



DATE: April 13, 2022

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 2540 W. Apache Trail, Suite 108; Apache Junction, AZ 85120

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jepson called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jepson led the Management Committee, guests, and CAG staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Paul Jepson, Rick Miller, Micah Gaudet, Troy Smith, Anna McCray, Mackenzie Letcher, Jennifer Evans, Sharon Jakubowski Wolz, Bruce Gardner, Todd Pryor

Members Absent: Dean Hetrick, John Schempf, Keith Brann, Tim Grier, Sylvia Kerlock, Jason Bottjen, David Malewitz, Joshua Bowman

Staff: Andrea Robles, Angela Gotto, Yvonne Tackett, Amber Garza, Travis Ashbaugh

Guests: Kevin Adam, Michael Gianetto, Feifei Zhang, Heather Wilkey

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public

V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kevin Adam provided the Legislative update.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Sharon Jakubowski Wolz, Town of Kearny, made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Bruce Gardner, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Management Committee Minutes – September 8th, September 16th, and December 2, 2021

The September 8th, September 16th and December 2, 2021 minutes were approved under Consent Item VI-A.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Andrea Robles updated the Committee on recent activities and meetings taking place at CAG. She stated that next month will be the end of her first contract with CAG. Ms. Robles stated that she will be meeting with the Executive Committee who will conduct an evaluation and discuss a possible contract.

Ms. Robles stated that an orientation was provided in Miami for the Town Manager and the Mayor and thanked them for their participation. She stated that a contract was initiated with the Town of Star Valley to administer their CDBG project. Ms. Robles informed the Committee that CAG has received an invitation to apply for the renewal of the three year EDA Planning Grant. She stated that she is currently attending the AzTA conference and will be attending the AAED conference next week to begin obtaining the AzED Pro certification.

Ms. Robles updated the Committee on recent activities with the Pinal RTA. She stated that on March 8th the Arizona Supreme Court reached a decision invalidating the two-tier tax from the November 2018 election. Ms. Robles stated that the PRTA Board met on March 14th and March 21st and have given staff and legal counsel direction to correct the deficiencies in the previous tax, to prepare a resolution and IGA to submit to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to call for an election for the tax to be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot. She stated that Pinal County is in support of the tax being placed on the ballot. Ms. Robles stated that another deposit was received, but that money is still frozen, and staff is awaiting direction on how businesses can request reimbursement of those funds. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Ms. Yvonne Tackett presented the March financial report to the Committee. She stated that at 75% of the fiscal year, expenditures are below the budgeted amount at 53.75% and that revenues are 46.89% of the anticipated annual revenues. She stated that although these numbers are low, CAG is on track to be in line with the budget by year end. Ms. Tackett stated that work continues on the audits, that the FY 2018 audit is completed, and the auditors have begun FY 2019. Questions, comments, and discussions followed. Mr. Bruce Gardner, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to approve and pass to Regional Council the March 2022 financial report as presented. Mr. Micah Gaudet, Town of Miami, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FY22 – FY32 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Travis Ashbaugh presented the two amendments to the TIP. He stated that San Carlos Apache Tribe asked to have their sidewalk project on BIA 170 advanced in the TIP. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the project is still several years out in the TIP, but that the design was moved up from FY28 to FY27 and the construction was moved up from FY30 to FY29. He stated that the City of Globe was able to obtain funding for their Hill Street project which removed it that project from the TIP and allowed for the advancement of the BIA 170 sidewalk project within the TIP. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. Ms. Sharon Jakubowski Wolz, Town of Kearny, made a motion to approve and pass to Regional Council the FY22 – FY32 TIP Amendments as presented. Mr. Bruce Gardner, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution No. 2022-03 Supporting and Declaring April as Fair Housing Month

Ms. Andrea Robles informed the Committee that each year a resolution supporting and declaring April as Fair Housing Month is brought before the Committee as part of the requirements of Arizona Department of Housing. She stated that CAG and the communities are required to pass a resolution every April. Ms. Robles stated that the requirements for the communities include passing a resolution, have the updated posters and flyers posted and to attend a fair housing training. She stated that fair housing training was scheduled for May 11, 2022 and that an email would be sent out for members to register. Mr. Bruce Gardner, Town of Queen Creek, made the suggestion to move this item to the consent agenda in upcoming years due to it being an item that is approved annually. Mr. Bruce Gardner made a motion to approve and pass to Regional Council Resolution No. 2022-03 Supporting and Declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Mr. Mackenzie Letcher, City of Casa Grande, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update (CEDS)

Ms. Angela Gotto informed the Committee that CAG is working in conjunction with NAU and Dr. Robert Carreira, US Economic Research, on the annual update of the CEDS that is required by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). She stated that the data in the current CEDS is approximately two years old due to the delay in the release of census data. Ms. Gotto stated that the annual update includes updating all the data included in the demographic

and socioeconomic profile sections located on pages 14-52, an updated CEDS Committee roster, updates to the member agency projects and the cluster analysis. She stated that staff will be bringing this back to the CEDS for approval prior to the EDD Board meeting on April 27, 2022. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Department Updates

Community Development Block Grant

Ms. Andrea Robles provided updates on the CDBG program, stating that projects have been completed for the Town of Kearny (Water System Improvements - \$274,268) the Town of Miami (Street Improvements - \$274,268) and the Town of Payson (Removal of Barriers - \$194,098). She stated that the projects for the Town of Superior (Blight Abatement - \$223,627) and the Town of Winkelman (Fire Engine - \$223,637) are ongoing. Ms. Robles stated that environmental reports (ERR) are in process for projects in the City of Globe (Veteran's Park) and the Town of Hayden (Sewer System Improvements). She reminded the Committee that Fair Housing Training is scheduled for May 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM and that a link for registration would be sent to CDBG practitioners. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Transportation Planning

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh provided updates on activities within the Transportation Planning Department. He stated that Gabriel Gomez was hired as the Mobility Management Coordinator for the CAG/SCMPO Region. He stated that CAG has submitted for the 2-year application to continue with the CAG/SCMPO Mobility Management Program and that preliminary awards are expected in May. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that CAG's Regional Traffic Counts program for FY 2022 has completed the 7-day "Growth Counts" concluding the contract with "All Data Traffic Services. He stated that a request for proposals (RFP) is currently being written for a 5-year contract to conduct traffic counts within the CAG Transportation Planning Boundary for FY23 – FY27 to conduct. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that there are approximately 412 traffic counts to be conducted in FY23 to meet Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) requirements as part of the CAG/ADOT FY23 Work Program. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Water Quality Planning

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh provided updates on the Water Quality Planning department programs. He stated that CAG was awarded 604(b) funds from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in the amount of \$60,595 to conduct a Pinal County Septic System Use Study. Mr. Ashbaugh informed the Committee that there are currently two 208 Plans in process, one for the City of Coolidge and one for Neon Ranch near US60/SR 79 Florence Junction. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.



X. CALL TO THE COMMITTEE

The members present provided updates on their communities.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

The next Management Committee meeting will be held on June 22, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

XII. ADJOURN

Mr. Micah Gaudet, Town of Miami, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bruce Gardner, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. Chairman Paul Jepson adjourned the meeting at 3:09 PM.