



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

January 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 23, 2025
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt – *Chairman*
(Payson)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Alex Kendrick
(Gila County)

Tina Ridings
(Star Valley)

Tyler Bingham
(Kearny)

Travis Ashbaugh
(City of Globe)

Ruth Garcia
(ADOT - MPD)

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)

Alexis Rivera
(Town of Miami)

Tara Harman
(Pinal County)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Corey Nichols
(Substrata Co.)

CAG Staff:

Steve Abraham
(Transportation Planning Director)

Zeena Gagnon
(Mobility Manager)

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. Seven (7) 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. Ms. Gagnon read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations.

Chair Halberstadt alerted the CAG TTAC that items VIII A (CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan) and IX B. (SHRAP Update Presentation, ADOT) will need to be continued to February's TTAC meeting date. Chair Halberstadt called for a motion. Ms. Clark (Superior) made a motion to approve moving these items to the February 2025 agenda. Mr. Ashbaugh (Globe) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2024

Ms. Clark (Superior) made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024, TTAC meeting. Mr. Ashbaugh (Globe) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Call to the Public

No one answered the Call to the Public.

VII. Standing Reports

A. Member Jurisdictions:

City of Globe

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on six (6) items:

- 1. (GLB 24-01D) "Globe Broad Street Sidewalk Replacement" – Design**
 - a. Still currently under design with the consultant Ardurra.
 - b. Ardurra will be visiting on-site next week to look at ramps and other details.
- 2. (GLB 22-01C & GLB 24-04C) "Pinal Creek Bridge – Cottonwood St (Structure # 9711)**
 - a. Construction is complete and the bridge is open as of Mid-September 2024.
 - b. Advised that it may be appropriate to take off the CAG TIP at this point.
- 3. (GLB 23-01C) "Globe/Gila County Sidewalk Improvements"**
 - a. Design is essentially 100% complete and the Public Meeting is being tentatively scheduled for February 2025, while staff members are currently working on Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs)
- 4. "Upper Pinal Creek Bridge (AKA "Connies" Bridge) – Listed in connection with (GLB 22-02C & GLB 24-03C) "Hill Street Improvements"**
 - a. Bridge construction is about 90% complete and expected to be open in February/March 2025.
 - b. Construction crews are currently finishing the railing, coordinating with the Railroad, and conducting concrete repairs.
- 5. (GLB 25-01P) "Broad Street (SS4A Grant)"**
 - a. Awarded a SMART Grant for the local match of the project, the NEPA review was approved in November 2024.
 - b. City Staff is currently procuring a consultant to conduct the public outreach component of the project.

6. Haskins Bridge Application

- a. Submitted a Bridge Formula application in December 2025 we are waiting for notice if the project will be selected for funding.

Gila County

Mr. Kendrick reported on four (4) items:

1. “Russell Gulch” projects (incl. replacing box culvert)

- a. County Staff recently concluded a pre-construction meeting and construction activities will commence shortly.

2. (GIL 24-03D) “Russell Rd. Reconstruction (SMART Grant)”

- a. The design of the project is currently underway.

3. (GIL 24-01C) “Houston Mesa (HSIP)”

- a. Construction is on winter shutdown but will be re-activated in the spring.

4. (GIL 24-05D) “FS 512 Young Rd. (SMART Grant)”

- a. An application for a SMART Grant has been submitted and the County is awaiting a response from ADOT.

Payson

Chair Halberstadt reported on four (4) items:

1. (PAY 21-01C) “Granite Dells Road”

- a. construction is substantially complete, the striping, final pavement markings and warranty work will be completed in the spring.

2. (PAY 23-01R) “Longhorn/McLane Roundabout ROW Acquisition”

- a. City staff is still acquiring ROW and easements associated with the project. The time frame of the project going out to bid is unclear at this point.

3. (PAY 24-01D) “Houston Mesa Rd. (TA Grant)”

- a. ADOT is finalizing the contract with a consultant to do the design and is close to starting that phase of the project.

4. (PAY 23-01D) “Green Valley Parkway Extension aka Payson Wildfire Evacuation Route”

- a. Staff is awaiting for the issuance of a Special Use Permit from the US Forest Service before proceeding with design and existing conditions data acquisition.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Ms. Ruth Garcia highlighted the following topics:

1. There will be a call for projects for the *TA Program* in late January, 2025, please contact Eliane Marioelle (at ADOT) if there are questions.
2. The deadline to submit projects for consideration in *OSB Program* is December 30th, 2024. ADOT selection committee is reviewing and prioritizing application right now. If a project has been selected, Eligibility letters should arrive mid to late February (2025).

