



# Transportation Technical Advisory Committee THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Gila County Public Works Conference Room | 745 Rose Mofford Way, Globe, AZ 85501

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Warren - *Chair*  
(Gila County)

Joe Heatherly  
(Miami)

Kathy Borquez  
(Pinal County)

Sylvia Kerlock  
(Winkelman)

Tara Chief  
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Svetlana Clark  
(Superior)

Marvin Mull  
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Jason Bottjen  
(ADOT – MPD)

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier  
(Star Valley)

Don Jones  
(Mammoth)

Anna Flores  
(Kearny)

Sandra Shade  
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Curtis Ward  
(Payson)

Jerry Barnes  
(Globe)

VACANT  
(Hayden)

### GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Guerena  
(Gila County)

Tara Harman  
(Pinal County)

Kurtis Harris  
(ADOT Southeast District)

Jeremy Moore - PHONE  
(ADOT Southcentral District)

Rick Powers  
(Consultant)

### CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh  
(Transportation Planning Manager)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Warren led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Eight (8) 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 – (March 14, 2019)

Ms. Borquez made the motion to approve the March 14, 2019 minutes as presented. Ms. Kerlock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. STANDING REPORTS

##### A. Member Jurisdictions

###### White Mountain Apache Tribe

Ms. Chief had two (2) items to report:

1. Will be constructing a new facility to house the WMAT DOT in the near future.
2. Working on a partnership project with ADOT to do work on US 73.

###### San Carlos Apache Tribe

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

1. Currently working on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for San Carlos with Jacobs Engineering.
2. The tribe is still waiting for the “**White Mountain Road (BIA 10) & Airport Road**” street light Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project (**Project # SCA 21-01D/22-01C**) to begin.

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 last public hearing for the Tentative Five-Year Transportation Construction Program for FY 2020 to FY 2024 (Draft Plan) will be on May 17, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Auditorium of the ADOT administration building located at 206 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

Mr. Bottjen announced that Don Sneed accepted the position of Tribal Liaison within the Multimodal Planning Division. Mr. Sneed was the ADOT Tribal Coordinator from 1999 to 2017 and has now returned as one of two Tribal Liaisons after a two-year break.

##### C. District Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Harris from the Southeast District reported on eight (8) items:

1. The “**Oak Street/Hill Street**” pavement rehabilitation project (**Project # GLB 17-01C**) is still delayed at this time.
2. The “**Broad Street**” rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) went out to bid and construction is expected to start construction mid-June 2019.
3. 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.

4. The “**SR 60 Pinto Creek Bridge**” reconstruction project was recently awarded to Ames Construction. Construction for the \$31.5 million project is expected to start mid-June 2019.
5. The “**SR 177 Mineral Creek Bridge**” scour retrofit project will be advertised in June 2019.
6. The “**SR 77 Gila River**” replacement bridge project is expected to be advertised in July 2019. The pier shafts will need to be redone and expect many environmental mitigation measures to be performed.
7. The “**SR 70 Ramboz Wash Passing Lane**” project will be advertised in August 2019.
8. Working on a district minor \$7 million project to continue a passing lane from Superior near the Queen Creek Bridge.

Mr. Moore from the Southcentral District updated the committee on the “**SR 77 MP120 to MP134**” \$1.2 million project with Southern Arizona Paving. The project is a rubberized chip seal project that is expected to start construction any day, and is expected to take 70 calendar days to complete.

#### **D. CAG Transportation Planning Update**

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on four (4) items:

1. CAG, in partnership with the Sun Corridor MPO, is expecting a pre-award notice in early June 2019 with regards to the 5310 transit grant application for Mobility Management. The intention is to hire a fulltime employee instead of consulting out. One of the two requests within the submittal is for additional funds to extend the current consultant’s contract by three months for a smooth transition of the position.
2. CAG, on behalf of Pinal County, applied for and awarded 5305(e) transit planning funds to do a Transit Governance Study for the County. The Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on the CAG website on May 1, 2019 and invitations were sent to over a dozen individual consulting firms. Proposals are due June 12, 2019 and expect to have a contract in place by the end of July 2019.
3. Working with Traffic Research & Analysis (TRA) to wrap up the final deliverables on the FY 2019 traffic counts that were conducted in January 2019 to April 2019. Once the final deliverables are completed, the Committee will be notified.
4. CAG forwards the AZ LTAP schedule for training courses for public work staff often. CAG pays \$10,000 annually, through the CAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under the “Technology Transfer” project, for membership. CAG’s membership allows the member agencies of CAG to take advantage of free training.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that no current amendments were proposed or are in need with any of the current projects. He did state that he discovered additional funds in the approximate amount of \$54,000 in the ADOT ledger through credits of previous projects. He requested that if any current project needed additional funds, now would be a good time to request, in order to make the decision at our June 2019 Regional Council meeting.

Mr. Ashbaugh also stated there is a bill still active in the State Legislature to fund the “**Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge (#8603) & Intersection**” project (**Project # GLB 21-01D**). If successful and is passed, via the State Budget, then the funds within the CAG TIP would then need to be reprogrammed, through an official call for projects. Discussion pursued on the history of how the project came about and the emergency that caused the City of Globe to reach out to their State Legislature representatives.

Ms. Borquez asked what happened to the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) line items that were in the TIP. Mr. Ashbaugh said that they are still there but did not see the need to print out the two-page worth of lines items of transportation projects that are still yet to be determined, pending the current litigation with the PRTA funding.

Ms. Borquez made the motion to move current TIP balance of FY 2019 to FY 2020. Mr. Bottjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Transportation Funding Matrix**

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he attempted to put together a funding matrix of possible transportation funding sources by Federal, State, and Local levels. However, he requested direction on what information should be available. He stated that it’s more complicated than one might expect as the details can’t necessarily be summarized easily in some cases as there are pages of information (i.e. eligibility requirements and project types). He suggested providing a link for additional information instead. Mr. Ashbaugh also shared a 2008 document he found from ADOT’s website that involve state projects but used it as an example for illustration purposes.

Mr. Ashbaugh also suggested that instead of a matrix or a list of transportation funding sources, perhaps a document of transportation funding strategies utilizing various sources to complete a project may be more suitable in some cases. Discussion pursued with regards to any agency applying for federal grants and/or utilizing different funding sources to then report back to the committee for presentation purposes in order to share their experiences. Other discussions pursued with regards to any agency with a need to present their project to the Committee so that all can provide input on approaches while making suggestions. Also the Committee can seek partnership opportunities, pending the nature of the project, as well as how a project can be funded.

There was a general consensus to at least provide the approximate notice of funding availability, approximate amount available, and a link for additional information. A “Project Eligibility”

column for each funding source will be considered pending the complexity on how the information can be summarized.

**B. BUILD Grant Opportunities**

Mr. Ashbaugh provided many documents regarding the BUILD Grant and stated all the documents can be found online. Since the due date for the BUILD Grant is July 15, 2019, Mr. Ashbaugh stated that if anyone is planning on submitting for a project and would like to have Regional Council support, information regarding the project would need to be submitted to CAG by May 23, 2019. He believes that if there is Regional support behind a submittal, it could only increase the chance that the submittal may be awarded.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the BUILD Grant Webinar will be starting shortly at 11:00 AM and encouraged everyone to stay to participate.

**C. Future Agenda Items Work Session**

Due to time limitations with the upcoming BUILD Grant webinar, there was no discussion on this item.

**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, June 13, 2019 at 10:00 AM and will be held at the Gila County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room located at 610 East Highway 260, Payson, AZ 85541.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.