

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 – 10:00 AM

Apache Gold Casino Conference Center | 5 US 70, San Carlos, AZ 85550

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curtis Ward - *Chair*
(Payson)

Jason Bottjen
(ADOT - MPD)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Kathy Borquez
(Pinal County)

Marvin Mull
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

David Neuss - PHONE
(Superior)

Tara Chief - PHONE
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Anna Flores
(Kearny)

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Tom Homan
(Gila County)

Jerry Barnes
(Globe)

VACANT
(Hayden)

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(Mammoth)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hugh Moses
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Joe Breyer
(Works Consulting)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ward 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. Mr. Ashbaugh, at this time, read a statement of where and how to file a complaint with regard to Title VI violations.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by those present in the room and on the phone.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (March 9, 2017)

Ms. Borquez made the motion to approve the March 9, 2017 minutes as presented. Ms. Kerlock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Payson

Chair Ward reported on two (2) items:

1. The Town has received the needed utility clearances for construction of the Bonita Street project (**Project # PAY 16-01C**) for Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) dollars. The Town Council has passed the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) and is waiting to hear back on the Town's submittal for Right-of-Way clearances.
2. The comment period for the Design of the Longhorn Road and McLane Road Roundabout (**Project # PAY 19-02D**) that was authorized in FY 2016 using Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds is underway. The number of parcels that will be affected has increased to four (4).

Pinal County

Ms. Borquez reported that the contractor has completed all of the clearing and grubbing work for the Kelvin Bridge Replacement project (**Project # PNL 00-01B**) on March 30, 2017 in order to meet the special time frame for the environmental clearance. She stated the earthwork for the project is underway and a biologist is on the site to monitor activity.

San Carlos Apache Tribe

Mr. Mull reported on two (2) items:

1. The US 70 High School Turn Lanes Project (**Project # SCA 16-01C**) is moving forward however, the Tribe recently found out they are in need of additional funds to relocate telephone poles. The JPA was also recently executed.
2. The US 70/BIA Route 6 construction project (**Project # SCA 13-01C**) is on schedule and is expected to be completed in August of 2017.

Superior

Mr. Neuss reported on two (2) items:

1. The Sign and Pavement Markings Inventory project (**Project # SUP 16-01D**) is scheduled to begin April 21, 2017.
2. The "**Silver King-Superior Streets**" project is expected to be completed around June of 2017.

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Ms. Chief reported on three (3) items:

1. A 12-mile pavement preservation project on SR 73 officially started a few weeks ago. Surveying is currently being conducted and the concrete work is anticipated to begin within the next few weeks. Pedestrian crossings are also to be installed simultaneously.
2. Various BIA routes are also undergoing pavement preservation activities throughout the community. The TIP for the BIA projects is in the process of being submitted within the next month.
3. The Fort Apache Connection Transit has a target date of June 12, 2017 to begin transit services within the Community.

The Town of Winkelman and the Town of Miami did not have anything new to report.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Organization

Mr. Bottjen announced that the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program is calling for projects. He stated the deadline for applications is May 31, 2017 and should be sent directly to him. Mr. Bottjen stated the PARA program details have been updated on ADOT's website. He stated ADOT is accepting full studies and pre-scoping studies this round. Discussions then pursued on several scenarios on potential eligible projects.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen announced that one of the vacant positions in the LPA section has closed and is in the process of being filled. ADOT recently announced that they received approval to begin the process of filling another position that was vacated in early January of 2017. Mr. Bottjen also provided an updated "Design/Construction Progress Report" with regards to all CAG TIP projects.

D. District Engineers, ADOT

No representation from the ADOT Districts were present to provide updates.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on three (3) items:

1. Jacobs Engineering, conducting the **CAG Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility and Implementation Study**, is still mining data but should be wrapping that up soon. Jacobs has constructed a survey to begin interviewing key providers within the next week. The next Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting is being scheduled sometime in late June of 2017.
2. A staff change has occurred within CAG since the last TTAC meeting. Andrea Robles has been named as the Interim Executive Director for the time being.
3. Attended the "Roads and Streets" conference and sought out vendors that do traffic counting and/or provided traffic counters as CAG will be exploring the possibility in the future to physically conduct traffic counts in-house.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the required 45-day Public Review period for comments is ongoing and will end on May 12, 2017. He stated that changes did occur since the 45-day review was sent out. The Oak Street/Hill Street project (**Project # GLB 17-01C**) is that project and is being advanced from FY 2018 to FY 2017.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that \$43,342.00 of FY 2017 HSIP dollars was credited back to CAG's apportionments. Per the update Mr. Mull provided earlier on the agenda, discussion pursued on whether or not the San Carlos Apache Tribe could utilize the additional funds towards the US 70 Turn Lanes Project (**Project SCA 16-01C**).

Ms. Kerlock made a motion to recommend approval to program the \$43,342.00 for the US 70 High School Turn Lanes Project (**Project SCA 16-01C**). Ms. Borquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh also stated as a reminder that the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications to utilize CAG FY 2018 HSIP apportionments are due April 27, 2017. He stated that he has had discussions with ADOT's Southeast and Northcentral Districts on submitting projects as the bulk of the recommended projects within the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan are on the State Route system.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) With Works Consulting

Mr. Ashbaugh summarized the direction the Committee provided during the previous TTAC meeting. Mr. Breyer with Works Consulting then presented the proposal for FY 2018 HPMS services and activities that was provided to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Mr. Heatherly made a motion to approve the proposal by Works Consulting and to move forward with the FY 2018 HPMS traffic counting program as presented. Mr. Mull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CAG Title VI Plan Update

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that every three years the CAG Title VI Plan is required to be updated every three years or annually pending major changes within the organization. He stated that the plan needed to reflect that Andrea Robles is the current Interim Executive Director. Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that his intent is to update the plan annually anyways in order to provide the latest possible demographic data that is available in which this draft has done. Other updated information includes the newly elected individuals from the recent election that represent their agencies within CAG's Regional Council as well as new representation within the CAG Management Committee.

Mr. Bottjen motioned to approve the 2017 Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Implementation Plan update as presented. Mr. Neuss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the call to the public.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Ashbaugh stated the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the City of Globe Council Chambers.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kerlock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Ward adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.