



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 23, 2025
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Travis Ashbaugh - *Chairman*
(City of Globe)

Amanda Kenney – *Vice Chair*
(Kearny)

Thomas Goodman
(Gila County)

Ruth Garcia
(ADOT - MPD)

Nick Cruz
(Superior)

Cliff O’Neill
(Payson)

Tina Ridings
(Star Valley)

Dedrick Denton
(Pinal County)

Barney Bigman
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT
(Hayden)

Gloria Ruiz
(Winkelman)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

LaReesa Sanchez
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

VACANT
(Mammoth)

Alexis Rivera
(Town of Miami)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Guerena, ADOT, Dale Miller

CAG Staff:

Steve Abraham
(Transportation Planning Director)

Andrea Robles
(Executive Director)

I. Call to Order

Chair Ashbaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Transportation Director Abraham led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Nine (9) voting members were present, constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC Bylaws.

IV. Introductions & Title VI Notice

Introductions were made. Mr. Abraham read a statement of where and how to file a complaint regarding Title VI violations and requested the TTAC members complete the Self-Identification Survey provided.

V. Call to the Public

No one answered the Call to the Public.

Chairman Ashbaugh optioned discuss to Agenda Item VII: “Old Business” ahead of Agenda Item VI: “Standing Reports”

VIII. Old Business:

- a. *FY 2026 – 2030 CAG Transportation Improvement Program: Adoption Schedule, Regional Priority Identification, Scenario Options* **(Continued from the September 19, 2025 CAG TTAC Meeting)**

Director Abraham started his presentation by telling the TTAC that because of the disaster relief efforts in Globe, the Arizona Transportation Policy Summit, and staff changes at a member agency, very little work was done on this item. The projects and planning scenarios are still relatively unformed at this point and really need to be refined and discussed next month in November. He went on to say that due to the flooding disaster in Globe and Miami, jurisdictions haven’t had sufficient time to even investigate potential projects to submit for TTAC consideration. Mr. Abraham commented that these jurisdictions need a little bit more time to see if there were any projects they would like to submit because their attention was directed flood recovery for two straight weeks. He went on to ask if the item could be continued to the next meeting in November.

Chairman Ashbaugh called for a motion to continue this item to November 20, 2025.

Member Denton (Pinal County) motioned to continue this item to the November 20, 2025 TTAC meeting at 1 p.m. Member O’Neill Seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ashbaugh returned to the posted agenda order to discuss Agenda Item VI: “Standing Reports”

VI. Standing Reports

- a. Member Jurisdictions:

City of Globe

Charman Ashbaugh reported on four (4) items:

1. **(GLB 24-01D)** “Globe Broad Street Sidewalk Replacement” - Design
 - a. Revisiting Design change and expecting to have updated potential schedule and cost changes.
 - b. Recently awarded construction funding through the “Transportation Alternatives Program” Call-for-Projects.
2. **(GLB 22-01C & GLB 24-04C)** “Pinal Creek Bridge – Cottonwood St (Structure # 9711)
 - a. Construction is complete and the bridge is open as of Mid-September 2024.
 - b. City 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. Utility conflicts have now been resolved (water and gas lines).
- b. Anticipation to go to bid October 2025.

4. (GLB 25-01P) “Broad Street (SS4A Grant)”

- a. First phase of public outreach with a day long walkthrough/workshop on September 23, 2025. “Living Streets Alliance” is the consultant leading the outreach. The next set of outreach activities has been pushed out to March 2026 due to the recent floods.
- b. Demonstration project “construction” anticipated to start early Fall of 2026.

Town of Payson

Member O’Neill reported on two (2) items:

1. (PAY 26-02D) “The Payson Wildfire Evacuation Route”

- a. Project initiation has been submitted to ADOT LPA

2. (PAY 24-01D) Houston Mesa Roadway improvements (sidewalk and bicycle lanes)

- a. A kickoff meeting was recently conducted to begin design activities.

b. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Ms. Garcia had the following updates for the TTAC:

- 1. Transportation Alternatives:** The ADOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects FY26 were scored and award letters were sent to the MPOs. The CAG region received 3 TA Awards for the Tonto National Forest, Town of Globe and Town of Superior. Please visit the TA Program website for detailed information <https://azdot.gov/TA>.

2. Status of ADOT studies:

- a. 287/87 SR Corridor Profile Study: The final TAC meeting occurred Tuesday August 12 to discuss and comment on the final report. The final report was a final compilation of the previous deliverables.
- b. Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Passenger Rail Study: The FRA Step 1 initiation package—comprising a scope of work, schedule, and budget to conduct a Service Developed Plan cleared the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) review and approvals in June 2025, a tentative start date in fall 2025 is anticipated for the service development plan. The NOFO hasn’t been issued yet and the next quarterly meeting will discuss the details further.
- c. The State Freight Plan update is underway, current transportation alternative studies are still being conducted by individual ADOT planning managers.

c. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No update was presented

d. District Engineers, ADOT

Mark Gueren was present to update the TTAC on district projects specifically projects on the U.S. 60 in the CAG area.

