



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

November 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 21, 2024
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Halberstadt – *Chairman*
(Payson)

Tara Harman
(Pinal County)

Thomas Goodman
(Gila County)

Tina Ridings
(Star Valley)

Amanda Kenny
(Kearny)

Lana Clark
(Superior)

Ruth Garcia
(ADOT - MPD)

Gloria Ruiz
(Winkelman)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT
(Hayden)

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(Mammoth)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Barney Bigman
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

LaReesa Sanchez
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Alexis Rivera
(Town of Miami)

Travis Ashbaugh
(City of Globe)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Alex Kendrick
(Gila County)

CAG Staff:

Steve Abraham
(Transportation Planning Director)

Yvonne Tackett
(Finance Manager)

I. Call to Order

Chair Halberstadt called the meeting to order at 1:16 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Halberstadt led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Eight (8) voting members were present, constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC Bylaws.

IV. Introductions & Title VI Notice

Introductions were made on the Webinar. Mr. Abraham read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations.

V. Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2024

Ms. Kenney (Kearny) made a motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2024. Ms. Harman (Pinal County) 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:

Payson

Chair Halberstadt reported on two (2) items:

1. “Granite Dells Road” construction project (Project # PAY 21-01C) is substantially complete, the striping and final pavement markings will be completed in the spring.
2. He is working closely with ADOT to commence the kick-off for the “Houston Mesa Road” TA Project.

Town of Superior

Ms. Clark reported on three (3) items:

1. The submittal for CDBG project for “Lime Street” was approved and are having discussions on the material to be used for the paving.
2. We are working on the design for the “Panther Drive Sidewalk” project and are coordinating with a consultant for the plans.
3. The “Main Street” project IGA (with ADOT) should be approved by City Council in the coming days.

City of Globe (via email)

Mr. Ashbaugh reported on five (5) items:

1. **(GLB 24-01D)** “Globe Broad Street Sidewalk Replacement” – Design
 - a) Still currently under design with the consultant Ardurra.
2. **(GLB 22-01C & GLB 24-04C)** “Pinal Creek Bridge – Cottonwood St (Structure # 9711) Construction is complete and the bridge is open as of Mid-September 2024.
 - a) The City is pursuing to replace the railroad crossing on Cottonwood Street as part of the project and still negotiating the agreement with the railroad.
3. **(GLB 23-01C)** “Globe/Gila County Sidewalk Improvements”
 - a) Still working on 90% design plans.
 - b) A meeting with the Design Consultants is being scheduled within early December 2024 to discuss final adjustments to the design.

4. "Upper Pinal Creek Bridge (AKA "Connies" Bridge) – Listed in connection with (**GLB 22-02C & GLB 24-03C**) "Hill Street Improvements" Bridge is about 90% complete and expected open in January 2025.
5. (**GLB 25-01P**) "Broad Street (SS4A Grant)"
 - a) Awarded a SMART Grant for the local match of the project.
 - b) Recently signed off on the NEPA review.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Ms. Ruth Garcia highlighted the following topics:

1. The *TA Program* is being updated and a TAC meeting is scheduled in December to discuss the changes. There will be a call for projects on January 6th, 2025, please contact Eliane Marioelle (at ADOT) if there are questions.
2. The deadline to submit projects for consideration in *OSB Program* is December 30th, 2024. Please route applications through CAG for review prior to submittal to the LPA section (at ADOT).
3. *AZ Smart Grant* application is available, and Lisa Danko's (ADOT) previous presentation (from the CAG TTAC's August 22, 2024 meeting) is available for review.
4. Federal Discretionary Grants:
 - a) The *RAISE Grant NOFO*, the Office of the Secretary (USDOT), will conduct two rounds of selections. The first will review FY 24 submittals that were not awarded. However, applications will need to be resubmitted by December 2nd 2024. The Second will consider new FY25 projects and will need to be submitted by January 30th, 2025.
 - b) *FHWA NOFO for Protecting and Promoting Resilient Operation for Transformative Efficient and Cost-saving Transportation Systems* has been released. Applications will be accepted from October 25, 2024 – February 24, 2025.
5. ADOT Studies:
 - a) Arizona State Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Action Plan (SHRAP): ADOT is working with the project consultant to update approximately 70 at grade rail crossings and the study is ongoing. If there are any questions please contact Heidi Yacoub (at ADOT) with any questions about the study.

Chair Halberstadt asked about TA projects that were awarded funds for design in previous years. He inquired if the agencies should be applying now for construction funds or should we wait until design is done.

Ms. Garcia responded that she would ask the TA program administrator and share the answer with Mr. Abraham so he could share with the entire TTAC.

Mr. Abraham asked Ms. Garcia about the OSB Grant Program and the ongoing climbing and passing study. He commented that he had seen on the On-System Inventory that some of those bridges were labeled that they may be eligible for OSB funding, and he wanted to know if there was a way to know for sure which bridges qualify.

Ms. Garcia advised Mr. Abraham to put a list together of bridges he was interested in and to contact Mark Heinge at ADOT for specifics. In regard to the climbing and passing study, she commented that ADOT is conducting field visits to the top corridor candidates and the study is still on-going.

There was a general discussion amongst TTAC regarding when the appropriate time would be to submit for a construction TA grant. The group resolve to wait to hear from Ms. Garcia before proceeding.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No update was presented

D. District, Engineers, ADOT

No update was presented

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Abraham provided an update on the GCIPTA, the Regional Council approved the “Goodnow Road” funds disposition and financial plan discussed at the August 22, 2024 meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

1. Work Program Supplement for FY 25

Mr. Abraham started his presentation to the TTAC with a summary of the recent financial affairs of CAG TIP since the Regional Council’s approval of the “Goodnow Rd.” fund disposition. He described how although CAG’s annual apportionment has gone up the obligation authority has gone up as well, resulting in a net surplus for FY 25 of \$28,045.07. With this information in hand CAG Staff requests the TTAC support a “Work Program Supplement” to transfer those remaining funds to support the administrative and functional costs of CAG. He commented that the Regional Council will need to approve this proposal and ultimately ADOT will need to approve a Work Program Amendment to utilize those funds. He also commented that this net surplus is present in future FY years and there may be an opportunity to group these funds from future subsequent years for a small project or use the funds to supplement existing projects as cost estimates need to be adjusted.

Chairman Halberstadt asked the TTAC if there were any questions regarding this proposal. Hearing none he called for a motion.

Ms. Lana Clark of Superior moved to recommend approval of the Work Program Supplement in the amount of **\$28,045.07 for FY 25**. Mr. Alexis Rivera seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Roundtable:

The Committee had no additional items to discuss.

X. Future Agenda Items:

Ms. Garcia requested that she and her team could be afforded time to do a prestaton on the SHRAP.

XI. Scheduling of Next Meetings

12/19/2024 at 10 a.m. virtual Zoom webinar/CAG Office

XII. Adjournment

Chair Halberstadt adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.