



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 18, 2025
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Travis Ashbaugh - <i>Chairman</i> (<i>City of Globe</i>)	Amanda Kenney (<i>Kearny</i>)	Alex Kendrick (<i>Gila County</i>)
Will Randolph (<i>ADOT - MPD</i>)	Lana Clark (<i>Superior</i>)	Bill Clemans (<i>Payson</i>)
Tina Ridings (<i>Star Valley</i>)	Gloria Ruiz (<i>Winkelman</i>)	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT (<i>Hayden</i>)	Nina Arrendondo (<i>Pinal County</i>)	Sandra Shade (<i>Ak-Chin Indian Community</i>)
LaReesa Sanchez (<i>White Mountain Apache Tribe</i>)	VACANT (<i>Mammoth</i>)	Barney Bigman (<i>San Carlos Apache Tribe</i>)
Alexis Rivera (<i>Town of Miami</i>)		

GUESTS PRESENT:

Graham Stone, publicinput.com & Rick Powers

CAG Staff:

Steve Abraham (<i>Transportation Planning Director</i>)	Andrea Robles (<i>Executive Director</i>)
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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. Eight (8) 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. Approval of Minutes

A. (July 24, 2025)

Chair Ashbaugh asked if there were any changes by the TTAC. Hearing none, Chairman Ashbaugh called for a motion

Member Ruiz motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Member Kendrick seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. Call to the Public

No one answered the Call to the Public.

VII. Standing Reports

A. Member Jurisdictions:

City of Globe

Charman Ashbaugh reported on five (5) items:

1. **(GLB 24-01D)** "Globe Broad Street Sidewalk Replacement" - Design
 - a. Design has been completed and the next step is to obtain ROW clearance.
 - 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. "Upper Pinal Creek Bridge (AKA "Connies" Bridge) – Listed in connection with **(GLB 22-02C & GLB 24-03C)** "Hill Street Improvements"
 - a. Completed and can now be taken off TIP.
5. **(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.
 - b. Demonstration project "construction" anticipated to start early Fall of 2026.

Gila County

Member Kendrick reported on two (2) items:

1. Recently awarded two OSB Program Grants to repair bridges and will begin the initiation process in the coming days:
 - a. Pinal Creek At Abiquiu **(GIL 26-01D)**
 - b. Pinal Creek at Hicks **(GIL 26-02D)**

Town Of Winkleman

Member Ruiz commented on one (1) item:

1. Quarelli/Golf Course Rd. Improvements
 - a. We are wrapping up construction and will have a ribbon cutting on Thursday October 16th.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. William Randolph had the following updates for the TTAC:

1. **ADOT FY27-31 Tentative Five-Year Construction Program:** We are in the review period for the FY 27-31 P2P cycle and are finishing receiving project scores and are conducting the P2P workshops with the districts in September.
2. **ADOT 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP):** The new ADOT LRTP 2050 has kicked off with the consultant AECOM under Jennifer Hobert. ADOT will be conducting a listening tour and meeting one on one with Arizona COGs/MPOs/Tribes, to discuss transportation priorities & challenges.
3. **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>.
4. **HSIP:** The NTP for scoping of local HSIP applications for Design and Construction projects for FY27-29 were issued.
 - a. Once the local matches are submitted, the local agencies will be contacted by our scoping consultants and will be holding virtual and onsite visits of the project work limits as they review SOW, cost estimates and schedule.
 - b. Also noted that scoping should be a team effort between the consultant, ADOT, and local agency to ensure the most accurate final HSIP application is submitted.
5. **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.
 - c. N/S Corridor Segment Tier 2 Study: Recent in person meetings were held and a recent virtual session occurred August 14th. Please visit the project website for any other needed information. <https://azdot.gov/north-south-corridor-study-proposed-new-transportation-route-pinal-county>.
 - d. The State Freight Plan update is underway, current transportation alternative studies are still being conducted by individual ADOT planning managers, the COG/MPO manual update has kicked off with the MPOs and the next TAC meeting will occur Oct 10th at the Statewide COG/MPOs meeting.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No update was presented

- D. District Engineers, ADOT**
No update was presented

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Transportation Director Abraham provided the following updates for the TTAC:

1. CAG staff is wrapping up the RTAC proposal list in preparation of the upcoming RTAC board meeting and Arizona Transportation Policy Summit which will be in Sierra Vista on October 15. through the 17th
2. CAG Staff is wrapping up the Pinal County Mobility Gap Analysis , we had a chance to visit and present the final version to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors and SCMPO's Executive Board last week.

