Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

March 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

DATE: **March 19, 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)*	Nathan Larsen *(Payson)*
Deven Price *(Pinal County)*	Gloria Ruiz *(Winkelman)*	Tina Ridings *(Star Valley)*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT *(Hayden)*	Travis Ashbaugh - *Chairman* *(City of Globe)*	Sandra Shade *(Ak-Chin Indian Community)*
LaReesa Sanchez *(White Mountain Apache Tribe)*	VACANT *(Mammoth)*	Marvin Mull *(San Carlos Apache Tribe)*

GUESTS PRESENT:
Rick Powers, Tom Goodman, Todd Prior

CAG Staff:
Steve Abraham
(Transportation Planning Director)

I. Call to Order
Member Rivera called the meeting to order at 1:13 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. Seven (7) 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. Approval Of Minutes

A. January 22, 2026

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

B. February 19, 2026

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

VI. Call to the Public

No one answered the Call to the Public.

VII. Standing Reports

A. Member Jurisdictions:

1. 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):** Mr. Powers commented that he was able to have additional dialogue on the Design and Construction phases of the project with ADOT earlier this week. 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 8A, as no voting representatives from the San Carlos Tribe are present at the meeting.)

Mr. Powers surmised that he received a new estimate and understood that Director Abraham after his conversation with ADOT, is recommending $180,000 be allocated to the design phase and nearly $300,000.00 for the construction phase. Director Abraham responded that he is recommending that to the TTAC however, today's agenda item will only be looking at the design phase. The construction phase will have to come later so he can devise a funding plan because the reserve for this project in this funding year has been exhausted. Mr. Powers commented that he believes the Tribe may provide an overmatch, but that will take time. Director Abraham replied that he should be able to have a funding plan ready to propose to the TTAC for the April meeting.

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 STB reviewed the Feb. 20th, and the tentative program was approved by the STB to proceed with the spring public comment period. Comments can be submitted online, email, phone. The STB will review the tentative program again in March, then the public hearing with the STB 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 the remainder of Spring 2026, and the general public beginning in Summer 2026. The next listening session will be in Florence on April 2nd, 1-3pm, and listening tour booths will be set up at local community events.

3. **Transportation Alternatives:** The next FY27-29 call for projects has just been released. The informational webinar was held March 9th, 2026 is available on the website. Applications will be due April 3rd. Please visit the TA Program website for detailed information, program guide and application. https://azdot.gov/TA.

Vice Chair Kenney joined the meeting

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. Status of ADOT studies:

   a. **Town of Miami Trails Study:** The final plan has been uploaded on the project webpage. I have informed the Town to be ready for the next TA call for projects and to coordinate with CAG in applying.

   b. **ADOT Route Transfers Study:** Kimley Horn was selected as the consultant to update how ADOT conducts transferring state routes to local ownership, or transferring local routes to state ownership. The ADOT route transfer handbook update will modernize the previous guidelines from 2012 on the process to conduct route transfers and will identify potential candidates. The TAC kickoff recently occurred and valuable input was provided for stakeholder interest and contacts. Invites to local agency stakeholders will be sent soon for virtual sessions to interview up to 50 interested stakeholders.

   c. **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, and the working paper has been sent out for review and comments. A next TAC meeting should be coming soon.

C. Local Public Agency, ADOT
No update was presented

Member Ridings joined the meeting

D. District Engineers, ADOT
Mark Guerena, ADOT made a presentation. To discuss ongoing projects in the CAG Region specifically ADOT projects along US 60 in the Superior Globe Miami areas. A copy of that presentation is available upon request to CAG staff.

Director Abraham asked Mr. Guerena when the passing lanes project on AZ 79 was going to get started.

Mr. Guerena responded that the project will be going to advertisement very soon and expects a contract by the end of July.

Member Ruiz informed Mr. Guernea of a saguaro leaning into the roadway south of MP 150 on AZ 77. Mr. Guerena responded that he would forward that to the maintenance division right away.

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. CAG staff had the opportunity to meet with 3 legislators individually to gain awareness of CAG region RTAC proposals. CAG staff also presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

ii. Transportation Alternative Grant application will be due soon. Director Abraham showed the ADOT TA Grant web page and how to get information regarding the content of the application. He advised the TTAC that anyu potential applicants should route their application to him for a cursory review prior to submittal.

iii. Director Abraham expects the CAG Regional Council to approve the funding plan for the recently adopted 5-year TIP, next week.

iv. Director Abraham advised the TTAC to start thinking about next year's RTAC and TA Grant applications and to begin to identify projects for CY 2027 cycle.

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:

Amend:

1. **TNF 25-01D** Natnl Parks Serv., "Design" **Trailhead South of Pine on SR87, in Tonto National Forest** - (FY 26), SR 87 2300' South of Pine, Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of $99,015.00 (TA-STBGP) with a local match of $5,985.00 for a grand total of $105,000.00

Formal Amendments:

ADD:

2. **ADOT Project Credit (HSIP to STBGP Conv.) SH61601D (Globe Pvt. Mrk.) $32,553.38 (HSIP) FY 26, Loan out to FY27**
    a. Convert all funds from HSIP to STBGP, then Loan all funds to the FY 27 Ledger (unallocated). CAG Staff will allocate the funds to a specific project later.

Amend:

3. **SCA 28-01D SAN CARLOS DESIGN BIA 170 - (New Sidewalk) STBGP $180,000.00 with a local match of $0.00 for a grand total of $180,000.00.**
    a. CAG staff recently received updated cost estimates for the project. Cag staff is requesting to program the additional funds out of the 2027 ledger.

Director Abraham informed the TTAC that the only items today under consideration involve a credit to our ledger from a previous HSIP project which in turn will help fund to cost increases associated with the San Carlos sidewalk project. The construction phase which is also expected to be increased will come later because it will have to be funded from other years of the TIP.

Member Rivera asked if there were any questions, hearing none he called for a motion.

Member Larsen motioned to recommend approval of the amendments presented by CAG Staff. Member Ruiz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Round Table:

Member Rivera commented that a "USA 250" celebration will be held this Sunday at Boullion Plaza in Miami.

IX. Future Agenda Items:

The TTAC had no future agenda items.

X. Scheduling of Next Meetings: *April 23rd, 2026, at 1 p.m.* via zoom webinar.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:48 P.M.