



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 12, 2023
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt - <i>Chair</i> (<i>Payson</i>)	Rick Powers (<i>Globe</i>)	Alexis Rivera (<i>Miami</i>)
Thomas Goodman (<i>Gila County</i>)	Sharon Jakubowski Wolz (<i>Kearny</i>)	Kennedy Ivy (<i>Mammoth</i>)
Will Randolph (<i>ADOT - MPD</i>)		

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier (<i>Star Valley</i>)	Sandra Shade (<i>Ak-Chin Indian Community</i>)	VACANT (<i>Hayden</i>)
Sylvia Kerlock (<i>Winkelman</i>)	Barney Bigman (<i>San Carlos Apache Tribe</i>)	Lana Clark (<i>Superior</i>)
Tara Harman (<i>Pinal County</i>)	LaReesa Sanchez (<i>White Mountain Apache Tribe</i>)	

GUESTS PRESENT:

Chandra McMillan (<i>ADOT</i>)	Jeff Minefee (<i>SE District - ADOT</i>)	Christine Smith (<i>Payson</i>)
Louis Chavez (<i>Globe</i>)		

CAG Staff:

Travis Ashbaugh (<i>Transportation Planning Director</i>)	Lorinda Aouita (<i>Administrative & Special Projects Coordinator</i>)
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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. 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, at this time, read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations.

V. **Approval Of Minutes** – (December 15, 2022)

Mr. Powers made the motion to approve the December 15, 2022 minutes as presented. Mr. Rivera 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

Thomas Goodman reported on two (2) item:

1. The **Golden Hill Road (New Sidewalk)** project (**Project # GIL 22-01C | TRACTS # T009001C**) will be going to the State Transportation Board for possible award on January 20, 2023.
2. The **Main Street (New Pedestrian Sidewalk)** project (**Project # GIL 09-01T | TRACTS # SL962**) will also be going to the State Transportation Board for possible award on January 20, 2023.

No other agencies present had updates.

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

Mr. Randolph reported on eight (8) items:

1. **FY24-FY28 Planning to Program Cycle:** The final P2P list of projects has moved forward with the ADOT five-year construction program. This will proceed forward with upper management review and its typical review for public comments this spring.
2. **HSIP Call for Projects for the FY25-FY26 Program:** The Eligibility letters are expected to be sent soon. The HSIP Safety Review Committee met on Dec 19, 2022 with the ADOT Traffic Safety Section.
3. **FY24-FY25 COG/MPO Work Program:** ADOT staff is currently reviewing the draft of the COG Work Programs, which will be sent to the COGs in early March 2023.
4. **ADOT SMART Program:** The SMART program has been placed on hold by the governor's office for the time being. Staff will monitor and advise as more information becomes available. Please continue to visit the website at <https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart.fund>. Mr. Randolph stated that changes in the administration are occurring and there will be a new ADOT director on January 30, 2023.
5. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** Over 7,800 responses have been received. Public meetings for comment will be held on February 28, 2023 in Phoenix, March 2, 2023 in Tucson, March 8, 2023 in Flagstaff and a virtual meeting on March 9, 2023.
6. **Statewide Rest Area Study:** The draft Working Paper #3 on Developing Prioritization Criteria and Plan for Improvements is now under stakeholder review and comment. The Final Report will be drafted for stakeholder and public review in late February 2023.
7. **Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Plan:** The EV plan is still awaiting the final rule making with regards to the EV implementation from the joint office of energy and transportation.
8. **Other Technical Studies:** Other technical studies have been completed including the "Overhead Traffic Sign Structure Study." New studies that are underway with ADOT Right-of-Way (ROW) include "Wireless

Communications Facilities Program Guidelines Study,” and the “Statewide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture Update.”

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No updates were provided.