The first project was drainage improvements along U.S. 60 to repair flood damage from the “Telegraph Fire” several years ago. Due to more heavy rain events most of the completed work was significantly damaged. Work started again earlier in the week and have been aggressively working on

repair and cleanup from recent flood events. He anticipates approximately 3 to 4 weeks to complete repairs and clean-up.

Executive Director Robles asked if there was a better way to communicate road closures and general ADOT activities in the area, to try and stem any misinformation that may propagate on social media.

Mark responded that he would forward concerns to the Communications Team at ADOT.

The second project Mark went over was the work on the “Queen Creek Bridge” east of Superior. One of the major challenges with the project was due to subsurface issues which are being resolved. He is happy to report that blasting activities have concluded. Work on the abutments and (bridge) piers is on-going. He encourages signing up for the e-alerts for road closures and anticipates the construction activities will continue well into 2027.

e. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Transportation Director Abraham provided the following updates for the TTAC:

1. 2025-2029 CAG Transportation Improvement Program Amendments:

Amend:

- 1) **PAY 23-01D “Design” (Town of Payson, Payson Wildfire Evacuation Route (Congressional Appropriation) - (FY26)** located 1,250 Ft. South of Main Street routed to SR 87 for **\$300,000.00** (Cong. Appr.) with a local match/Contribution of **\$15,000.00**, for a grand total of **\$315,000.00**.
 - i. The Town was awarded an appropriation several years ago to design and construct an alternative route through the Tonto National Forest. This amendment amends a TIP project by changing the award fiscal year and the local match.

Add:

- 2) **TNF 25-01D “Design” (Tonto National Forest, Payson and Tonto Basin Rngr. Dis. TA Program Grant, Trailhead South of Pine on SR87, in Tonto National Forest -(FY26)** located approximately 2300 feet south of the Pine community on SR 87 (Transportation Alternatives Program) for **\$205,765.00** (TA – STBG (Federal)) with a local match of **\$12,438.00**, for a grand total of **\$218,203.00**.
 - i. The NPS was recently awarded a TA Program grant. This amendment adds the award fiscal year, adds the amount of the federal share, the local match and the total project cost per the award. CAG has also amended the project ID number.
- 3) **GLB 25-01C “Construction” (City of Globe TA Program Grant, Broad Street Sidewalk (multiple sections) - (FY26)** located at two locations along Broad Street in Globe adjacent Hill, Ash and Cottonwood Streets, (Transportation Alternatives Program) for **\$1,038,243.00** (TA – STBG (Federal)) with a local match of **\$62,757.00**, for a grand total of **\$1,101,000.00**.
 - i. The City was recently awarded a TA Program grant on August 22nd. This amendment adds the award fiscal year, adds the amount of the federal share, the local match and the total project cost per the award. CAG has also amended the project ID number.

Remove:

- 4) **GLB 24-03C** "CONSTRUCTION" HILL ST IMPROVEMENTS - (Additional Funds for Bridge) US 60 "CONNIE'S BRIDGE" FY24 STATE \$643,200.00.
- 5) **GLB 22-02C** "CONSTRUCTION" HILL ST IMPROVEMENTS - (FY 22) US 60 "CONNIE'S BRIDGE" FY 22 STATE \$1,169,400.00.

2. CAG Transportation Planning General Updates:

- 1) Staff attended the Arizona Transportation Policy Summit last week, all attendees received copies of the final RTAC booklet. Several Legislators and State Transportation Board members were in attendance. He added that moving forward CAG will be coordinating a Legislative Day and other outreach methods to communicate the needs of the region as the legislative session progresses through the early part of next year. He thanked the Mayor of Superior and The Mayor of Globe for their contributions to the conference.
- 2) Director Abraham reminded the TTAC members to initiate any FY 2026 projects.
- 3) CAG Staff attend an ASU and Pinal Partnership sponsored "Decision Theater" to aid in high level transportation planning within Pinal County.

There was a general discussion about the incorporation of San Tan Valley.

VII. Round Table:

- a. Member O'Neill stated that the Town of Payson staff is actively identifying projects and looking forward to completing those projects.
- b. Member Bigman added that there are two active projects in the San Carlos (Apache) Community regarding pedestrian improvements and it appears the construction and bid process is proceeding according to plans. Member Bigman also brought the TTAC up to speed on damage from the flooding events earlier in the month.

IX. Future Agenda Items: The TTAC had no additional items.

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings: 11/20/25 at 1 p.m., via zoom webinar.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.