



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 18, 2021
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Zoom Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt - *Chair*
(Payson)

Scott Warren
(Gila County)

Rick Powers
(Globe)

Nina Arredondo
(Pinal County)

Barney Bigman
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Jason James
(ADOT - MPD)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

Martina Burnam
(Kearny)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Micah Gaudet
(Miami)

John Schempf
(Mammoth)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jennifer Henderson
(ADOT LPA)

Jason Bottjen
(Pinal County)

CAG Staff:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. Call to Order

Chair Halberstadt called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Halberstadt 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 – (February 11, 2021)

Chair Halberstadt asked if there were any corrections needed to be made to the February 11, 2021 draft meeting minutes. Mr. Warren had the following corrections:

1. On Page 2, under section V-Approval of Minutes, typo on the second “Halberstadt” (delete the “n”).
2. On Page 6, under section XI-Adjournment, change to Chair Halberstadt from Chair Warren.



Mr. Warren made the motion to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes as amended. Mr. Powers 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

Gila County

Mr. Warren reported on one (1) item:

1. Another meeting was held with the Design Consultant, Stantec, regarding the “**Golden Hill Road**” sidewalk project (**Project # GIL 18-01D / TRACTS # T009001D**) and the Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) acquisitions. They were able to identify another block of parcels to eliminate Right-of-Way (ROW) needs simply by moving the improvements another two feet out. The County is now in the process of a change order to allow for the Design change. Also, the County is scheduled to do a refresher training course on ROW acquisitions within the next few weeks.

Payson

Mr. Halberstadt reported on one (1) item:

1. The Town is continuing to work on the 60 percent Design plans and ROW acquisition on the “**Granite Dells Road**” project (**Project # PAY 19-01D**). An updated schedule for the project is being planned to be submitted to Ms. Henderson in the ADOT LPA section later in the day.

Globe

Mr. Powers reported on one (1) item:

1. The IGA for “**Pinal Creek Bridge – Cottonwood Street (Structure #9711)**” project (**Project # GLB 21-01D**) has been finalized and approved by City Council. The local match portion has also been sent to ADOT. The Design is expected to begin within the next month.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. James reported on four (4) items:

1. During the February 19, 2021 ADOT State Transportation Board Meeting, the Board approved proposed uses of CARES Act Federal Relief Funding for the **CARES ACT – Pavement Life Extension Projects**. Proposed uses total \$261.7 million which includes:
 - \$31.3M – MAG/PAG suballocation
 - \$61.1M – Greater AZ Maintenance projects (24 rehabilitation projects, which will improve the pavement condition from fair to good)
 - Project specific to CAG region:
 - SR 260, MP 272.2 to 282.5 (east of Payson) in Gila County = \$7,230,127
 - SR 287, MP 134.58 to 142.96 in Pinal County = \$2,032,050
 - SR 77, MP 82.1 to 95.05 in Pinal County = \$6,445,750
 - \$40M – MAG maintenance projects
 - \$15.3M – PAG maintenance projects
 - \$41M – US 93 project north of Wickenburg

- \$40M – I-17 project from Cordes Junction to Anthem
 - \$33M – I-10 Gila River Bridge
2. There are 29 proposed **State Transportation Revenue Bills** that have been introduced in the State Legislature to direct one-time general fund revenues to transportation projects across the State. The proposed bills of interest to the CAG region include:
 - HB1027 – SR 88 Repair between Apache Junction and Roosevelt Lake – Gila County (\$15M)
 - Passed Senate, Assigned to House Transportation & Appropriations Committees
 - HB2231 – Public Airport Capital Improvements (Statewide) – (\$20M)
 - Passed House Transportation Committee and now ready for the Appropriations Committee.
 - HB2808 – Rural Broadband Grants (Statewide) – (\$10M)
 - Passed House, Assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee.
 3. The **FY22-26 Tentative Five-Year Program** was presented to the State Transportation Board on February 19, 2021. The next planned public hearings are scheduled to be held in April and May of 2021. The projected approval of the Five-Year Program is scheduled for June 18, 2021.
 4. The **HSIP Call-for-Projects – FY25/26** is scheduled to advertise on July 1, 2021. Due date for the HSIP applications is November 1, 2021.

