAC in August of 2021 and ultimately placed within the TIP in September 2022 by the CAG Regional Council:

- Globe/Gila County Sidewalk Improvements (Phase 1&2) – (Project # GLB 23-01C)
- Winkelman/Hayden Golf Course Road Improvements – (Project # WKL 23-01C)

Mr. Ashbaugh informed the Committee that RTAC is looking to propose an additional initiative with a larger funding request, but on a three-tier programmable scale to allow for flexibility for negotiations during the state budget discussions for FY24. He stated the reasoning for a larger funding request is based on the observation of how much one-time funding went towards transportation efforts for the FY23 budget cycle. He stated the three tiers in which CAG would need to program their share of the request for funding would be based on a \$100, \$200, and/or a \$300 million proposal. Since it is unknown what package would be sought after, CAG essentially would have to plan for all three tiers or scenarios up to the \$300 million share. The share of each tier for the CAG Transportation Planning Boundary is as follows:

- \$100 Million Package = \$4,491,051
- \$200 Million Package = \$8,982,102
- \$300 Million Package = \$13,473,153

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that there are multiple ways the Committee can approach how to prioritize the funding for the three tiers. He stated that the Committee needs to consider the rising costs in construction in relation to the current projects already identified and listed. He stated that he has been hearing and observing an approximate 40 percent increase on average. Mr. Ashbaugh shared a spreadsheet that included a 40 percent increase to each project.

After doing so, one area of interest that he mentioned was that before adding the 40 percent increase, the \$100 million package could fund the first two cycles of what the Committee was expecting last year. However, when adding the 40 percent, it would still only fund the initial cycle, with additional funding leftover that could be split among the Globe/Gila County and Winkelman/Hayden projects. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that under the \$200 and \$300 million proposals, all initial projects could be funded with the 40 percent increase and would have additional funds to identify other projects. He suggested that before identifying new projects, that the Committee should consider taking projects off the TIP and fund those right away in order to clear out the TIP. He stated this would allow the smaller communities to apply for TIP dollars via the HURF Exchange program and not have to provide local matching dollars. This was one area of contention with the Legislators in that the local agencies were not providing local funds and therefore not having “skin in the game.”

Mr. Ashbaugh then asked for direction from the Committee in which way to approach each funding tier. The consensus was to add as much contingency funds as possible to all the projects. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he believes that can be done for all projects within the TIP with ample amount of funding still left over. Mr. Powers asked if that would include projects within the TIP that were generated from other competitive grants through ADOT such as the HSIP projects and the Off-System-Bridge (OSB) project that are listed. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that it does not, but they could certainly be added and would then take the remaining funds. He stated that there are many unknown variables at the moment that could ultimately make the decision when it comes to which projects are funded from the TIP in addition to the initial projects identified last years. He also stated that if funding was available to fund TIP projects, it would be based on the order in which they are listed by fiscal year.

After more discussion, the Committee requested that an analysis be done involving all TIP projects, which includes the HSIP, OSB, and other listed local projects, with a 60 percent contingency added to it, for review by the next meeting. When it came to the \$100 million tier, a meeting was requested to be scheduled between Globe, Gila County, and Winkelman to determine how the leftover funding would be distributed when adding contingency funds.

Mr. Sanders also mentioned a strategy that could help fund the bridge project for Superior. He stated that the Town of Superior may want to talk to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) regarding the \$100 million the Governor set aside for assistance and repairs due to the fires within that part of the region. He stated it may qualify for improvements.

B. Round Table

No discussion took place.

C. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.



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X. Scheduling of Next Meetings

Mr. Ashbaugh asked if would be ok to move the July 14, 2022 meeting to July 21, 2022 to provide additional time to analyze the three funding tiers mentioned earlier. All in attendance agreed to moving the meeting to July 21, 2022.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.