



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	February 23, 2017	TIME:	2:00 PM
PLACE:	Casa Grande Public Safety Complex (Rm 128) 373 E. Val Vista Blvd,Casa Grande, AZ		
	520-705-5153 Jason's Cell		
Shaded items are action items: Action may be taken on any item on the agenda, or items brought up at the meeting.			
	TAC Members	Guests/Staff	
Attendees:	Matt Rencher, Coolidge	Mike Sundblom, Pinal County	Irene Higgs, SCMPO
	Lance Dunagan, Eloy	Dale Miller, Rick Engineering	Jason Hafner, SCMPO
	Kathy Borquez, Pinal		Dan Marum, Wilson & Co
	County		Mike Blankenship AMECFW
	Duane Eitel, Casa Grande		
	Jason Bottjen, ADOT		
ITEM	AGENDA ITEM		
1	Call to Order and Introductions		2:01 PM
2	Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2016 TAC Meeting		APPROVED 5 - 0
	The TAC approved the Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2016		
3	RTAC Update		
	Kevin Adam was unable to attend. Jason Hafner provided an update (attached).		
4	ADOT Planner Report		
	Jason Bottjen provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADOT LPA Section to start filling vacant positions and attending SCMPO TAC meetings.• ADOT Planning PARAProgram coming back with Prescoping and Studies. Jason requested \$1 million budget, that has yet to be approved.• ADOT is preparing to send out a Traffic Count questionnaire.• ADOT is preparing GIS Heat Maps to show the location of ADOT programmed projects by Region.• All ADOT Administered projects in the Region are moving forward.		
5	ADOT Southcentral District Report		
	ADOT Southcentral District was unable to attend.		
6	FHWA Report		
	Ed Stillings was unable to attend.		
7	Safety Plan Update		
	Jason Hafner provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During DRAFT Comment period Irene Higgs questioned the BC Ratio Calculation on projects that use multiple CMFs.• Mike Blankenship contacted ADOT TSS and revised BCs based on ADOT approved methodology• Final STSP, with revised BC Ratios, was uploaded onto the ftp site by Mike Blankenship on 02/13/2017		



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8	Casa Grande Transit Development Plan Update
	<i>Duane Eitel provided an update (attached).</i>
9	Traffic Count, Data Collection and Mapping Project Update
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Roadway counts are now completely finished. • Data Tables are 90% completed. Completion expected next week. • Count maps 50% complete. Completion anticipated next month.
10	Pinal County RTA Update
	<i>Kathy Borquez provided an overview of the Pinal RTA (attached).</i>
11	Air Quality Update
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02/23/2017 TAC Approval • 02/24/2017 TIP Maps Completed • 03/14/2017 SCMPO EB Approval • 04/26/2017 Start 30 Day Public Comment Period • 06/06/2017 Special TAC Meeting (Final Approval) • 06/13/2017 Special EB Meeting (Final Approval) • 06/29/2017 Submit for Federal Acceptance <p><i>Mike Sundblom provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADEQ submitted the West Pinal PM10 SIP to the EPA (December 2016) for approval. The EPA is currently reviewing the SIP. EPA did propose approval of the dust control rules included in the SIP (Pinal General Fugitive Dust and Construction Dust; ADEQ Agricultural rules for open ag and irrigation districts). Final approval may be delayed by EPA's current temporary hold on taking final actions. • Pinal County has received the Road Paving Reports from nearly all Cities in the County resulting in approximately 25 miles of paved roads this year. The goal for Pinal county was 15 miles.
12	<p>MPO Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPO Progress Report (12.0) • Ledger (12.1)
	<i>Jason Hafner provided updates on the activities of the Sun Corridor MPO as well as the current status of the Ledger.</i>
13	TIP Amendment #5 (Administrative - Information Only)
	<i>Jason Hafner provided an update on IP Amendment #5 (Administrative).</i>



