



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Gila County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room (Payson Location) | 610 E. Highway 260, Payson, AZ 85541

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Warren - *Chair*
(Gila County)

Dedrick Denton
(Pinal County)

Sheila DeSchaaf
(Payson)

Charles Russell
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Rick Powers - PHONE
(Globe)

Jason Bottjen - PHONE
(ADOT – MPD)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Don Jones
(Mammoth)

Anna Flores
(Kearny)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Svetlana Clark
(Superior)

VACANT
(Hayden)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Guarena
(Gila County)

Rainy Ferreira
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Tanner Henry
(Payson)

John Angulo
(Globe)

Kurtis Harris
(ADOT Southeast District)

Mark Henige
(ADOT LPA)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Warren led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Six (6) voting members were present in person, 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 & TITLE VI NOTICE

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 9, 2019)

Mr. Denton made the motion to approve the May 9, 2019 minutes as presented. Chair Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Gila County

Mr. Guerena reported on two (2) items:

1. The Design of the “**Colcord Rd**” bridge project (**Project # GIL 17-01D**) recently received its Environmental Clearance and is now moving forward for the Right-of-Way Clearance phase of the project.
2. The “**Gold Hill Road**” sidewalk project (**Project # GIL 17-01D**) is currently in the Utility Clearance phase of the project.

Payson

Ms. DeSchaaf reported on two (2) items:

1. The Town has requested the first HURF Exchange draw for the Design of the “**Granite Dells Road**” project (**Project # PAY 19-01D**). Painted Skies Engineering has been selected for the design.
2. The Town is still waiting for the transfer from the Forest Service to the School District, as well as acquiring additional Right-of-Way needed for the “**Longhorn Road & McLane Road Roundabout**” project (**Project # PAY 19-02D / PAY 24-01C**). The Construction is schedule for FY 2025.

San Carlos Apache Tribe

Mr. Russell had three (3) items to report:

1. Phase II of the “**BIA Route 6**” preservation road project is about 40 percent complete.
2. The “**US 70 Passing Lane**” safety improvement project, from San Carlos High School to BIA 170 milepost 270 to 271) is scheduled to go out to bid in August 2019.
3. The update to the Tribe’s Long Range Transportation Plan is approximately 67 percent complete.

Globe

Mr. Powers had two (2) items to report:

1. The “**Oak Street/Hill Street**” pavement rehabilitation project (**Project # GLB 17-01C**), is near completion. The only item remaining on the project is the striping.
2. The “**Broad Street**” rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) is now underway. The sidewalks of the project are currently being repaired and the pavement will be redone in the Fall of 2019.

All other member agencies present did not have anything new to report at this time.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. Bottjen reported that the Tentative Five-Year Transportation Construction Program for FY 2020 to FY 2024 was approved on June 21, 2019 in Pinetop-Lakeside at the Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting. The approval came with a caveat that ADOT staff look into options for reprogramming the State Route 260 Lions Springs project back into the Program. The options will be presented during the July 19, 2019 Arizona State Transportation Board meeting in Cottonwood, Arizona.

Mr. Bottjen also reminded everyone that all Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grants are due July 15, 2019.

C. District Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Harris from the Southeast District reported on six (6) items:

1. The “**US 60 MP227 to MP236**” mill fill project from the Town of Superior to the County Line has been advertised. The Southeast District plans on working with their maintenance crew during the project around Waterfall Bridge that is within the project limits. During the road closures the Southeast District maintenance crew plans to do rock, scaling, and some repair of Waterfall Bridge, while removing sheathing across the road in order to reduce hazards. Congestion issues are expected and will work with the local stakeholders within the traffic plan to mitigate as much as possible.
2. The “**SR 60 Pinto Creek Bridge**” \$31.5 million reconstruction project was recently awarded to Ames Construction. ADOT staff has 90 days to review plans for an access road and road closures.
3. The “**SR 177 Mineral Creek Bridge**” scour retrofit project was advertised in June 2019.
4. The “**SR 77 Gila River**” replacement bridge project was recently awarded to Sundt Construction. The pier shafts will need to be redone and expect many environmental mitigation measures to be performed.
5. The “**SR 70 Ramboz Wash Passing Lane**” project will be advertised in August 2019.
6. The Woodbury Fire has taken up a lot of the District’s maintenance time so many of the pavement preservation efforts have been put on hold. State Route 88 will remain closed for the unforeseeable future until the burned area has been evaluated by the emergency response team from the Forest Service, as they assess the impacts.

D. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on four (4) items:

1. The Towns of Hayden and Winkelman decided to ask for a resolution from the Regional Council to support their BUILD Grant proposal for Quarelli Street and Golf Course Boulevard. The Resolution was passed, however, the Towns agreed to postpone the application until next year due to additional technical work needed to be complete in order to provide a sounder application.

2. Interviews are scheduled for July 15, 2019 for a consultant regarding the Pinal County Transit Governance Study.
3. Discussions with James Menlove, Gila County Manager, has also been made in regards to apply for transit planning funds to do a Gila County Transit Governance Study in the near future.
4. The job posting for a CAG/Sun Corridor MPO Mobility Manager is being posted today. The intent is to hire a new Mobility Manager to start October 1, 2019. Eddie Caine, who is the current Mobility Manager will be retiring.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh provided the committee with two versions of the TIP, one with the **“Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603) & Intersection”** project (**Project # GLB 21-01D**), and one without. The project was recently funded through the State budget process and therefore no longer needs the use of these funds.

Mr. Powers requested \$20,000.00 of the **“Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603) & Intersection”** project be transferred to the **“Broad Street”** rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) for cost overruns they have encountered before taking it off the TIP.