3. *AZ Smart Grant* application is available, and Lisa Danka's (ADOT) previous presentation (from the CAG TTAC's August 22, 2024 meeting) is available for review.
4. ADOT Studies:
 - a) Arizona State Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Action Plan (SHRAP): The Last component of the study being worked on is the "FRA Crossing Inventory" in coordination with the URR. If there are any questions, please contact Heidi Yacoub (at ADOT) with any questions about the study.
 - b) The "Passing and Climbing" study has been completed with 10 candidate sites being chosen in the following corridors: SR 260, US 93, SR89A, SR 377 & I-17. Heidi Yacoub is also the PM for that study as well.
 - c) Lastly, the "Rural and Urban Freight Designation" corridor study has started. The first TAC meeting for that study was conducted yesterday and the working paper has been distributed to TAC members. Department and Consultant PM's will be conducting in-person interviews with COG and MPO partners in the coming weeks.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No update was presented

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

No update was presented

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update:

1. Title VI Training:

Mr. Abraham introduced Ms. Zeena Gagnon, Mobility Manger. Ms. Gagon provided the annual "Title VI" training power point (a copy of the power point was provided in the CAG TTAC meeting packet and is available on CAG's webpage). The TTAC had no questions regarding the presentation from Ms. Gagnon.

2. Transportation Planning General Updates:

Mr. Abraham updated the TTAC on the following topics:

- a) CAG received and transmitted three "OSB" program applications to ADOT and has not received any comments from ADOT for application amendments or adjustments and he is currently awaiting a decision from the selection committee.
- b) Gila County was awarded a "Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant to coordinate a County -wide safety study.
- c) Any future "illustrative" or administrative amendments will need additional documentation to be submitted prior to authorization and submittal to ADOT. Examples include: copies of submitted grant applications, eligibility letters, and well developed cost estimates and administrative timelines. The amendments on the TIP thus far will stay but he will be contacting TTAC members in the near future for supplemental information on certain projects and to keep these thoughts in mind when requesting future TIP amendments.
- d) Mr. Abraham also updated the TTAC that there have been no changes to the TIP since the last TTAC meeting due to the postponement of the Regional Council meeting until February. The meeting was postponed due to several new members being seated on their various Councils and anticipated member absences from scheduled meeting dates.

VIII. New Business

A. CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan.

This item was continued to the February 20, 2025, CAG TTAC meeting.

B. 2025 Schedule of Meetings.

Mr. Abraham started his presentation with a draft schedule of meetings for Calendar Year 2025. He commented that in general the meetings dates and times will follow the 2024 schedule on the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. and all meetings will be held virtually unless directed otherwise by the TTAC members.

Member Ashbaugh commented that he has a standing meeting with his jurisdiction on third Thursday and would prefer a different day. He also asked why the dates were changed.

Mr. Abraham responded that it seemed to be a better date to coordinate items for the Management Committee and the Regional Council agendas.

Member Ashbaugh commented that he thought that the bylaws had to be amended.

Mr. Abraham responded that he was unaware of that requirement. But he would double check to be sure.

Member Kendrick commented that the Third Thursday date conflicts with a regularly scheduled meeting for him as well.

There was a general discussion on the preference of an A.M. meeting vs. a P.M. meeting.

The TTAC resolved to direct staff to research the bylaw issue brought up by Member Ashbaugh.

Hearing no additional comments, Chairman Halberstadt called for a motion.

Member Kendrick motioned to set the February TTAC meeting date for February 20, 2025 at 1 p.m. via zoom and present if necessary the bylaw change at that meeting. Member Ashbaugh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Roundtable:

A. Presentation by Cory Nichols, Substrata

Mr. Nichols used a power point to present. (A copy of the power point is available by request from CAG Staff.) The presentation detailed a proprietary soil stabilization/paving method to aid in the treatment of unpaved roads.

Chair Halberstadt inquired if this product could be used to stabilize sub-base for asphalt paving. Mr. Nichols responded that that is not the most typical application of this product, but advances are being made in product development but is sure that this substance is an excellent alternative to lime grouting and is much more environmentally friendly. He commented that he is working with other jurisdictions in other states the begin testing this application.

Mr. Nichols continued to describe the application process and concluded his presentation.



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There was a general discussion about different types of applications and costs associated with the product.

B. SHRAP Update Presentation, ADOT The Committee had no additional items to discuss.

This item was continued to the February 20, 2025, CAG TTAC meeting.

X. Future Agenda Items:

Chairman Halberstadt requested that the election of the Chair and Vice Chair take place next month.

XI. Scheduling of Next Meetings

2/20/2025 at 1 p.m. virtual Zoom webinar/CAG Office

XII. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 11:07 AM.