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14	Recommend approval of TIP Amendment #6	APPROVED 5 - 0
15	Recommend approval to initiate a Pinal County Strategic Transportation Safety Plan	APPROVED 5 - 0
16	Recommend approval of a Loan for FY17 Regional funds	APPROVED 5 - 0
17	Recommend approval of a Spring Air Quality Conformity List and send for 30 Day Public Comment Period	APPROVED 5 - 0
18	Recommend approval of the final Strategic Transportation Safety Plan	APPROVED 5 - 0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TAC determined that the Design estimates needed to be increased on the projects identified in the STSP. • Pending the increase in the identified design cost estimates, the TAC voted to apply for HSIP eligibility for the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peart Rd. • Regional System Lane Departure • Overfield Rd. • Jimmie Kerr Blvd./Frontier St. • Macrae Rd. Martin Rd.& Woodruff Rd. 	
19	Recommend approval of a project list to be submitted for ADOT HSIP Call for Projects	APPROVED 5 - 0
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20	Recommend approval of the final CAG/SCMPO Human Services	APPROVED 5 - 0
21	Local Government Project Report; Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	
	<p><i>Kathy Borquez, Pinal County discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pinal County Sign Upgrade project is anticipating Bid Opening in March. • Provided an update on the Regionally Significant Routes for Safety & Mobility & Access Management Manual Update (see attached) <p><i>Duane Eitel, Casa Grande discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Casa Grande now has Ped Heads on all City owned intersections. • The power issue for the HAWK on Florence Blvd has been resolved and the project is moving forward. <p><i>Matt Rencher, Coolidge discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ROW Clearance has been finalized for the Main St. project. • All documentation has been submitted for teh ROW clearance on the Randolph Rd project. • A slurry seal was applied to Central Ave to address ponding issues. Not all issues were resolved. The City continues to work with the ADOT Tucson Construction District to resolve the issue. <p><i>Lance Dunagan, Eloy discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase II of the Sign Replacement project is NTP Ready. • City Council approved four Pavement Preservation projects for a total cost of \$1,000,000. • The City submitted a 5305e grant application for a City of Eloy Transit Study. 	
22	<p>Announcements and Other Items to Discuss:</p> <p><i>Announcements and Other Items to Discuss:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casa Grande Transit Development Plan Public Mtg, February 23, Casa Grande • Executive Board Meeting, March 15, Coolidge • State Transportation Board Meeting - Public Hearing, March 17, Tucson • Southcentral Arizona Economic Development Roundtable, March 29, CAC • AZTA Conference, April 9-11, Phoenix • Roads and Streets Conference, April 12-14, Tucson • State Transportation Board Meeting - Public Hearing, April 21, Flagstaff • State Transportation Board Meeting - Public Hearing, May 19, Phoenix 	
23	<p>Call to the Public</p> <p><i>A call to the Public was made and no comments were made.</i></p>	
24	SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - April 27, 2017	
25	Adjourn	4:00 PM



Central Arizona Governments
Central Yavapai Metro. Planning Org.
Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Org.
Lake Havasu Metro. Planning Org.
Northern Arizona Council of Gov'ts.
Sierra Vista Metro. Planning Org.
Southeastern Arizona Governments Org.
Sun Corridor Metro. Planning Org.
Western Arizona Council of Gov'ts.
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Org.

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RTAC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PRIORITIES

1. REDUCE THE HURF TRANSFERS IN THE BUDGET:

Budget negotiations are underway between legislative leadership and the Governor. In the Governor's budget proposal, he recommended transferring \$108 million in transportation-related revenues, predominantly the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) and State Highway Fund (SHF), to DPS to pay for highway patrol operations. The initial reaction from legislators including the Speaker was that they wanted to do more for transportation than what was in the Governor's budget and they have continued to express that position. In fact, by all accounts, leadership is pushing to stop the transfers in their discussions with the Governor. There are many budgetary challenges that are limiting the ability to reduce the state's reliance on transportation funding to balance the general budget. There is no sizable surplus this year, there is substantial increased spending pressure predominantly from education, several pending lawsuits against the state, and the potential for losing substantial federal health care dollars. For those reasons, the support to end the transportation funding transfers must be reinforced. ***PLEASE CONTACT LAWMAKERS AND TELL THEM TO KEEP FIGHTING TO END THE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TRANSFERS IN THE BUDGET.***