VIII. New Business

A. 2025-2029 CAG Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Administrative Amendments and Longhorn & McLane Roundabout Funds Disposition.

Director Abraham began his presentation by outlining the proposed amendments to the TIP. They are as follows:

Administrative Amendments:

Amend:

1. **SUP 25-02C** Town of Superior Panther Drive Sidewalk Connection (FY26) TA Program Grant **\$1,883,508.00 (TA – STBG Federal)** with a local match of **\$113,849.00** for a grand total of **\$1,997,357.00**
2. **SCA 25-01D** SAN CARLOS DESIGN WHITE MTN AVE (BIA 10); BIA 170 - 5,000' NORTH (from SC21-01D) (~~PENDING AWARD~~) HSIP - FY25 **\$375,000.00** with no local match
3. **SCA 27-01C** SAN CARLOS CONSTRUCTION WHITE MTN AVE (BIA 10); BIA 170 - 5,000' NORTH (from SCA22-01C)(~~PENDING AWARD~~) HSIP - FY27 \$1,700,000.00 with no local match

Add:

4. **MIA 26-01D** Town of Miami (PLANNING/DESIGN) Town of Miami Roadway Improvement Grant (Pending Award) (FY 26) Multiple Roadway Sections with a total length of 0.69 miles **\$358,225.00 (SMART Grant) (illustrative, non-fiscally constrained)**

Remove:

5. **GIL 23-02D** GILA COUNTY "DESIGN" HOUSTON MESA ROAD - (PAVED SHOULDERS W/ EL & CL RUMBLE STRIPS) HSIP - FY23 \$178,227.00 with a local match of \$10,773.00 for a grand total of \$189,000.00
6. **GIL 24-01C** GILA COUNTY "CONSTRUCTION" HOUSTON MESA ROAD - (PAVED SHOULDERS W/ EL & CL RUMBLE STRIPS) HSIP = FY24 \$3,990,651.00 \$241,216.00 \$4,231,867.00

Formal Amendments:

Add/Remove: Longhorn & McLane Roundabout Funds Disposition:

7. Remove PAY 23-01R Intersection: Longhorn and McLane Roundabout ROW acquisition: **\$42,435.00**
8. Remove “Loan in” ADOT to CAG from FY 27 **\$30,593.13**
9. Add “Loan out” **\$22,677.87** to FY28 to supplement **PAY 29-01C “Forest Drive Construction”**
10. Add **CAG 26-03P** CAG/ADOT Work Program Supplement **\$14,000.00** with a local match of **\$846.24**

Director Abraham went into more detail on formal amendments numbers 7 through 10. This group of amendments is the result on the de-funding of the construction phase of the Longhorn and McLane Roundabout at the Arizona Legislative level. It is his understanding that the funds from that project would go towards another project in the Town of Payson, to create another *Continuous Right Turn Lane* on State Route 87 and 260. He added that since the construction phase was defunded no work has been done for the ROW and at this point the project will not be re-started in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the loan to cover the bulk of the acquisition costs can be removed and a large portion of the remaining dollars will be transferred to the Forest Drive Construction project slated for FY 28, to cover anticipated cost increases due to inflation. Further, CAG staff is requesting a \$14,000 Work Program Supplement to supplement administrative activities for FY 26. The Work Program Supplement will require a Work Program Amendment to be approved by CAG Regional Council and ultimately ADOT.

Member Clemans added that the town was informed by ADOT that the Town would have to pay the remaining costs for the design of the project (which also hasn't been completed). He noted that half the Town was for the project and half the Town was against it, so the Council opted to not devote anymore funding for the design.

After the presentation Chairman Ashbaugh asked if there were any follow up questions. Hearing none he called for a motion. Member Clemans motioned to approve TIP Amendments 7 through 10 as presented. Member Kendrick Seconded. Motion passed unanimously

B. FY 2026 – 2030 CAG Transportation Improvement Program: Adoption Schedule, Regional Priority Identification, Scenario Options

Director Abraham used Power Point as part of the presentation. He detailed the purpose of today's meeting to kick-off the 5-year TIP planning process, adoption timelines, budgetary constraints, planning scenarios and asked for direction on the planning scenarios.

