



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

March 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 17, 2022
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt - *Chair*
(Payson)

Rick Powers
(Globe)

Nina Arredondo
(Pinal County)

Micah Gaudet
(Miami)

Barney Bigman
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Amanda Kenney
(Kearny)

Jason James
(ADOT - MPD)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Grier
(Star Valley)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

VACANT
(Hayden)

Tara Chief
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Sylvia Kerlock
(Winkelman)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

John Schempf
(Mammoth)

Thomas Goodman
(Gila County)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Will Randolph
(ADOT - MPD)

Keith Brown
(Eloy)

Kevin Adam
(Rural Transportation Advocacy Council)

Jennifer Hobert
(ADOT LPA)

Jeff Minefee
(ADOT SE District)

Larry Talley
(ADOT Traffic Safety Section)

Mona Aglan-Swick
(ADOT TSMO Division)

CAG Staff:

Travis Ashbaugh
(Transportation Planning Manager)

I. Call to Order

Chair Halberstadt called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Halberstadt led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Seven (7) 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 read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations.

V. **Approval Of Minutes – (February 10, 2022)**

Mr. Gaudet made the motion to approve the February 10, 2022 minutes as presented. 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**

Globe

Mr. Powers reported on one (1) item:

1. The design plans for the **“Pinal Creek Bridge – Cottonwood Street (Structure #9711)”** bridge project (**Project # GLB 21-01D**) is about 95% complete and is expected to be completed by the end of March 2022. The project is expected to go out to bid for construction by September 2022.

San Carlos Apache Tribe

Mr. Bigman reported on one (1) item:

1. The consultant for design on the **“White Mountain Road (BIA 10) & Airport Road – Street Light Project,”** (**Project # SCA 21-01D**) ran into issues with the placement of the streetlights on the existing poles. Negotiations are taking place with the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP), the landowner, on how to alleviate the liability issues they have if the existing poles are to be used.

Payson

Chair Halberstadt reported on one (1) item:

1. The Town has proceeded the termination process with the current consultant on the design plans for the **“Granite Dells Road”** project (**Project # PAY 19-01D**) due to unacceptable performance to complete the project. The consultant stated they had 95% design plans, however the Town didn’t agree with the assessment, knowing there were issues that were still not resolved. Such issues included drainage structures outside of the right-of-way where it didn’t call for such a design, and other similar examples. The Town is attempting to receive the CAD files of the design and finish in-house. An extension for the construction funding may be needed, but a letter will need to be sent to ADOT LPA explaining the situation.

No other agencies present had updates.

B. **Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT**

Mr. James reported on three (3) items:

1. **ADOT FY23-FY27 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program:** ADOT has released its tentative 2023-2027 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program for public review and comment. The public comment period for the Tentative Five-Year Program ends on June 2, 2022. The State Transportation Board will consider final formal action on the Five-Year Program at its June 18, 2022 Board meeting. The Tentative 2023-2027 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program can be viewed at: <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-programming/tentative-five-year-program>.

The public can provide comments on the Tentative Five-Year Program in the following ways:

- Attend the virtual public hearings of the State Transportation Board on May 20 at 9:00 AM. Meeting information can be found at <http://aztransportationboard.gov>.
- Complete an online comment form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ADOTFiveYearSurvey>
- Email: fiveyearconstructionprogram@azdot.gov
- Call the bilingual phone line at 1-855-712-8530
- Mail ADOT at Attn: Courtney King, c/o ADOT Communications, 1665 W. Jackson, Room 179, MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

2. **ADOT Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update:** The LRTP update is out for advertisement. Proposals are due 3/31/22. The LRTP will be ADOT's principal operating document that links long-range visioning with cost-constrained investment planning and programming. The LRTP establishes a policy framework for ADOT over the next twenty-five years. Reach out to Jason James (jjames6@azdot.gov) for any questions.
3. **Change in Representative for ADOT:** Will Randolph will be the primary representative for ADOT MPD at the CAG TTAC meetings. Mr. James will be stepping down from Vice-Chair.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No new updates were provided at this time.

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

Mr. Minefee with the Southeast District reported on three (3) items:

1. Near completion of an Emergency Relief project on the US 60 on bank repairs due to the flooding that occurred several months ago. Grouted riprap and new electrical components for the Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) boards are a few of the activities that have occurred.
2. Bill Harmon, the District Administrator for the Southeast District, has officially retired from ADOT. Todd Emery is now the new District Administrator for the Southeast District for ADOT.
3. Next project closest to going out to bid is a street lighting project on US 60 from Radanovich Boulevard to Cherry Avenue.

