



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 19, 2026
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: via ZOOM Webinar

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Travis Ashbaugh - *Chairman*
(City of Globe)

Amanda Kenney – *Vice Chair*
(Kearny)

Matt Rencher
(Gila County)

Will Randolph
(ADOT - MPD)

Alexis Rivera
(Town of Miami)

Nathan Larsen
(Payson)

Nina Arredondo
(Pinal County)

Gloria Ruiz
(Winkelman)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT
(Hayden)

Tina Ridings
(Star Valley)

Sandra Shade
(Ak-Chin Indian Community)

LaReesa Sanchez
(White Mountain Apache Tribe)

VACANT
(Mammoth)

Marvin Mull
(San Carlos Apache Tribe)

Nick Cruz
(Superior)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rick Powers, Mayor Curtis Stacy

CAG Staff:

Steve Abraham
(Transportation Planning Director)

Zeena Gagnon
(Mobility Manager)

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 and Introductions

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

IV. 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 at the link in the chat.

V. Call to the Public

No one answered the Call to the Public.

VI. Standing Reports

A. Member Jurisdictions:

1. Gila County:

Member Rencher asked when the funds would be available for use for the “Gila County Transportation Plan” that was recently added to the 5-Year TIP. Director Abraham responded that it is typically around the end of the calendar year when projects are initiated. Chairman Ashbaugh then commented that the funds become available in October but wondered if projects can be initiated around the same time. Director Abraham responded that he doesn’t see any problem with submitting a project initiation request after October 1, 2026. Chairman Ashbaugh then asked if project could be submitted prior to October 1st then it would be ready to go shortly after October 1st. Director Abraham commented that he would reach out to ADOT LPA, his concern being that the project if submitted prior to October 1st would “sit in the queue” and ADOT LPA would start looking at them after October 1st, thus negating the need to submit it several months in advance. Chairman Ashbaugh asked Mr. Abraham to report back to the TTAC as soon as he receives an answer.

Member Rencher had the following updates for the TTAC:

- a. **GIL 24-03C, Control Road Segment 1 (HSIP)**, has been completed and can be removed from the TIP.
- b. The County intends to reapply for TA Program Grant Funds for the Golden Hill Road project this year.

2. San Carlos Apache Tribe:

Rick Powers on behalf of the Tribe had the following update for the TTAC.

- a. **SCA 28-01D, SAN CARLOS DESIGN, BIA 170 - (New Sidewalk)**, the project is underfunded and will need to be deferred to allow additional time for consultation with the Tribe and ADOT. They are going to be re-estimating the project costs, which is reflected in an item later in the agenda.

(the following dialogue is related to Agenda Item 7B, as no voting representatives from the San Carlos Tribe are present at the meeting.)

Director Abraham asked Mr. Powers if he envisions the cost increases to exceed \$54,000. Mr. Powers replied that he doesn’t know at this point. The deferment as proposed later in the agenda will allow more time to get a better estimate. Mr. Abraham commented that the only agenda item today is to defer the project to FY27, adding the additional funds will have to come later. He would like to get a more accurate project cost before doing the formal amendment. Chairman Ashbaugh asked Mr. Powers if he will have a cost by the next TTAC meeting in March. Mr. Powers responded that he believes he will.

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 virtual study session was held to review the Tentative FY27-31 Five Year Program on Feb. 5th, then at the regular STB on Feb. 20th, the tentative program should be approved by the STB to proceed with the spring public comment period. The public hearing with the STB in will occur in May, with June adoption.
2. **ADOT 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP):** The listening tour meetings are occurring with the local agencies around the state. As part of this listening tour – meetings have been one on one to discuss transportation priorities & challenges, with the agencies in Fall 2025/Spring 2026, and the general public beginning in Summer 2026. The next listening Tour scheduled in the area for local agencies is at the Apache Junction Multi-Generation Center on Tuesday, February 24th 6pm. Then we will be at the SCMPO TAC on February 26th.
3. **Transportation Alternatives:** The next FY27-29 projects will occur February 27, 2026. There will be an informational webinar March 4th, 2026. ADOT is also currently processing received CAG TA amendments, while working with the TA manager to finish project initiation work. 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.
5. **Off System Bridge Program FY27 Call for Projects:** Reach out to Mark Henige ADOT LPA Program Manager with any questions.

