



# Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

July 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** July 25, 2024  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** via ZOOM Webinar

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Halberstadt – *Chairman*  
(Payson)

Thomas Goodman  
(Gila County)

Travis Ashbaugh  
(Globe)

Tina Woody  
(Star Valley)

Alexis Rivera  
(Miami)

Lana Clark  
(Superior)

Ruth Garcia  
(ADOT - MPD)

Tara Harman  
(Pinal County)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

VACANT  
(Hayden)

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(Mammoth)

Sandra Shade  
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Barney Bigman  
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Amanda Kenny  
(Kearny)

Gloria Ruiz  
(Winkelman)

LaReesa Sanchez  
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Mark Henige  
(ADOT)

Jeremy James  
(ADOT)

Sharay Satchell  
(ADOT)

Alex Kendrick  
(Gila County)

Dale Miller  
(Rick Engineering)

**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. Eight (8) 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 – June 27, 2024

Mr. Goodman (Gila County) made a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 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”
  - a. *Ardurra* was named as the consultant for design on the project. A Kick-off meeting was held last week.
    - i. Currently waiting on a cost breakdown because it was indicated that the current funding may not accommodate the full design of the entire area of the project.
    - ii. Broad Street is the focus, so *Ardurra* will provide a design cost break down focusing on Broad Street and also provide a cost estimate for the entire area as originally intended before making any decisions moving forward.
2. **(GLB 22-01C & GLB 24-04C)** “Pinal Creek Bridge – Cottonwood St (Structure # 9711)”
  - a. Scheduled to pour the deck this morning.
  - b. Completion expected by the end of Calendar year 2024.
3. **(GLB 23-01C)** “Globe/Gila County Sidewalk Improvements (Jesse Hayes)”
  - a. The 60 percent design plans have been completed.
  - b. A public meeting was held on July 8, 2024 to go over the plans and to seek input.
  - c. Expecting to have 90% design by September 2024.
4. “Upper Pinal Creek Bridge (AKA “Connies” Bridge) – Listed in connection with **(GLB 22-02C & GLB 24-03C)** “Hill Street Improvements”
  - a. The first Gabion Wall on the railroad side was completed last week. The second Gabion Wall, located on the Jesse Hayes Rd side, is approximately 20 percent complete.
  - b. The conduit for lighting has been installed.
  - c. The “Sleeper Slab” has been installed.
  - d. The expansion joints are installed.
  - e. Concrete pouring of the abutment on the railroad side is scheduled for next Tuesday.
  - f. The curb and sidewalk are scheduled to be poured next Friday.
  - g. The Railroad is still tentatively scheduled to install crossing equipment in August 2024.
5. Globe was awarded a Safe Streets for All Grant, for a demonstration grant on Broad Street.
  - a. Items will include non-construction-related safety equipment for temporary installation.

## 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. McClain Rd and Longhorn roundabout project (**Project # PAY 24-01C**) initiations were completed with ADOT.
3. Project initiation for the “Houston Mesa Road – Sidewalk & Bicycle Lane Improvements” project (**Project # PAY 24-01D**) for design was submitted to ADOT and will be moving the project forward.
4. Project Initiation for the “Green Valley Parkway Extension” design project (**Project # PAY 23-01D**) is ongoing there will need revisions.
5. The “Beeline Bus” project is out for bid, and they are expecting responses soon.

## Gila County

Mr. Goodman reported on four (4) items:

1. (**Project # GIL 24-04D**) Tonto Village Bridge Replacement (STRUCTURE #07882) has been completed.
2. The “Houston Mesa Road” HSIP Project (**Project # GIL 23-02D**) is under construction
3. The “Control Road – Segment 1” HSIP Project (**Project # GIL 23-03D**) is also under construction.
4. Golden Hills Road sidewalk improvements (**Project # GIL 24-02D**) have been approved for design. Currently coordinating the construction phase with ADOT.
5. Gila County received a SMART Grant for the design of Russell Rd. (**Project # GIL 24-01D**) improvements.
6. Gila County received a monetary contribution to update the Young Rd. Environmental Assessment/Statement.
7. There are currently two NRCS projects, one in the Globe area and the other near Tonto Basin.

## B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Ms. Ruth Garcia reported on six (6) items:

1. A Statewide passing and climbing lane study is in the process of being updated and the consultant has identified some preliminary candidate locations, and the study should be ready later this calendar year. The selection for candidate location is expected in the August September timeframe.
2. Smart Grant Program: Continue to work with local agencies and ADOT for grant submittals. Legislation has been passed that expanded eligibility takes effect in September, there is an updated application that will be released on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Funding will be released in January of 2025.
3. ADOT will be hosting a peer exchange with FHWA August 27-28 in Phoenix.
4. The Statewide Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan is ongoing.
5. The Town of Miami Transportation Alternatives “Trails System Study” has been approved and an RFP is in process.

## C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mark Henige provided an update from the LPA section:

1. Ms. Jen Hobert has been promoted. She will finish many of her projects, but other members of LPA will take over, they will reach out of things have been reassigned.
2. Please initiate all FY 25 projects by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. ADOT is in the process of updating the LPA manual. One major change is the CE/CA costs. A tiered system is being considered that may adjust these costs. The PDA fees are also being updated/increased as well. Please contact LPA early to make sure fees are adequately accommodated. He expects the new manual to be updated around May of 2025. Mr. Henige also provided a general description of the different types of fees and the rising costs of the environmental component of projects.

#### D. District, Engineers, ADOT

No update was presented

#### E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Abraham provided an update:

1. Seneca Lake Scenic Trail (**SCA-04-01D**) was approved and design and construction will begin shortly.
2. Mr. Abraham reported that progress has been made on getting better access to the ADOT crash data. He is coordinating a two-part training session on how COG/MPO planners and local agencies can gain access to raw data and resources online. The goal being that local agencies can identify potential "hot spots" in their relative jurisdictions to prioritize them for future study. He also informed the TTAC about efforts to conduct a webinar with ADOT regarding regional traffic safety and crash data reporting.

### VIII. Old Business

#### A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Abraham started his presentation by updating the TTAC on two administrative actions on the TIP; The change of the funding allocations of the Seneca Lake Scenic Trail project and the deferral of the W. Longhorn & S McLane Roundabout ROW acquisition project (PAY 23-01R) to FY 25. He then introduced that the primary discussion regarding this item was to continue to work on the disposition of the remaining "Goodnow Rd." funds.

Chairman Halberstadt commented that he was able to go back and reexamine the potential costs associated with both phases of the W. Forest Drive project (**PAY 28-01D & PAY 29-01C**) to ensure they are current since both projects were estimated several years ago. Mr. Abraham presented a screenshot of the potential cost increases for both phases.

Mr. Abraham then explained potential scenarios associated with loaning funds from FY25.

Mr. Ashbaugh commented that it may be good to allocate what you need then loan the money as we get later in the year.

There was a general discussion of scenarios regarding the remaining "Goodnow Road" funds

Mr. Abraham suggested setting some time aside where a strategy could be developed to present to the TTAC and suggested this item be continued to next month.

*No action was taken on this item. The TTAC directed Mr. Abraham to research the issue and report back to the TTAC*

**IX. New Business**

**A. Roundtable:**

The Committee had no additional items to discuss

**B. Future Agenda Items:**

Mr. Abraham would like to add an E2C2 training session along with the SMART grant presentation by Ms. Garcia.

**X. Scheduling of Next Meetings**

Thursday, August 25, 2024 – 10:00 AM  
CAG Office/ZOOM Webinar

**XI. Adjournment**

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.