He detailed that an optimal adoption schedule would take approximately 5 months and end with Regional Council adoption in late January of 2026, but that timeline could be extended if necessary and is largely dependent on the planning scenarios the TTAC would like to engage in.

He further added that the current plan is to utilize one year of appropriations, an estimated \$523,970.00, and “move” that money to FY 27 to help in getting projects started sooner. Additionally, he pointed out that over the next three years CAG has only three projects that are currently funded and that all of FY 27

appropriations are allocated to pay back “loans” to other fiscal years to cover previously identified projects.

Director Abraham then described the possible planning scenarios:

- Scenario One would be let CAG staff use the entire allocation to address three potential projects; the Gila County Transportation Plan (\$400,000), a pavement assessment plan for the Town of Kearny (\$70,000), and a pre-programmed Work Program Supplement (\$20,000), with the remaining being left in reserve to cover any overages for any project on the TIP (that is eligible).
- Scenario Two would involve an informal call for projects to see if they can all fit under the cap, or there is some reasonable method to allocate them appropriately under the cap, if not then applications and formal ranking would be conducted.
- Scenario Three would involve simply sending out applications, ranking them, and recommending which projects get funded under the current cap.
- Scenario Four would be some yet unknown adoption method that would be up to the TTAC to decide and/or make all projects “illustrative” if none of the scenarios could be agreed upon or if a TTAC member jurisdiction had an alternative methodology.

As part of this scenario descriptions, He commented that no matter what scenario the TTAC decides, He would not recommend making all projects “illustrative” and funding them as funding becomes available for future years. Additionally, He advised to not go beyond the estimated \$523,970.00 appropriation and defund or remove the identified surpluses.

Lastly, he asked the TTAC for direction on two main points, one what scenario we should use moving forward and, how long would it take to prepare an informal description and amount for TTAC discussion.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked if there were any questions, hearing none he commented that in the past we usually (option C) utilize the application process but he feels that a general call for projects would be the most beneficial to see what everyone has because we (TTAC Members) wait until the call for projects to really start thinking about what projects we have. He commented that he would like to see the application process still go through because the applicants still need prove the projects meet the criteria established for TIP inclusion.

Mr. Abraham proposed sending a separate email after this meeting to all TTAC members to see if there are any projects the TTAC members are considering. The request would be very informal, just about the nature of the project and the approximate cost, to gauge member participation and to understand the associated dollar amounts.

Chairman Ashbaugh commented that he felt that was a good plan to give folks a week to think about it and get back to you then you can figure out if the formal application is needed.

There was a general discussion about the proposed Gila County Transportation Plan.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked the TTAC if there were any objections to that plan (proposed by Director Abraham). Hearing none he called for a motion to continue this item to the next TTAC meeting on October 23rd 2025 at 1 p.m.

Member Clark motioned to continue the item to the next TTAC meeting on October 23rd, 2025 at 1 p.m., Member Kendrick seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

C. Election of Vice Chair

Director Abraham informed the TTAC that this item is to fill the vacancy left by Member Harman.

Chairman Ashbaugh called for nominations. Member Clark nominated Member Kendrick. Member Kendrick declined the nomination.

Chairman Ashbaugh called for nominations. Member Clark nominated Member Ridings, Member Ridings declined the nomination.

Chairman Ashbaugh called for nominations. Member Clark nominated Member Kenney, Member Kenny accepted the nomination. Chairman Ashbaugh closed the nominations. Chairman Ashbaugh called for a motion to accept the nomination of Amanda Kenny as Vice-Chairwoman of the CAG TTAC.

Member Ridings motioned to accept the nomination of Member Amanda Kenney (Town of Kearny) as Vice Chair of the CAG TTAC. Member Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Round Table:

A. Presentation by Graham Stone from public input.com

X. **Future Agenda Items:** The TTAC had no additional items.

XI. **Scheduling of Next Meetings:** 10/23/25 at 1 p.m., via zoom webinar.

XII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:31 P.M.