Status of ADOT studies:

6. **Town of Miami Trails Study:** The final draft report has received comments and the consultant will be finalizing the rest of the month to complete the project. The public engagement report was received and cleared by the ADOT Title VI group. The final plan will be uploaded to the project webpage, and the project should be completed by the end of February. I have informed the Town to be ready for the next TA call for projects and to coordinate with CAG in applying.
7. **ADOT Route Transfers Study:** Kimley Horn was selected as the consultant and was provided a notice to proceed 12/15. An Introductory Meet and Greet meeting occurred with the consultant the week of 12/18. The PMT meeting occurred 2/10 to kick off the project with ADOT staff. TAC members have been sent initial outreach for participation, including the COGs/MPOs, FHWA, and tribal entities, and the ADOT PMT. A doodle poll link was included in the email outreach to determine the appropriate day and time of the meeting, with the meeting invite coming in the near future.
8. **Other studies:** The State Freight Plan update is underway with updating the vision and goals from the 2022 plan, and the next TAC meeting will be in April. For the ADOT COG/MPO Manual Update, the consultant has drafted their review of the existing manual and identified gaps. This working paper has been sent out to the TAC for review and comments 2/4/26.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked Mr. Randolph if he had heard of any news on the *OSB Grant* applications. Mr. Randolph responded that he is not aware of any updates and that awards havnt been sent out, he believes those applications are still under review.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT

No update was presented

D. District Engineers, ADOT

No update was presented

At the request of Director Abraham, Chairman Ashbaugh optioned to hear Item VII.A and VII.B on the agenda prior to Item VI.E

VII. New Business:

A. 2026 CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan.

Ms. Zeena Gagnon, Mobility Manager, used a power point for her presentation. A copy of the presentation is available upon request to CAG Staff. The presentation focused on why a plan is needed, the minimum requirements of the plan, how CAG Staff developed the plan.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked if the were any questions from the TTAC to Ms. Gagnon. Hearing none he called for a motion.

Member Rivera motioned to recommend approval of the **2026 CAG/SCMPO Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan** as presented by CAG Staff. Member Arredondo Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. 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:

Amend:

1. **SCA 29-01C** "Construction" San Carlos BIA-170 - (New Sidewalks, STBGP) – .35 miles, **\$249,404.64** (STBG) with a local match of **\$0** for a grand total of **\$249,404.64**.
2. **PAY 26-02D** "Design/Scoping" **Town of Payson** GRANITE DELLS RD - (Mixed Use Path and Roadway Widening, TA Grant) – (FY26) located on Mud Springs Rd. to the Terminus 3.30 miles, **\$179,170.00** (TA – STBG) with a local match of **\$10,830.00** for a grand total of **\$190,000.00**.
3. **PAY 26-03D** "Design/Scoping" (**Gila County**, Fossil Creek Rd. Sidewalk Improvements (**TA Grant Award**) - (FY26) located on Fossil Creek Road from AZ 87/260 to Rimwood St. .7 miles for \$ **\$290,303.00** (Federal) with a local match of **\$17,547.00**, for a grand total of **\$307,850.00**.

Add:

4. **TRAN 23-12*** MIAMI OPERATIONS COPPER MOUNTAIN TRANSIT - (YR 1 OPERATIONS) (updated allocation award) OPERATIONS in the amount of \$204,680.57 (5311) with a local match of \$148,216.96 for a grand total of \$352,897.53.
5. **TRAN 23-13*** MIAMI MAINTENANCE COPPER MOUNTAIN TRANSIT - (YR 1 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE) (updated allocation award) PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE in the amount of \$24,000.00 (5311) with a local match of \$6,000.00 for a grand total of \$30,000.00.
6. **TRAN 23-14*** MIAMI ADMINISTRATION COPPER MOUNTAIN TRANSIT - (YR 1 ADMINISTRATION) (updated allocation award) ADMINISTRATION in the amount of \$98,264.16(5311) with a local match of \$24,566.04 for a grand total of \$122,830.20.
7. **TRAN 25-02** MIAMI ADA VEHICLE NEW & IMPROVED TRANSIT VEHICLE VAN- (FY25) in the amount of \$118,071.00 (5339) with a local match of \$20,836.06 for a grand total of \$138,907.06.
8. **TRAN 25-03** MIAMI ADA VEHICLE NEW & IMPROVED TRANSIT VEHICLE BUS- (FY25) in the amount of \$210,624.00 (5339) with a local match of \$37,168.94 for a grand total of \$247,792.94.