2. SUPPORT SB1146 – DPS FUNDING AND ALT. FUEL VEHICLE FEES & TAXES:

Senator Worsley, chair of the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee, has successfully steered this bill through the first committee hearing deadline. It has two major parts. First, it would create an annual fee that would be paid along with VLT renewal to be set at an amount that would cover annual DPS highway patrol costs, estimated at roughly \$130 million a year. Second, the bill addresses the user parity issue by establishing fuel taxes for natural gas-fueled vehicles and annual fees for other alternative fuel vehicles to be set at rates comparable to the costs incurred by the average traditionally-fueled vehicle. Establishing a new funding source that would adequately cover DPS costs is the easiest answer to overcoming all of the challenges to reducing the transportation funding transfers in the budget so this bill is very much connected to the first priority of stopping the transfers. ***PLEASE URGE LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT SB1146 PROVIDING NEW FUNDING FOR DPS AND NEW REVENUES FROM ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES.***

3. SUPPORT A STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING INCREASE:

While HCR2011, which would have referred a ten-cent fuel tax increase to the voters, has died and is unlikely to resurface this year, momentum continues to grow and we need to support that effort. At this stage, we don't necessarily need to agree on the source or amount, but we do need to reassert the need and press lawmakers to help resolve this issue. ***PLEASE URGE LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT INCREASING TRANSPORTATION REVENUES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED IN OVER 15 YEARS FOR THE SAKE OF OUR SAFETY AND ECONOMY.***

PROGRESS SUMMARY



Completed

- ✓ 2 TAC Meetings
- ✓ Finalize Work Plan
 - PMP
 - PIP
- ✓ MAP Atlas
 - Includes Transit Demand “Propensity” Mapping
- ✓ Future SED Updates Years 2025 & 2030
- ✓ Meeting Ads (Press Releases, Storefront Flyers, Legal Notice)
- ✓ Stakeholder List
- ✓ City Scene Segment
- ✓ Community Survey
 - Online
 - Print
 - Boxes

Ongoing

- Online Community Survey
- Current & Future Conditions Report
- Public Meeting No. 1 – February 23, 2017

Upcoming

- Stakeholder Group Meetings (Round 1)
- Service Alternatives
 - Online Comment Tool
- Public Meeting No. 2
- Stakeholder Interviews (Round 2)

Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting: February 23, 2017

Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (Agenda Item #10)

- Pinal RTA Board meeting is scheduled on March 22, 2017 at the City of Apache Junction Council Chambers for the purpose of appointing a Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Community Open Houses are scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Monday, March 20, 2017 – Constitution Hall, Town of Kearny
 - Thursday, March 23, 2017 – Multi-Gen Center, City of Apache Junction
 - Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – Santa Cruz Library, City of Eloy
 - Monday, April 3, 2017 – Dorothy Powell Senior Center, City of Casa Grande
 - Thursday, April 6, 2017 – Library and Community Center, Town of Florence
- The Pinal RTA Board is considering a November 7, 2017 election.

Pinal County Strategic Transportation Safety Study (Agenda Item #15)

- The study will consolidate the data and recommendations from the completed safety plans for CAG, MAG, and the SCMPO into one countywide safety plan.
- The study will not duplicate efforts from the previous studies but will evaluate data from areas that were not identified from the previous study efforts.
- CAG TTAC approved \$20,000 from HSIP funds for the study February 9, 2017.
- Pinal County is requesting approval to apply \$80,000 of regional HSIP funds towards the study.

Pinal County Local Government Project Report (Agenda Item #21)

- ***Pinal County Sign Upgrade Project, ADOT TRACS SH645 03D/01C***
 - County's project manager submitted the finalized sign list to ADOT June 9, 2016.
 - The list contains 1,650 new signs.
 - ADOT advertised project February 16, 2017 with bid opening expected in March.
- ***Regionally Significant Routes for Safety & Mobility & Access Management Manual Update***
 - Pinal County distributed final draft Access Management Manual November 30, 2016.
 - Pinal County has conducted/is conducting work/study sessions with the SCMPO Executive Board and city-town councils countywide.
 - January 10, 2017 – SCMPO -
 - January 23, 2017 – City of Eloy
 - February 1, 2017 – Queen Creek
 - February 6, 2017 – Florence
 - February 7, 2017 – Maricopa
 - February 13, 2017 – Coolidge
 - February 21, 2017 – Casa Grande (will need to be rescheduled)
 - March 6, 2017 – Apache Junction
 - March 9, 2017 – Superior
 - March 20, 2017 – Kearny
 - To be determined - Mammoth
 - When the update is completed, Pinal County would like to implement the "Early Alert" process for the regionally significant routes.

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