

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020 – 10:00 AM

Via Zoom Video/Web Conferencing

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Warren - *Chair*
(Gila County)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Dan Gabiou
(ADOT - MPD)

Tara Harman
(Pinal County)

Rick Powers
(Globe)

Larry Halberstadt
(Payson)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Don Jones
(Mammoth)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

Anna Flores
(Kearny)

Joe Heatherly
(Miami)

Charles Russell
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kurt Harris
(ADOT SE District)

Mark Henige
(ADOT LPA)

Jennifer Henderson
(ADOT LPA)

Jim Meyer
(ADOT)

Adam Langford
(Works Consulting)

Sage Donaldson
(Works Consulting)

Jothan Samuelson
(Works Consulting)

CAG STAFF:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 with regard to Title VI violations.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (April 9, 2020)

Mr. Powers made the motion to approve the April 9, 2020 minutes as presented. Chair Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the call to the public.

VII. STANDING REPORTS

A. Member Jurisdictions

Globe

Mr. Powers reported that the “**Broad Street**” rehabilitation and upgrades project (**Project # GLB 18-01C**) was completed last July 2019. However, the City is still working on the change order for the culvert repair that collapsed during construction. Mr. Powers stated that the City is close to an agreement with the contractors and is currently waiting to receive a final estimate.

Payson

Mr. Halberstadt reported that Design for the “**Granite Dells Road**” project (**Project # PAY 19-01D**) is still underway. He also stated that he still owes Jennifer Henderson from ADOT LPA paperwork on the drawdowns.

Superior

Currently there are no Town projects within the TIP, however, Ms. Clark reported on two (2) projects within the Town:

1. Work on the “**Besich Park,**” funded through the CDBG program, has slowed down. Inmates were being used for much of the labor but COVID-19 has halted their labor efforts. The Town’s Public Works Department has been working on and off to begin finishing the project. He project is expected to be done within the next 2-3 weeks.
2. The “**Flood Mitigation**” project around the low drainage areas around Stone Avenue/Kiser Street, are being done by Pinal County through an IGA with the Town. A change order was done to cancel the construction portion of the concrete culverts along Church Avenue due to lack of topography data.

Pinal County have no current projects on TIP to update and Gila County had nothing new to report as of the last TTAC meeting on April 9, 2020.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

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

1. ADOT planning posted a revised tentative 5-year construction program for FY 2021 – FY 2025 on their website. There has been significant changes due to the rebalancing and reduction of revenues due to COVID-19.

2. The State Transportation Boarding scheduled meeting for tomorrow, May 15, 2020, will be virtual. If you have comments, more specifically with the revised 5-year tentative construction program for FY 2021 to FY 2025 they will need to be sent ahead of time.
3. A selection was made to fulfill the ADOT MPD position that would attend the CAG meetings. ADOT is currently in negotiations with the individual and is expected to start June 15, 2020.

Mr. Henige provided an updates on behalf of the ADOT Local Public Agency (LPA) section. He stated the meeting minutes from the March 12, 2020 “Every Day Counts – LPA” Stakeholder meeting were completed and sent out. He also stated that the June 11, 2020 meeting would be canceled with the next meeting scheduled in September 2020. Mr. Henige said the focus for the future meeting would involve project estimates. Trainings are also being developed so that local agencies can have a better understanding for project estimates.

C. District Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Harris had six (6) items to report:

1. The **“US 60 Superior/Gila County Line”** mill and fill and guardrail replacement project is about 52 percent complete. All guardrails are about installed and hope to be milling and paving in June 2020.
2. The **“US 60 Pinto Creek Bridge”** bridge replacement project is now being done offline and is about 40 percent complete. There is some difficulty with the micro-piling in determining the depth of the bedrock.
3. The **“US 60 Queen Creek Bridge”** bridge project is being rushed through design so construction can begin in FY 2022. The alignment has been finished, but the ADOT District is pushing for a passing lane to be added on the Eastbound section between Superior/SR 177 to the end of the new bridge. State Transportation Board Member, Steve Stratton is in support for the additional lane.
4. The **“SR 77 Gila River Bridge”** reconstruction project in Winkelman is approximately 50 percent complete. Pouring of the decks will commence next week and will be done at night in phases.
5. The **“SR 177 Mineral Creek Bridge Scour”** retrofit and deck rehabilitation project has been completed. The final walkthrough was completed last week.
6. Catching up on general maintenance such as mowing/vegetation trimming, as well as minimum pavement preservation projects.

D. CAG Transportation Planning Update

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

1. 5310 funding currently funding the Mobility Management activities is being swapped out for 5311 CARES Act funding and is at 100 percent instead of the 80/20 split, providing relief to CAG’s In-kind revenues. This would allow for freeing up 5310 funds for 5310 providers who may be experiencing hardship due to COVID-19 as 5310 funding was not part of the CARES Act stimulus package.

2. Expecting to hear back from ADOT regarding the past 2-year grant cycle for Mobility Manager in the next week or two and suspects that it may be funded partially by the CARES Act as well.
3. The last set of the “Growth Counts” of the Traffic Count program was completed in March and all data has been uploaded to the MS2 website.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Improvement Program

No amendments were proposed. No action was taken.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. HPMS Federal Functional Classification Presentation

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that a few years ago the TTAC reviewed the proposed changes of the Federal Functional Classifications of road segments within the CAG Transportation Planning Boundary in order to rebalance the classification proportions to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines. The rebalancing of the classifications has now been approved by FHWA in late 2019. Mr. Ashbaugh also stated it’s important to know this information for future Call-for-Projects within the STBGP funding of the TIP. Only road segments with classifications of Rural Minor Collector and up are eligible for consideration. He stated the tool that will be presented is helpful for the locals in determining eligibility before applying.

Ms. Donaldson and Mr. Langford presented a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation went over the results of the reclassification changes and the steps to request a change in the future. A PDF of the presentation is available upon request. They also presented a tool that helps identifies ownership of road segments too.

B. Round Table

No items were brought up for discussion.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Warren stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM to be held at the Gila County Board of Supervisor’s Room in Payson, AZ. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that he would contact Chair Warren to see if the facilities will be available to the public as COVID-19 guidelines may still be in place.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM