



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 22, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt – *Chairman*
(Payson)

Alex Kendrick
(Gila County)

Travis Ashbaugh
(Globe)

Tina Woody
(Star Valley)

Alexis Rivera
(Miami)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Ruth Garcia
(ADOT - MPD)

Tara Harman
(Pinal County)

Amanda Kenny
(Kearny)

Gloria Ruiz
(Winkelman)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT
(Hayden)

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(Mammoth)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Barney Bigman
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

LaReesa Sanchez
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Henige
(ADOT)

Lisa Danka
(ADOT)

Brandon Campbell
(ADOT)

Dale Miller
(Rick Engineering)

Chandra McMillan
(ADOT)

Dylan Renner
(ADOT)

CAG Staff:

Andrea Robles
(Executive Director)

Steve Abraham
(Transportation Planning Director)

I. Call to Order

Chair Halberstadt called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Halberstadt led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Ten (10) voting members were present, constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC Bylaws.

IV. Introductions & Title VI Notice

Introductions were made on the Webinar. Mr. Abraham read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations.

V. Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2024

Mr. Ashbaugh (Globe) made a motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2024. Mr. Rivera (Town of Miami) 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:

Globe

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on four (4) items:

1. **(GLB 24-01D)** “Globe Broad Street Sidewalk Replacement” – Design
 - a) Received design cost estimate for just focusing on Broad Street and are possibly seeking additional funding to do all the intended project area.
 - b) Ardurra was name as the consultant for design on the project.
2. **(GLB 22-01C & GLB 24-04C)** “Pinal Creek Bridge – Cottonwood St (Structure # 9711)”
 - a) Repairs were done on the embankment walls that were caused during the demolition of the bridge; Completed the backfill on both approach ends. The railing is tentatively scheduled to be installed within the next 2-3 weeks.
 - b) Ribbon cutting ceremony tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2024.
 - c) Bridge expected to be opened to the public on September 20, 2024.
 - d) Waterline replacement on the side of bridge is being installed next week
3. **(GLB 23-01C)** “Globe/Gila County Sidewalk Improvements”
 - a) Still working on 90% design plans and are expected to be completed by next month.
 - b) A few focus areas dealing with drainage issues are being worked out in coordination with Gila County.
4. “Upper Pinal Creek Bridge (AKA “Connies” Bridge) – Listed in connection with **(GLB 22-02C & GLB 24-03C)** “Hill Street Improvements”
 - a) Gabion baskets on the westside of the bridge has been installed and completed and we are working on the east side of the bridge.
 - b) The approach slap on railroad side has been complete. The other side expected to start in Mid-September. The curb and sidewalk have been poured as well as the approach side on the railroad side. We also began forming the sidewalk from railroad crossing to back of curb on broad street.
 - c) The Railroad is tentatively scheduled to install crossing equipment next week.
 - d) Currently removing, regrading, and replacing the Broad St/Hill St intersection. Mill and fill will occur at the intersection of Broad St/Carico St after completion of the Broad St. Hill St. intersection.
5. **(GLB 25-01P)** “Broad Street (SS4A Grant)”
 - a) Recently submitted a SMART Grant for the local match of the project and the contract is currently with ADOT Legal department under review.

Due to time constraints with other member agencies, Chair Halberstadt advanced to Item VII.B on the agenda

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Ms. Lisa Danka gave a power point presentation regarding the “Proposed Grant Request Proposal” to changes to the AZ SMART Grant program and highlighted the following topics:

1. The “Gift Clause” and the Grant Statute (ARS §41-2701 et. Seq.)
2. Proposed RFGA Provisions, Grant review and approval process and estimates, timeframes, along with Proposed Priority Criteria and points/ranking system.

Chair Halberstadt opened the discussion and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Ashbaugh commented that the points awarded to local financial contributions appears to defeat the purpose of the SMART grant program because many rural agencies don’t have the resources to contribute, which is why they are requesting the SMART grant in the first place.

Ms. Danka reponed that she understands the sentiment and encourages any member agency to comment as the process matures. She also responded that providing and/or evaluating local contribution has always been part of the “Grant Statute” and therefore must be included as part of the program.

Upon the conclusion of the ADOT MPD presentation Chair Halberstadt moved back to Item VII.A

A. Member Jurisdictions:

Payson

Chair Halberstadt reported on five (5) items:

1. “Granite Dells Road” construction project (Project # PAY 21-01C) is under construction and estimated to be completed in late November.
2. The “Beeline Bus” is still underway, bids were received and were substantially higher than expected and they are re-evaluating the scope of the project.

