



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018 – 10:00 AM

CAG Conference Room | 2540 West Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dedrick Denton – *Chair*
(Pinal County)

Scott Warren – *Vice Chair*
(Gila County)

Curtis Ward
(Payson)

Jason Bottjen
(ADOT – MPD)

Marvin Mull
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Jerry Barnes - *PHONE*
(Globe)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Don Jones
(Mammoth)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Todd Pryor
(Superior)

Anna Flores
(Kearny)

VACANT
(Hayden)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Sheila DeSchaaf - *PHONE*
(Payson)

Jennifer Henderson
(ADOT LPA)

Jothan Samuelson
(Works Consulting)

CAG STAFF:

Andrea Robles
(Interim Executive Director)

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Denton called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Denton led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Six (6) voting members were present constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC Bylaws.

GILA COUNTY: GLOBE, HAYDEN, MIAMI, PAYSON, STAR VALLEY, WINKELMAN
PINAL COUNTY: APACHE JUNCTION, CASA GRANDE, COOLIDGE, ELOY, FLORENCE, KEARNY, MAMMOTH, MARANA, MARICOPA, QUEEN CREEK, SUPERIOR
TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS: AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY, GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY, SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE, WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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IV. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by those present in the room and on the phone. Mr. Ashbaugh, at this time, read a statement of where and how to file a complaint with regard to Title VI violations.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (May 10, 2018)

Vice Chair Warren made the motion to approve the May 10, 2018 minutes as presented. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Payson

Mr. Ward reported on two (2) items:

1. The “**Bonita Street**” project (**Project # PAY 16-01C**) will be striping signifying the last big day of construction. The drainage is looking well and are receiving a lot of positive responses from the public of the overall project. There is about a week left of construction time altogether.
2. The Design for the “**Longhorn Road and McLane Road Roundabout**” (**Project # PAY 19-02D**) is roughly at 80 percent. There were some design issues that needed to be addressed from the previous update.

Gila County

Vice Chair Warren reported on the “**Golden Hill Road**” sidewalk project (**Project # GIL 18-01D**) and stated it is moving forward. The project is currently identifying the Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) needed to be acquired.

San Carlos Apache Tribe

Mr. Mull reported on the “**Bylas (US 70) Safety Improvement**” ADOT project and stated that construction should be completed by the end of the month.

Pinal County

Chair Denton reported on the “**Florence-Kelvin Bridge**” bridge replacement project (**Project # PNL 00-01B**) and stated it has now been completed and may be taken off the CAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Globe

Mr. Barnes reported on three (3) items:

1. The “**Oak Street/Hill Street**” pavement rehabilitation project (**Project # GLB 17-01C**), came under budget. The final figures are yet to be determined but the City will most likely ask the TTAC to reprogram the savings towards another Globe project listed in the TIP in a future meeting. The project will be sent to Arizona State Transportation Board’s next meeting for final decision. DBA Construction is expected to be the contractor.
2. The “**Broad Street**” rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) is moving forward as is.
3. The City will be having a conversation with ADOT’s bridge section over the “**Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (# 8603)**” project (**Project # GLB 21-01D**), also known as

“Connie’s Bridge,” in the near future to discuss and secure funding for construction from the “Off-System Bridge” funds.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen reported that the tentative five-year transportation construction program for FY 2019 to FY 2023 was officially adopted by the Arizona State Transportation Board meeting in June 2018 held in Globe.

Ms. Henderson reported, in response to Mr. Barnes update regarding “Off-System Bridge” funds, that the funds will now be competitive based instead of a first come first serve approach as was the current practice. She announced that during November/December of 2018, a call for projects for FY 2020 will be announced. The applications will be due in January 2019.

A great deal of discussion pursued as projects expecting to obtain “Off-System Bridge” funding or was planned based on the current practice of first come first serve could now be in jeopardy. Mr. Ashbaugh stated his concern for the “**Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603)**” project that as recently entered into the TIP from the last CAG call for projects. He stated the Design is programmed for FY 2019 using Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds and construction for FY 2024 using a combination of STBGP, Railroad Improvement Funds, and “Off-System Bridge” funds. Under the current practice, the project needs to be entered into the TIP before “Off-System Bridge” funds could be considered. If the funds are now going to be competitive and cannot apply for the funds until a year before, it potentially could kill the project because the local agency wouldn’t want to risk having to pay back the STBGP dollars for Design if they are unsure if they will be chosen for Construction three years out. ADOT’s decision to go competitive on the “Off-System Bridge” funds would alter the CAG TIP greatly. More discussion was agreed to be set aside when discussing Agenda Item “*VII-A Old Business: Transportation Improvement Program.*”

C. District Engineers, ADOT

No District Engineers were present to provide a report.

D. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on two (2) items:

1. A preliminary award notification for CAG’s 5310 Mobility Management Grant Application was received for \$90,000 to fulfill the Mobility Manager position. CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO is partnering for Mobility Management services. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was noticed to fulfill the position as a contracted position.
2. Andrea Robles was appointed CAG’s Interim Executive Director at the June 27, 2018 Regional Council Meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh asked the Committee which columns of the TIP can be “hidden” in order for the Committee to review and discuss TIP related items in future meetings. He stated that all

columns are needed but for sake of space to make it simpler for the Committee to discuss projects, some columns can be “hidden” for clearer printing options. The Committee provided feedback and the changes will be instituted by next meeting.

