



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 17, 2020

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Warren - *Chair*
(Gila County)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Larry Halberstadt
(Payson)

Rick Powers
(Globe)

Tara Harman
(Pinal County)

Jason James
(ADOT - MPD)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

John Schempf
(Mammoth)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

Martina Burnam
(Kearny)

VACANT
(Miami)

Charles Russell
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jennifer Henderson
(ADOT LPA)

Kurt Harris
(ADOT SE District)

CAG Staff:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. Call to Order

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 9:02 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, constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC Bylaws.

IV. Introductions & Title VI Notice

Introductions were made individually on the Webinar. Mr. Ashbaugh, at this time, read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations.

V. Approval Of Minutes – (October 8, 2020)

Chair Warren, stated the header of page two and on had the wrong date and should be October 8, 2020. Also, he stated that it's "Mr." and not "Ms." Henige on page 3 under section "C."

Mr. Powers made the motion to approve the September 17, 2020 minutes as amended. Mr. Halberstadt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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VI. Call to the Public

No one answered to the call to the public.

VII. Standing Reports

A. Member Jurisdictions

Payson

Mr. Halberstadt reported the Town is working towards the 60 percent Design plans and Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition for the “Granit Dells Road” project (**Project # PAY 19-01D**). The Town is estimating that it will take another six (6) months to complete design and ROW process. A TIP amendment will be requested under Agenda item VIII to move construction out from FY21 to FY22.

Globe

Mr. Powers reported on two (2) items:

1. The “Pinal Creek Bridge – Cottonwood Street (Structure #9711)” project (**Project # GLB 21-01D**) is moving forward with the IGA. The beginning of Design is expected to start at the beginning of January 2021.
2. The City is looking to advance the “Hill Street (Phase 2)” mill and fill/sidewalk replacement project (**Project # GLB 27-01D/29-01C**) to coincide with the “Upper Pinal Creek Bridge” state funded bridge project as they are interconnected. The City is seeking for advancement with the Arizona State Transportation Board.

Superior

Currently there are no Town projects within the TIP, however, Ms. Clark reported on three (3) projects within the Town:

1. The Town is working with ADOT on a parking lot on ADOT property located at the Magma and US 60 intersection. The Town has an IGA with ADOT to use the parking lot in the future. Millings have been applied to date.
2. Since the completion of raising the highway, there has been flooding issues along the US 60 within the Town in front of commercial properties. Since the flooding is occurring in ADOT ROW, the Town has been working with ADOT to mitigate the issue by constructing concrete swells. The Town is doing the concrete work and ADOT is doing the regrading and swell work so that the businesses don’t get flooded.
3. The Town is waiting for the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) funds to be available for local road projects.

Gila County

Chair Warren reported on two (2) items:

1. The “Colcord Road” project (**Project # GIL 20-01C / TRACTS # T008701C**) is substantially completed. The seeding has been done which was the last item of the project before project closeout. A request under Agenda item VIII will be made to remove the project from the list due to completion.
2. Stantec is expected to complete the design relatively soon for the “Golden Hill Road” sidewalk project (**Project # GIL 22-01C / TRACTS # T009001C**). Temporary Construction Easements (TCE) acquisitions are still underway.

Pinal County had nothing to report at this time.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. James reported

1. The COG/MPO manual has been updated and finalized and was presented at the last COG/MPO Planner’s meeting on December 11, 2020. Over 300 comments were received throughout this update.



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2. As a reminder, to complete the Arizona Crash and Information System (ACIS) user questionnaire. The deadline is mid-January 2021. The intent is to understand how to make the functionality within the platform more user friendly in the anticipate for the next call for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects expected in July 2021.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Ms. Henderson reported on four (4) items:

1. The “Off-System Bridge” (OSB) call for projects for FY22 came out on December 19, 2020 for \$3.9 million in available funding overall. The applications are due February 19, 2021. A presentation of the OSB application was offered, however many of the TTAC members that were present opted not to have one for this cycle.
2. Would like to hear feedback from anyone who was able to attend the “Every Day Counts” (EDC) training session on December 10, 2020 that was held virtually. The topic of discussion was “Part 2” on the “Planning Level Estimates” series with the ADOT Multimodal Planning Division and ADOT Pre-Design group, that lead discussions regarding pavement preservation projects. David Wessel, MetroPlan Planning Manager, also did a presentation of their methodology and best practices regarding how planning level estimates are conducted at MetroPlan. There is also a “Part 3” being planned for Spring 2021.
3. Working on developing a training course regarding project delivery. ADOT is expecting this will be a 4-5 modular training course.
4. ADOT has been working on internal website updates such as the “HURF Exchange” page as links were broken. HURF Exchange has also been approved for the next five-year program.

