Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

April 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

DATE: **April 16, 2026**
TIME: **1:00 P.M.**
LOCATION: **via ZOOM Webinar**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nick Cruz *(Superior)*	Amanda Kenney – *Vice Chair* *(Kearny)*	Matt Rencher *(Gila County)*
Will Randolph *(ADOT - MPD)*	Alexis Rivera *(Town of Miami)*	Travis Ashbaugh - *Chairman* *(City of Globe)*
Deven Price *(Pinal County)*		

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT *(Hayden)*	Nathan Larsen *(Payson)*	Sandra Shade *(Ak-Chin Indian Community)*
LaReesa Sanchez *(White Mountain Apache Tribe)*	VACANT *(Mammoth)*	Marvin Mull *(San Carlos Apache Tribe)*
Gloria Ruiz *(Winkelman)*	Tina Ridings *(Star Valley)*	

GUESTS PRESENT:
Dale Miller, Rick Powers, Ben Navarro, Rick Powers

CAG Staff:

Steve Abraham *(Transportation Planning Director)*	Andrea Robles *(CAG Executive Director)*	Zeena Gagnon *(Mobility Manager)*

I. Call to Order

Chair Ashbaugh called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Roll Call and Introductions

Roll call was taken and introductions were made. Seven (7) voting members were present, constituting a quorum as established by the CAG TTAC Bylaws.

IV. Title VI Notice

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 at the link in the chat.

V. Approval Of Minutes

A. March 19, 2026

Chairman Ashbaugh asked if there were any changes by the TTAC. Hearing none, Chairman Ashbaugh called for a motion. Member Rencher motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Member Price seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. Call to the Public

No one answered the Call to the Public.

(At the request of CAG Staff, Chairman Ashbaugh optioned to move Agenda Item VIII "New Business" ahead of Standing Reports)

VIII. New Business:

A. 2026-2030 CAG Transportation Improvement Program.

Director Abraham discussed the following Administrative and Formal Amendments to the 2026-2030 CAG Transportation Improvement Program.

Administrative Amendments:

Add (as scriveners error):

1. **GIL 24-03D GILA COUNTY "PLANNING/DESIGN" RUSSELL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION** -1.0 MILE S. OF EAGLE RIDGE-3.0 MILE S. OF EAGLE RIDGE R. MINOR COLLECTOR SMART (State Funds) $1,041,199.00
    - **a.** CAG staff learned that the project is still active and erroneously removed from the TIP. It is being re-added as a scriveners' error.

Formal Amendments:

Amend:

2. **SCA 28-01C SAN CARLOS Construction BIA 170 - (New Sidewalk)** STBGP $362,400.00 with a local match of $0.00 for a grand total of $362,400.00.
    - a. CAG staff recently received updated cost estimates for the project. CAG staff is requesting to program the additional funds out of the 2028($11,826.36), 2029($24, 826) & 2030 (76347.00) ledger.
    - i. If approved this would exhaust the planned surpluses from FY28 & 29 and require a substantial loan from unallocated FY 2030 funds leaving approximately $1928 for FY 2030.

3. **PAY 26-02D PAYSON** DESIGN PAYSON WILDFIRE EVACUATION ROUTE (FY 26), SR 87 to 1,250 FT SOUTH OF MAIN STREET "CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION" of $300,000.00 with a local match of $18,134.00 for a grand total of $318,134.00.
    - a. After consultation with ADOT and Town staff the local match was adjusted to reflect updated project costs and design phase initiation.

4. **PAY26-01D PAYSON** SCOPING/DESIGN W. FOREST DR - (Improvements Phase 1) N. MCLANE RD to SR 87 $247,066.00 STBGP, with a local match of $72,455.40 for a grand total of $319,521.40
    - a. After consultation with ADOT and Town staff, a project scope change was suggested based on the availability of funds. This will provide the Town with full scoping documents and 30% design plans.

Loan Work/Financial Ledger Activity:

5. Reduce FY 2030 Loan to FY 2027 from $54,419.00 to $22,856.62

Mr. Abraham went on to describe each proposed amendment in detail focusing on Formal Amendment #1: **SCA 28-01C SAN CARLOS Construction BIA 170 - (New Sidewalk).** He gave a brief background on the project and why the amendment was being requested. He described that during the initiation of the design phase of this project, it was discovered that the construction phase was significantly underfunded by approximately $100,000.00 dollars. After discussions with ADOT and the Tribe ADOT requested that the construction phase be fully funded or a plan in place to fully fund the construction phase prior to initiating the design phase. He described the plan to fund the phase which would require utilizing all planned surpluses from the 2028 & 2029 TIP ledger and a substantial loan from the 2030 ledger. He went on present that later in the year as part of the 5 Year TIP planning process additional movement or planning of loans could occur to "refund" fully expended years. He then commented that although the TTAC and Regional Council have been philosophically aligned in keeping projects "alive", it would not be unreasonable to have a local match or financial contribution from the Tribe as the cost increases were well beyond what was initially estimated and the fact the Tribe is not required to provide a local match like other jurisdictions.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked for clarification on the by-laws regarding TTAC voting privileges, to discern if the TTAC could vote on the matter in the absence of the Tribal representative. Mr. Abraham read a portion of the TTAC by-laws that stated the TTAC could in fact vote on the item even though the Tribal representative was not in attendance.