Mr. Ashbaugh requested ADOT to look at all projects listed on the TIP outside of the STBGP funded projects to provide updates. One project in particular, the “**Ore Cart Trail**” project sponsored by the Copper Corridor Coalition under the “High Priority Project Program” has apparently been on the TIP since 2007. Mr. Ashbaugh stated since he has become the Transportation Planning Manager for CAG, he has not received updates on this project and has requested ADOT to look at anything that could possibly come off the TIP.

Discussion resumed regarding “Off-System Bridge” funds from Agenda Item “*VI-B Standing Reports: Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT.*” Mr. Ashbaugh first discussed the “**Colcord Road**” project (**Project # GIL 17-01D/GIL 20-01C**) and how implementing the decision for the “Off-System Bridge” to go competitive would impact this project. After much discussion, Ms. Henderson stated she would need to research this particular project to determine that the “Off-System Bridge” funding for construction in FY 2020 is secured. It is believed that this project would have the funding secured due to that it was under the previous ADOT process.

Mr. Ashbaugh then questioned how the “**Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603) & Intersection**” project (**Project # GLB 21-01D/GLB 24-01C**) would work with the new process through competition. He stated that those involved with the project preparation was informed that “Off-System Bridge” funding could not be considered until the project was placed on the TIP, which was consistent under the previous practice. He also stated that no information was released to the COGs/MPOs regarding this decision and could ultimately affect already programmed projects. Mr. Ashbaugh emphasized that for the “**Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603) & Intersection**” project the Design is being funded with STBGP, but the “Off-System Bridge” funds would be requested for FY 2024 for a good portion of the construction. He pointed out that if the “call for projects” for “Off-System Bridge” funds were only going to be made a year in advance, then the locals risk having to pay back the STBGP funds for Design, assuming Design was paid for without “Off-System Bridge” funds, and pending unsuccessful bids for “Off-System Bridge” funds during the “call for projects”. Ms. Henderson stated she would need to talk with Patrick Stone to see if the new process would need to be readdressed.

Mr. Ward stated that the Design for the “**Granite Dells Rd**” project (**Project PAY 19-01D**) will be changing scope to include a multi-use pathway in portions of the project. He also stated that this will be a HURF Exchange project and has requested to convert the funds already programmed as STBGP into HURF Exchange until further funding details can be determined.

Mr. Ward made the motion to convert the current programmed STBGP dollars for the “**Granite Dells Rd**” project to HURF Exchange dollars with a change in Scope to include a multi-use pathway in portion of the project. Vice Chair Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. ADOT Federal Functional Classification Rebalance Efforts

Mr. Ashbaugh provided a reminder of what has transpired over the last month and a half, stating

that numerous emails have been sent out in regards to the Federal Functional Classification rebalancing efforts that ADOT has been undertaking. Mr. Samuelson with Works Consulting, contracted with ADOT, came to discuss any concerns or answer questions of the final draft. He also provided some guidance on how to look at the data to establish consistency throughout the state.

After much discussion, it was determined by the Committee to approach the review of all Federal Functional Classification changes on a “hierarchical” scale of importance by focusing mostly those that were downgraded to a “Rural-Minor Collector” and “Local.” An email with all the review material, links, and detail instructions on where the focus should be, will be sent out for review after the meeting. Mr. Ashbaugh asked that all comments on the changes be submitted to him by September 1, 2018.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CAG/Sun Corridor MPO Joint Project Agreement

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the Joint Project Agreement with the Sun Corridor MPO is with regards to the 5310 Mobility Management services that CAG preliminarily was awarded for the upcoming Federal Fiscal Year (October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019). He explained that every year CAG needs to apply for these funds to fund the Mobility Manager position and the agreement is to cover both the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO transportation planning boundaries. The agreement is essentially the same from the previous year with simple updates.

Vice Chair Warren made the motion to approve the CAG/Sun Corridor MPO Joint Project Agreement for Mobility Management Services. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Future BUILD Grant Opportunities

Mr. Ashbaugh discussed background information regarding the BUILD Grant opportunity that recently closed for applications. He stated there was a larger amount of available funds in the pot than the previous TIGER grant program, with more focus on rural communities. He stated that CAG provided many support letters to agencies applying for projects for this grant cycle. He suggested that as a Committee, all should begin identifying projects on a level to be prepared for the next grant cycle, assuming the application, criteria, etc. doesn't change much. He stated that once we identify the projects, all should begin filling out the applications now so there is plenty of time to figure out any issues or concerns within the individual project. Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that if there is an area of the application that is complicated to fill out or is not understood, the Committee could place that topic on the agenda for a future meeting and discuss it as an educational component. He reemphasized the goal is to keep talking about potential projects for BUILD grant funds.

Mr. Ward stated that he would like to see how to factor the benefit/cost ratio figure as a possible training component.

C. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ashbaugh asked if there was anything the Committee would like to discuss to be placed on future agendas. Ms. Henderson suggested several websites that have a large number of

short training videos that could possibly be of interest.

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 September 13, 2018 at the Gila County Public Works Conference Room at 10:00 AM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Denton adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.