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Harris of the Southeast District had eight (8) items to report:

1. Catching up on pavement preservation and crack sealing on SR 88.
2. The “Gila County Tonto Creek Bridge” construction project had its kick-off meeting.
3. The design for the “US 60 Queen Creek Bridge” is trying to reach 30 percent design as soon as possible.
4. A roadway lighting safety project in Globe is underway. The City and ADOT SE District are working with the design engineer to include replacing light bulbs that is just outside the project boundary.
5. The “US 60 Waterfall Canyon Bridge – MP 229.4” appears that it was pushed out of the state’s 5-year construction plan.
6. The “US 60/Gila County Line – MP 226-236” mill and fill and guardrail replacement project is wrapping up and expected to be completed by end of December 2020 or early January 2021. Mr. Powers complimented on the paving work completed thus far and stated it is a “fantastic showcase job” as he has heard multiple compliments.
7. The “US 60 Pinto Creek Bridge – MP 237” bridge replacement project is about 70-75 percent complete.
8. The “SR 77 Gila River Bridge – MP 134” reconstruction project is about 75-80 percent complete. One should be able to see the deck bridge component at this point, as the abutment slope paving finishes up.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

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

1. The Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) escrow account has collected an approximate \$44 million to date and is being held until a final court decision is made to release the funds or not. A hearing was held at the AZ Supreme Court on December 10, 2020 for oral arguments. The understanding is that the decision will be handed down before the summer of 2021. Although this indicates more delay to release funds should it be a favorable outcome for the PRTA, the Interim General Manager, Wilson & Company will be working on Intergovernmental



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Agreements (IGAs) with agencies on the listed projects. The agencies receiving annual funding in lieu of benefiting from a direct project, should also expect to see approximately \$1,000,000 to be made available to them, which would have been received over the course of the previous three years. Agencies to receive funds within the CAG TTAC are the Towns of Superior, Kearny, and Mammoth.

Wilson & Company also has reestablished the PRTA TAC, reconvened the PRTA Board, and are working on reestablishing the PRTA Citizens TAC, and PRTA Transit Sub-Committee.

2. As part of the ongoing 4-year contract that CAG has with Traffic Research & Analysis (TRA) for traffic counts, the seventeen (17) "Growth 7-Day" traffic counts will start the third week of January 2021 and will run through March 2021.

VIII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that there is \$71,048.22 available in the TIP for the current Fiscal Year. He said that \$50,000 of those funds would be from canceling the FY21 Regional Traffic Counting (Project # CAG 21-01P) as CAG does not need the funds for the current contract. The remaining \$21,048.22 is due to credits that hit the CAG ADOT ledger from past completed projects.

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he would prefer to use the funds within a current project that is ongoing if needed, however it is open to anybody who wants it to be applied towards any project listed within the TIP. He had contacted Gila County and the Town of Payson specifically if they needed additional funds as they are the only agencies with current, ongoing projects. Although the available amount mentioned is not enough to do a whole project, Mr. Ashbaugh also asked the TTAC if the Committee would like to see a minimum threshold to force a "Call-for-Projects" when TIP funds become available. After much discussion, the TTAC agreed to not have any threshold to allow for flexibility and situational circumstances to be addressed for the use of available funding from credits, etc.

After discussions, the following motions were made:

Mr. Powers made the motion to delete the FY21 "Regional Traffic Counting" project (Project # CAG 21-01P) from the TIP for reprogramming. Mr. Halberstadt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Powers made the motion to apply the available funding of \$71,048.22 of FY21 STBGP funds to the construction of "Golden Hill Road" new sidewalk project (Project # GIL 22-01C | TRACTS # T009001C). Mr. Halberstadt second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Warren made the motion to move the "Granite Dells Road" HURF Exchange construction project (Project # PAY 21-01C) and the funding of \$417,160.00 from the FY21 to FY22. Mr. Halberstadt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Warren made the motion to remove the "Colcord Road" construction project (Project # GIL 20-01C | TRACTS # T008701C) due to its completion from FY20. Mr. Halberstadt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. CAG TTAC Bylaws

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the section regarding electronic voting does violate opening meeting laws and therefore this section will be removed from the bylaws administratively. Other grammatical typos that were pointed out by Chair Warren were also made administratively.



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C. Broad Street TIP Project Debriefing

Mr. Powers presented a PowerPoint presentation from start to finish. The key points of the presentation were as follows:

1. Project Background
2. Bid Results
3. Box Culvert Repairs
4. Timeline of the funding requests through CAG
5. Several pictures of project construction and completion

D. Round Table

Mr. Powers provide a quick update on the State funded “Upper Pinal Creek Bridge” replacement project. He stated that all the public meetings have been completed and that there is a concurrence from the City Council and the citizens of the realignment. The City is erecting signs signaling the location of the future bridge. Final design efforts are underway as the geotechnical borings to do the foundation designs are being done as well as the railroad crossing designs for the railroad portion of the project.

E. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ashbaugh stated the agenda items for January 2021 thus far would be the annual Title VI Training presentation and the E2C2 part 2 presentation, and the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Bylaws may be brought back as well.

IX. Scheduling of Next Meetings

Chair Warren stated the next scheduled meeting is for January 14, at 10:00 AM and February 11, 2021 @ 10:00 AM. Mr. Ashbaugh stated the next meetings for January and/or February 2021 will most likely remain virtual until further notice.

X. Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.