Member Rencher asked if the matter could be continued to see what the Tribe was willing to commit as a local match.

Chairman Ashbaugh responded that procedurally the other proposed amendments could be voted on and this one item could be continued.

Mr. Rick Powers commented that he believes the Tribe would be willing to provide a financial contribution to the project.

Mr. Abraham commented that there may be a timing issue due to the fact he will be taking a vacation in May and will miss the May TTAC meeting, initiation deadlines with ADOT LPA, and Regional Council scheduling.

There was a general discussion regarding the LPA submittal deadlines and meeting scheduling.

After discussion it was resolved that a special meeting would be needed.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked if there were anymore questions or concerns regarding this amendment. Hearing none he called for a motion.

Member Riveria motioned to approve the amendments as presented and to continue item #1 SCA-26-01C until June 4th 2026. Member Kenney Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

B. CAG 2026 Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Implementation Plan.

Zeena Gagnon, Mobility Manager, used a power point to present the item. A copy of the Power Point is available on request to CAG Staff. The presentation focus on howe CAG Staff will implement the requirements of Title VI in its functions and the implementation plan is attached to the agenda.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked if there were any questions for Zeena.

Member Rencher asked how the executive order affects the requirements for "Limited English Proficiency" accommodation.

Ms. Gagnon responded that in the past we asked people to alert us if they needed language assistance. That has been replaced by a question on the voluntary self-identification survey. If a person identifies that they need language assistance, then CAG will provide language assistance. The major change is we are not allowed to ask if a person needs language assistance.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked if there were any questions for Zeena. Hearing none he called for a motion. Vice Chair Kenney motioned to recommend approval of the **CAG 2026 Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Implementation Plan.** Member Rivera seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ashbaugh returned to Agenda Item VII "Standing Reports"

VII. Standing Reports

A. Member Jurisdictions:

1. Town of Payson:

Member Larson informed the TTAC that IGA's for both the Granite Dells project and West Forest Drive projects are going to be executed.

2. San Carlos Apache Tribe:

Rick Powers on behalf of the Tribe had the following updated for the TTAC that he believes there will be a credit from a previously approved HSIP project that will return to CAG ledger sometime in the future and this may help offset the costs discussed in the previous agenda item.

B. Multi-Modal Planning Division, ADOT

Mr. Randolph had the following updates for the TTAC:

1. **ADOT FY27-31 Tentative Five Year Construction Program:** The public comment period is currently underway for the tentative program. Comments can be submitted online, email, phone. The public hearing with the STB will occur in May, with June adoption.

2. **ADOT 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)/Next Move AZ:** The listening tour meetings are still occurring with the local agencies around the state. Local agencies will be ongoing the remainder of Spring 2026 and then transitioning with the general public beginning in Summer 2026. Next Move AZ was presented at the most recent CAG regional council, and had a session with Florence on April 2nd. Next Tuesday will be the Tonto Basin Next Move AZ event, then Friday we will be having a session in Young, AZ. ADOT staff are also conducting Next Move AZ interaction

booths at local community events and I will be at Superior this Saturday for the Flavor or Arizona Festival.

3. **Transportation Alternatives:** The FY27-29 call for project applications have been received and are being processed. Applications were due April 3rd. Please visit the TA Program website for detailed information, program guide and application. https://azdot.gov/TA.

4. **HSIP:** Please continue to work with any HSIP consultants for awarded design projects that were selected to move further after the scoping process.

Status of ADOT studies:

1. **Town of Miami Trails Study:** The final plan has been uploaded on the project webpage and this project has been closed out. The town informed me they applied in the last TA application cycle.

2. **ADOT Route Transfers Study:** Stakeholder interviews have been occurring and we have had an interview with Apache Junction. We are also looking for any stakeholder interest in your area and possibly Payson. Agency outreach emails have been sent out to continue with any stakeholder interviews. We are pausing the handbook update at the moment until the Next Move AZ listening Tour sessions are complete to coordinate any route transfer candidates.

3. **Other studies:** The State Freight Plan update has a call for freight feedback with a bottleneck survey to show freight congestion across our state highway system. The public can provide map locations in the survey link which will be used for existing information in completing the freight plan. For the ADOT COG/MPO Manual Update, the consultant and ADOT have been having meetings with various COGs and MPOs to provide their input on the manual. The next TAC meeting should be occurring in May.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No update was presented

D. District Engineers, ADOT

No update was presented

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Director Abraham had the following updates for the TTAC:

i. RTAC processes are still ongoing, and the legislature is working on calculating if a budget surplus will even occur at the end of this Fiscal Year. He asked the TTAC to start thinking about next years proposal over the coming month.
ii. Transportation Alternative Grant application submittal period has ended. CAG staff would like any feedback on the application and process for areas of potential improvement next year.
iii. Director Abraham Asked the TTAC to start planning for projects to be added to the 5-year TIP planning process he expects to start the Kick-off in July.

IX. Round Table:

Member Kenney commented that “Pioneer Days” is this weekend.

X. Future Agenda Items:
Member Larsen wanted an agenda item to adjust the local match for the "Forest Drive" project. He would discuss the details with CAG staff soon.

XI. Scheduling of Next Meetings: *June 4th, 2026, at 1 p.m.* via zoom webinar.

XII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:04 P.M.