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Minefee reported on six (6) items:

1. “**US 60 Pavement Life Extension**” project (**TRACTS # F0452**) around milepost 227+/- to 208+/- is currently on winter shutdown.
2. “**US 60 San Tank Wash Bridge**” project (**TRACTS # F0386**) around milepost 208 is undergoing a scour retrofit.
3. “**Gila County Tonto Creek Bridge**” project (**TRACTS # SS718**) project is currently active
4. Fence repairs in various locations due to fires and flooding continue on US 60, SR-77, SR-177 and US 70.
5. Queen Creek Bridge (**TRACTS #H 8566**) will be advertising in February 2023.
6. Waterfall Canyon Bridge (**TRACTS #F0315**) will also be advertising in February 2023.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on three (3) items:

1. The CAG Regional Traffic Counts will begin with the first set of traffic counts, starting the second week of January. The consultants will be contacting the local agency where traffic counts are going to be conducted. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that if agencies are not being contacted, then they should contact CAG staff to relay the message to the consultants for future traffic count operations. There will be 475 locations in total. If any private roads are being counted CAG will need to be notified to exclude them as they should not be counting traffic on private access roads.
2. CAG has submitted a 5305e Transit Planning Fund Application on behalf of Pinal County to conduct the “Pinal County Coordinated Mobility Gap Analysis.” The analysis will identify where alternative transportation options for the disabled and elderly are lacking.
3. The funding level for “Bridge Formula” funds was originally \$6.7 million dollars annually. ADOT has recently announced that they will increase that amount to \$12 million dollars annually. However, for the current fiscal year there will be \$17.25 million dollars available to those who submitted to the most recent call for projects.

VIII. Old Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments(s)

Mr. Ashbaugh made a request to move the **Regional Traffic Counting (FY29-34 Contract)** project (**Project # CAG 29-01P**) from FY29 to FY28 and rename the project to “**Regional Traffic Counting (FY28-33 Contract).**”

Mr. Powers made the motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



IX. New Business

A. Chair & Vice Chair Elections

Mr. Goodman nominated Rick Powers as Chair for 2023. Mr. Powers accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Mr. Rivera made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goodwin made the motion to elect Mr. Rick Powers as Chair. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Powers nominated Larry Halberstadt as Vice-Chair for 2023. Mr. Halberstadt accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Mr. Goodman made a motion to close nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Jakubowski Wolz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Powers made the motion to elect Mr. Larry Halberstadt as Vice-Chair. Ms. Jakubowski Wolz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Annual Title VI Training Presentation

Mr. Ashbaugh explained that as a recipient of federal funds, CAG receives federal assistance and is required to have a Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan. As part of the plan, CAG is required to provide training at least once a year regarding Title VI requirements. He also stated that he is extending this training to all CAG committees overseeing transportation items to ensure compliance is being met. Mr. Ashbaugh explained that the ADOT Civil Rights Office (CRO) has been providing new information on what is expected annually as Title VI requirements are more understood from the ADOT CRO. He presented a PowerPoint presentation of Title VI requirements.

C. Round Table

Mr. Powers thanked Mr. Ashbaugh and Andrea Robles, CAG Executive Director, for their attendance and support on behalf of CAG during their groundbreaking of the Upper Pinal Creek Bridge/ Hill Street project in Globe. He also thanked the Gila County Supervisors for their attendance and support.

Mr. Goodman introduced that there is a new Public Works Director in Gila County. He informed the Committee that Steve Sanders retired on Friday January 6, 2023. Homer Vela will be the new Public Works Director as of Monday, January 16, 2023.

Mr. Goodman also shared that there will be an Arizona Association of County Engineers Annual Meeting in Prescott, Arizona on March 9 -10, 2023.

Mr. Powers announced the retirement of Globe's City Engineer Jerry Barnes. He also introduced Mr. Luis Chavez as the new Engineer. He noted that Mr. Barnes will be an advisor for the City of Globe until April 2023.

Mr. Ashbaugh announced that he sent the membership list out to everyone to verify contact information of who is representing their agency on the Committee. He advised that if there are any changes to let him know.



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D. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he would like to see a vendor present on the soil lithification at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Powers suggested that Kevin Adam provide a status update on the progress of the RTAC Bill and possible action plan.

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings

The next tentatively scheduled meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2023, via zoom.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 11:07 AM.