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on three (3) items:

1. Advertising for the "Mobility Management Coordinator" position continues.
2. Currently drafting the next Request for Proposals (RFP) for the CAG FY23-FY27 Traffic Count Program. The current CAG FY19-FY22 Traffic Count Program is wrapping up as there are four "7-day Growth Counts" left to be conducted.
3. Leadership from Gila County, Cities and Towns within, and the 5311 Public Transportation providers met recently to discuss the exploration and the next steps with regards to forming an Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (IPTA). The purpose of the IPTA would be to place all the major public transportation programs under one administrator. However, the meeting discussion led to a two tier path. The first being that there is a relatively immediate decision that needs to be made of what agency is willing to take over the Beeline Bus program from the Payson Senior Center (PSC) and what steps need to occur for that to happen. The PSC has stated several times that they started the system to get public

transportation up and running and always had intentions of handing it off to someone else. However, the PSC Board had decided too much time has past in getting that worked out and decided that they will terminate being the administrators of the Beeline Bus on September 30, 2022. The second is continuing the exploration of forming an IPTA.

VIII. Old Business

Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Ashbaugh stated Mr. Bigman would like to request that the “**BIA 170 – (New Sidewalk)**” project for design (**Project # SCA 28-01D**) be advanced within the TIP from FY28 to FY27, and for construction (**Project # SCA 30-01C**) to be advanced from FY30 to FY29.

Mr. Powers made the motion to advance the “**BIA 170 – (New Sidewalk)**” design (**Project # SCA 28-10D**) from FY28 to FY27, and construction (**Project # SCA 30-01C**) from FY30 to FY29. Mr. Gaudet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

A. HB2396: RTAC Greater AZ Transportation Priority Projects - Update

Mr. Adam provided an update on the RTAC Greater AZ Transportation Priority Projects and stated that the bill got through the House Transportation Committee several weeks ago, however, the bill ran into a roadblock with the House Appropriations Chair who also happens to be the architect of the State Budget. The House Appropriations Chair decided that only State projects should be listed within the bill and not the local projects, which accounted for 90 percent of the projects that the rural Arizona COGs and MPOs had prioritized last year. He stated that within the last few weeks, RTAC had to quickly pivot and reach out to the ADOT planning division and seek State projects already vetted that needed funding within rural Arizona, while trying to balance the equity among the different regions. The bill originally started with a \$50 million price tag but has now grown much larger. He stated this can be seen as a positive due to more funding being spent in rural Arizona. Mr. Adam, at a high level, stated that there are some other potential options to possibly help fund the local projects that were prioritized due to the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and is currently researching those options.

B. Highway Safety Improvement Program Application Presentation

Mr. Talley provided an overview presentation of the HSIP application for the Call-for-Projects for FY25 and FY26 HSIP funds. He stated that a more detailed presentation was given on March 9, 2022 and that it was recorded and posted on ADOT’s website under the Traffic Safety Section. The PowerPoint presentation provided for this meeting is also available upon request. Within the presentation, topics of discussion included:

1. Specifics of the Call-for-Projects including amounts and appropriations funding guidance timetable.
2. Lesson Learned from previous Call-for-Projects.
3. Changes to the HSIP Program.
4. Non-Infrastructure Projects
5. Revised Anticipated Milestones
6. Ensuring Consistency with the State Highway Safety Plan
7. Resources:

<https://azdot.gov/business/transportation-systems-management-and-operations/operational-and-traffic-safety/arizona-0>

C. Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) Exchange Presentation

Ms. Hobert provided an overview presentation of the Highway User Revenue (HURF) Exchange program. The PowerPoint presentation provide for this meeting is available upon request. Within the presentation, topics of discussion included:

1. The HURF Exchange Funding Source and Distribution.
2. Overview of the HURF Exchange Program with the Regional TIPs.
3. Benefits of the HURF Exchange Program.
4. HURF Exchange Eligible and Ineligible Projects and Costs.
5. HURF Exchange Timeline.
6. Planning & Programming.
7. HURF Exchange Project Initiation Resources

Ms. Hobert then proceeded to run through each necessary piece of documentation needed in detail.

D. STBGP Application – Revision/Process Proposal

Due to the lack of time, no discussion or action took place on this item.

E. Round Table

No discussion took place.

F. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ashbaugh stated items needed to be placed on the next agenda are the election for a new vice-chair and the discussion/decision on the proposed CAG STBGP Application and process.

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings

Mr. Ashbaugh stated the next scheduled meeting is for April 14, 2022, however there is a scheduling conflict as it occurs during the the ADOT/AzTA Transit Conference. He proposed that the meeting be rescheduled for the following week on April 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The Committee agreed that was acceptable.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 12:01 PM.