Formal Amendments:

9. **PAY 26-01D** “Design” Payson, W. Forest Drive Improvements - (New Sidewalks, and Muti use paths STBGP) – .4 miles, **\$247,066.00** (STBG) with a local match of **\$72,455.40** for a grand total of **\$319,521.40**.
 - a. CAG Staff was recently informed that the Town will be providing an over match of local funds to cover the associated cost of the Design Phase. This amendment changes the project name at the request of ADOT LPA, the local match to \$72,455.40 and changes the grand total to \$319,521.40. The Federal portion remains unchanged.
10. **PAY 29-01C** “Construction” Payson, W. Forest Drive Improvements - (New Sidewalks, and Muti use paths STBGP) – .4 miles, **\$1,012,956.00** (STBG) with a local match of **\$343,221.00** for a grand total of **\$1,356,177.00**.
 - a. CAG Staff was recently informed that the Town will be providing an over match of local funds to cover the associated cost of the Construction Phase. This amendment changes the project name at the request of ADOT LPA, the local match to \$343,221.00 and changes the grand total to \$1,356,177.00. The Federal portion remains unchanged.
11. **SCA 28-01D** SAN CARLOS “DESIGN” BIA 170 - (New Sidewalk) - 0.35 STBGP \$122,590.00 with a local match of \$0.
 - a. Amend local match from \$7420.00 to \$0, defer to 2027 and authorize CAG staff to loan \$122,590 to FY 27 to cover.

Loan/Financial Work:

12. Cancel:

- a. REPAYMENT OUT - (CAG to ADOT) - (TO FY28) - (NOT YET PROCESSED) STBGP: \$433,724.87
- b. LOAN IN - (ADOT TO CAG) - (From FY30) - (NOT YET PROCESSED) STBGP: \$489,144.00

13. Add:

- a. FY 27 LOAN IN - (ADOT TO CAG) - (From FY30) - (NOT YET PROCESSED) STBGP:\$55,419.00
- b. FY 28 LOAN IN - (ADOT TO CAG) - (From FY30) - (NOT YET PROCESSED) STBGP:
\$433,725.00

Director Abraham informed the TTAC that the loan activity described in staff report will authorize CAG Staff to process the appropriate paperwork with ADOT to cover the four projects recently installed on the 5-year TIP approved last month.

Chairman Ashbaugh asked if there were any questions, hearing none he called for a motion.

Member Randolph motioned to recommend approval of the amendments and to authorize CAG Staff to process the appropriate loan actions as presented. Member Larson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At the request of Director Abraham, Chairman Ashbaugh optioned to return to item VI.E.

VI. Standing Reports

E. CAG Transportation Planning Update

Transportation Director Abraham provided the following updates for the TTAC:

1. General Updates, CAG Draft 5-year TIP Updates.

Director Abraham updated the TTAC on RTAC efforts. He informed the TTAC that the RTAC Bill made it out of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, yesterday, unamended. He included that he had the chance to testify in front of that Committee and that all Committee members received copies of the RTAC project booklet. He added that he will be meeting in one on one's with State Legislators to walk through the proposed projects.

Mr. Abraham the went on to update the TTAC on the larger Federal re-authorization bill. The current bill expires in October and he is in possession of a presentation that goes over the particulars of re-authorization efforts. Finally, he updated the TTAC that CAG staff will be submitting the 5310 Grant application in the coming weeks.

VIII. Round Table:

Member Randolph commented to the TTAC to be alert for the upcoming call for projects.

Member Rencher asked if CAG had traffic count equipment for use in the town of Payson, Director Abraham responded no.



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IX. Future Agenda Items:

The TTAC would like to have an item to discuss the changes to the TA Grant application and would like to have the ADOT District Engineer provide an update on projects in the region.

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings: *March 19, 2026, at 1 p.m.* via zoom webinar.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:08 P.M.