Mr. Bigman asked how San Carlos Apache Tribe can receive additional information regarding HB2231- Public Airport Capital Improvements that is available and what can the Tribe do to go after some of the funding. Mr. James stated that it is just in the bill stage and still must go through the House Appropriations Committee. Should the Governor have a chance to sign the bill, then more details will follow.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

Ms. Henderson reported on three (3) items:

1. There is a new ROW Coordinator at ADOT for the CAG Region, Debra Carter, via as a Consultant.
2. The Off-System Bridge applications were sent to the selection committee on March 12, 2021. There were only three applications, therefore ADOT will accept additional applications after the deadline within reason.
3. To serve as a reminder that the ADOT LPA section is preparing to launch a new series of webinar trainings regarding project delivery. There will be seven (7) modules, one per month starting on April 29, 2021 and ending in October 2021. Each module will be approximately 2-3 hours long and cover topics such as planning projects, programming projects, federal funding sources, introduction to project life cycle, the ADOT LPA role in project initiation, Joint Project Agreements, etc., all the way through close-out.

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

There were no representatives from the ADOT Districts present to provide updates.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

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

1. The Pinal County Transit Governance Study has wrapped up. A presentation regarding the acceptance of the recommendations and options was presented to the Eloy City Council on February 22, 2021. The same presentation will also be presented before the CAG Management Committee and Regional Council in April 2021, as well as, before the City Council in Casa Grande on April 19, 2021.

2. The Gila County Transit Governance Study (GCTGS) is approximately 60 percent complete. Virtual Workshops were conducted on March 3, 2021 at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Overall, the workshops were well attended, and the study team was able to obtain valuable input that included city/town staff and elected officials. A summary of the workshops will be posted soon on the GCTGS webpage on CAG's website. During the workshops, live polling was conducted with a series of questions. One of the questions asked was "Who you think should be the lead agency for transit governance within Gila County?" The consensus is Gila County. Therefore, follow-up interviews are being scheduled with Gila County, Payson Senior Center, and Town of Miami to discuss the results and possible solutions because of the workshops.
3. Building off the update regarding the upcoming HSIP Call-for-Projects from Mr. James, encouragement was provided to begin filling out the previous application as the information is more than likely going to remain the same to allow ample time corrections and/or updates for submittal.

VIII. Old Business

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Powers at the previous meeting stated that the "**Broad Street**" rehabilitation & upgrade project was completed and now needs a vote to be removed from the TIP.

Mr. Powers made the motion to remove the "**Broad Street**" rehabilitation & upgrade project (**Project # GLB 18-01C | TRACS # SZ15101C**) from the TIP due to completion. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that an administrative amendment was made to include the BUILD Grant awarded to Gila County on the "**Tonto Creek Bridge and Roadway Improvements**" project (**Project # GIL 22-02C**) within the TIP.

Mr. Powers asked if the administrative amendment was made for the Design on the "**White Mountain Road (BIA 10) & Airport Road – Street Light Project,**" (**Project # SCA 21-01D**) in for San Carlos to include the additional funds totaling \$300,000. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that was taken care with Mr. Bigman confirming that it is listed within the TIP as such.

Mr. Warren asked about the "**Golden Hill Road – (New Sidewalk)** project (**Project # GIL 22-01C | TRACS # T009001C**) if it was labeled correctly since the project is in FY21. Mr. Ashbaugh explained that the CAG ID number is produced based on the fiscal year the project originally was programmed. This particular project was originally going to be constructed in FY22, however, he believed this project was part of the reprogramming of all projects a few years back when a large Call-for-Projects was announced. He stated the CAG ID numbers stays the same even if it moves to a different fiscal year.

IX. New Business

A. Title VI Plan – 2021 Update

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the Title VI Plan is required to be updated annually in coordination of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements. The plan lays out processes for what CAG must do to assure discrimination is not present, as well as processes of how one could file a complaint should an individual feel they have been discriminated against within a CAG led transportation meeting, program, and/or activity based on the individuals race, color, or national origin. He



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stated that primary updates involved the socioeconomic demographic data within the tables throughout the plan. The updated figures come from the update 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) data from the Census Bureau that are updated every December.

Mr. Warren made the motion to recommend approval of the 2021 CAG Title VI Non-Discrimination and Implementation Plan update as presented. Mr. Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Round Table

Mr. Warren stated earlier that Gila County is scheduled to do a refresher training course on ROW acquisitions within the next few weeks. He opened the invitation to everyone on the TTAC to attend if they would also like to have a refresher on ROW acquisitions. He stated the meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2021 and will send Mr. Ashbaugh meeting information details once confirmed.

C. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ashbaugh asked the Committee if they wanted to watch the “Planning Level Estimates – Every Day Counts-Local Public Agencies - Part 3” presentation. The Committee asked for the links in lieu of the presentation. No other topics were mentioned for future items.

Mr. Ashbaugh then stated that if there are any topics that the committee wishes to discuss in the future, to send him the information to possibly add into a future agenda.

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings

Chair Halberstadt stated the next scheduled meetings are for April 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM and May 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Mr. Ashbaugh stated the April 2021 meeting may be canceled due to lack of items. Meetings will remain virtual until further notice.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.