Chair Warren made a motion to transfer \$20,000.00 from the FY2024 construction of **“Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603) & Intersection”** to the FY2019 **“Broad Street”** rehabilitation and upgrades projects (**Project # GLB 18-01C**). Ms. DeSchaaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeSchaaf made a motion to remove the Design and Construction of the **“Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603) & Intersection”** project (**Project # GLB 21-01D & GLB 24-01C**) from the TIP. Chair Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

General discussion on the structure of the TIP and clarifications were made. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the items for each Fiscal Year that are in red font correlate to the ADOT Ledger and is using the same terminology in order to keep the balance understood and accurate.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Eligible Roadways for STBGP Funding Per Agency

Mr. Ashbaugh provided the history and update regarding ADOT’s rebalancing efforts of the Federal Functional Classification (FFC) system throughout the state. He stated that all efforts conducted for the CAG Region is pretty much set and does not expect the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to deny the changes. FHWA approval is expected before the end of the Calendar Year of 2019.

Mr. Ashbaugh then provided a list of all roadway segments within the CAG Region by jurisdiction that have a “desired” FFC of “Rural Minor Collector” and above, pending the FHWA approval. All segments listed are eligible for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding except for “Rural Minor Collectors,” which were highlighted in yellow on the list. However, depending on

where the “Rural Minor Collector” roadway segment is located and is under 5,000 in population, it still may qualify for STBG funding per federal exceptions and other requirements, hence why all remain on the list. The list was generated to assist in their STBGP applications that will be discussed later in the agenda.

Discussion took place regarding specific roadway segments appearing not to be on the list. However, after review of the list the segments were located resulting in no actionable items.

B. STBGP Call for Projects

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that due to the “**Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603) & Intersection**” bridge project receiving funding, a large amount of funding is now available. He then proceeded to run through the TIP and gave amounts available for each Fiscal Year from FY2020 to FY2030.

Mr. Ashbaugh announced that there are some shortfalls within a few Fiscal Years and plans on setting aside any surplus of funds from any given Fiscal Year to be applied towards those years. Overall, when summing up the surplus and shortfalls of all Fiscal Years, there is approximately \$1.3 million dollars available to be programmed.

Mr. Ashbaugh also announced that CAG will have to request additional funds in FY2023 for the Regional Traffic Count program as it will be year one of a six-year contract that will have approximately 400 counts. The \$50,000 currently set aside will not cover all those counts. He then went over the schedule and key dates on the Call for Projects. All applications are due August 15, 2019. All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the TTAC committee. Presentations during the September 12, 2019 meeting will be required as well.

Mr. Ashbaugh ran through the application to inform applicants what is being expected through the application process. General questions regarding the application itself were asked and answered for clarification purposes.

C. Future Agenda Items Work Session

Mr. Ashbaugh asked the committee what they would like to see come out of the TTAC. He stated that since there are very little funds to go around, it’s hard to keep every agency engaged when the funds only fund one or two projects at a time any given Fiscal Year. He also stated the challenge to increase attendance for the meeting stems from staffing levels and not having a project within the TIP to discuss or update on. He then made the appeal that attendance is critical should you need additional funds for a project or if funds open up to request for a new project.

Another challenge mentioned among the group is that representation is different among the agencies. Agencies are either represented by a planner or an engineer which could make topics of interests to discuss or stay interested in challenging.

Great discussion took place among the group on potential items to address, initiate, and/or discuss that could help generate interest as a region. Those items are:

- **Crash Data** – to provide possible crash data statistics on a quarterly or bi-annual basis

pending training needed to pull data from ADOT's system.

- Initiate possible training for agencies as well to properly report crash data to ADOT.
- **Transit** – Should there be a discussion on transit related activities within this group? Should the CAG TTAC and the Gila-Pinal Rides Transportation Coordination Committee have a joint meeting once or twice a year?
- **Specific Funding Solutions** – Dedicate time on specific funding sources from the “funding matrix” to better understand the options out there.
- **General Project Solutions** – One example would be to look at pavement preservation and creative solutions on how to juggle the available dollars or scheduling of such projects.
- **Specific Project Solutions** – Identify a specific project from one of the agencies and work together to find a solution on how to get it funded and completed.
- **Debriefing of Every Day Counts (EDC) Local Public Agencies (LPA) Meetings** – Review the quarterly summary notes of meeting and identify areas where TTAC can expand on for further research and discussion.
 - Discuss any of the 10 initiatives and innovations of EDC.
 - Identify the #1 issue for deliverance of projects within our Region.
 - Share the Good and the Bad for collective knowledge of experiences.
 - Learn how to make projects deliverance more cost effective and efficient
 - Concept of project bundling as one example.
 - Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP)
 - ADOT and FHWA looking for a local agency that would participate as part of a council and review proposed state guidelines for the program.
- **Debriefing of CAG TIP Projects** – Idea is to provide a high level overview of the negatives and positives from the project from start to finish for collective knowledge.
 - Examples mentioned would be the Bonita Street project as the most recent completed project, as well as the Granite Dells Road project once completed through the HURF Exchange program.
- **Agency Public Works Spotlight** – share information regarding an agency's Public Works/Transportation Department and how they operate to potentially identify practices that other agencies may find helpful.
- **Roundtable** – Share information about projects going on within the agency that is outside of the TIP to potentially identify practices that other agencies may find helpful.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the call to the public.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM and will be held at the Kearny Town Hall building located at 912 Tilbury Drive, Kearny, AZ 85137. However, the date may be moved due to scheduling conflicts with another meeting. Also, the meeting scheduled for September 12, 2019 at the Gila County Works Conference Room in Globe, may be moved as well. Mr. Ashbaugh stated he would look into dates for the possible move.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 11:53 AM.