Gila County

Mr. Kendrick reported on one (1) item:

1. The “Houston Mesa Road” HSIP Project (**Project # GIL 23-02D**) is under construction however the County is currently looking to expand the scope of the project to pave the entire segment.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Ms. Ruth Garcia updated the TTAC on (6) items:

1. The draft FY 25-29 5 year construction program was approved in June and is available for review.
2. ADOT has begun scheduling priority scoring meetings for the FY 26-30 construction program and those meetings will be conducted in September
3. She encourages agencies to begin identifying projects for next year’s TA program.
4. The draft list of candidate locations from the *Passing and Climbing* study has been completed, and the top 8 candidates will be released very soon.
5. FHWA will be hosting a peer exchange in the following weeks to inform aid and assist COG’s and MPO’s in winning federal discretionary grants.

6. ADOT is updating the *EV Charging Plan* for 2024 and is expected to be released in October and to check the ADOT website for additional information.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mark Henige provided an update from the LPA section:

3. Please submit your FY 25 projects ASAP. They have received the Town of Superior's HURF exchange project and that has been initiated.
4. The Off System Bridge program still implements the 100% BFP and he anticipates getting the 3.9 million (dollar) STBGP match. There will be a call for projects in October and encourages member agencies to begin planning and scoping immediately.
5. Mr. Heinge then introduced Brandon Campbell to conduct a presentation regarding the E2C2 system to conduct planning level construction estimates. Mr. Campbell gave a run through of the E2C2 system and it can be found on the ADOT website at:

<https://apps.azdot.gov/e2c2/HistoricalPrice.aspx>

A copy of the presentation can be requested from CAG Staff.

Mr. Heinge briefly went over the ADOT Construction Cost Index, the graph and pdf can be found at:

<https://azdot.gov/construction-cost-index>

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

No update was presented

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Abraham provided an update:

1. Mr. Abraham provided an update on the proposed agenda for the COG/MPO planners' meeting which is taking place later in August. Including the Statewide Strategic Safety Plan, performance targets for bridges, and the Final RTAC proposals.

VIII. Old Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Abraham started his presentation by showing a potential scenario on the disposition of the remaining "Goodnow Rd." funds. He also updated the TTAC on two administrative TIP amendments approved earlier in the month and thanked Chair Halberstadt for his assistance on this matter

Mr. Abraham then showed a power point slide showing the 11-step process to completely reallocate the "Goodnow Road" funds. He also commented that this configuration matches the original amount to the penny.

The power point showed the following steps:

- Increase Forest drive Design from 105,555.56 to 247,066.00 (in FY 26)
- Increase Forest Drive construction from 462,800 to 1012956.23 (in FY 28)
- FY 26 Remove loan ADOT to CAG from FY 28
- FY 26 Reduce loan ADOT to CAG from FY27 from 341728.00 to 30,593.13

- FY Loan 91676.67 from FY 25 to FY26 to cover Forest Drive increase
- Move forest drive construction from FY 29 to FY 28
- Loan 433,724.87 (FY 27) to FY28, to Cover Forest Drive Construction
- Cancel Loan 247,886 (FY 28) to FY 29
- Cancel Loan 10875 (FY 28) to FY 26
- Loan 214,913.36 (fy 29) to FY 28 to cover Forest Drive Construction
- Change Forest Drive construction from HURF to STBGP

Chairman Halberstadt asked the TTAC if there were any questions regarding this proposal. Hearing none he called for a motion.

Ms. Lana Clark of Superior moved to approve the 11-step scenario to reallocate the “Goodnow Rd.” funds as presented in the staff report (and on the power point slide). Mr. Alexis Rivera seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (9-0, Ms. Ruiz was not present for the vote)

B. Joint Planning Agreement between CAG and SCMPO for Mobility Management Services.

Mr. Abraham started his presentation on this item. He commented that this agreement is between CAG and SCMPO to provide shared mobility management services. CAG’s mobility manager (Zeena Gagnon) will perform the tasks outlined in the agreement with executive oversight by the Executive Director (Andrea Robles). Many of the tasks outlined are required by the terms of the 5310 and 5311 programs CAG member agencies engage in. To that point, She will assist the Transportation Directors (Steve Abraham, Jason Bottjen) in required reporting and renewal of the various grant programs for areas of both agencies.

Mr. Abraham Also stated that this agreement is a renewal of the current agreement and has no direct fiscal impact to CAG as the Mobility Manger’s position is grant funded.

Chairman Halberstadt asked if there were any questions. Hearing none he called for a motion.

Ms. Lana Clark of Superior moved to recommend approval of the **JPA** to *CAG Regional Council* (as presented). Ms. Tara Harman, Pinal County, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (9-0, Ms. Ruiz was not present for the vote)

IX. New Business

A. Roundtable:

The Committee had no additional items to discuss.

B. Future Agenda Items:

The Committee had no additional items to discuss for future agenda items

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings

TBD, CAG Office/ZOOM Webinar

XI. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 11:54AM.