

# **PINAL COUNTY TRANSIT GOVERNANCE STUDY**

## **Technical Working Group Meeting #6**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021, 2:00 pm**

**Video Conference**

### **Intros and CAG Title VI Notice**

#### **Final Presentation**

Bethany Whitaker presented the results of the governance study. She first described the study process undertaken over the last year, including the evaluation of three governance models – Consolidated, Independent, and Hybrid. The Hybrid model is the recommended model, and Bethany explained three options for pursuing this model: PRTA-led, CART-led, and creating a new transit agency. She then explained what a PRTA-led model could look like in greater detail.

Amy Moran suggested that the team check if PRTA operational funding can be used to hire a transit administrator, and that the funds might need to be from PRTA administrative funds.

#### **Final Steps**

Comments on Draft Final Report by January 21, 2021

- Note that Maricopa change their service name from COMET to MET (Maricopa Express Transit)

Presentations of Study to City/Town Councils by request, let Travis know by next week

- By CAG (Travis) or by consultant team (Bethany or Amy)
- Currently, planned presentations to PRTA Board, Management, Regional Council
- Potentially PRTA TAC meeting (next one is February 9<sup>th</sup>)

Supreme Court decision will likely be made in early Summer

#### **Attendees:**

- Bethany Whitaker – Nelson\Nygaard
- Jill Dusenberry – ADOT
- Jason Hafter – Sun Corridor MPO
- Marsha Ashcroft – Horizon Health and Wellness
- Duane Eitel – City of Casa Grande
- Erik Heet – City of Coolidge
- Jason Bottjen – Pinal County
- John Vlaming – City of Eloy
- Amy Moran – Wilson and Company

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- Audra Koester Thomas – MAG
- Yanisa Techagumthorn – Nelson\Nygaard
- Robert Mawson – CAG and Sun Corridor MPO
- Travis Ashbaugh – CAG