



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	August 26, 2021	TIME:	1:00 PM
PLACE:	Casa Grande Public Safety Facility, 373 E. Val Vista Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona		
	520-705-5153 Jason's Cell		

Shaded items are action items: Action may not be taken on any other items on the agenda..

	TAC Members	Guests/Staff	
Attendees:	Duane Eitel, Casa Grande Dedrick Denton, Pinal County Tammy Valadez Paz, Eloy Myrna Bondoc, ADOT	Jason Hafner, SCMP Dan Marum, Wilson & Co Mike Blankenship, Greenlight TE	Kevin Adam, RTAC Mike Sundblom, Pinal County Doug Moseke, ADOT

ITEM	AGENDA ITEM	
1	Call to Order and Introductions	1:02 PM
2	Title VI Statement	
3	Call to the Public: This item is to provide an opportunity for citizens wishing to address the Technical Advisory Committee on issues within the jurisdiction of the Sun Corridor MPO planning area that are not on the Agenda. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes or less.	
	A Call to the Public was made and nobody chose to speak.	
4	RTAC Update (Information Only)	
	<i>Kevin Adam provided an overview of the State and Federal outlook.</i>	
5	ADOT Planner Report (Information Only)	
	<i>Myrna Bondoc provided an update on various ADOT activities.</i>	
6	ADOT Southcentral District Report (Information Only)	
	<i>Doug Moseke provided the following update:</i> • I-10 Corridor Study update meeting was held on 08/25/2021. A Consultant has been hired for the segment between SR587 and SR387, but no kickoff meeting has been scheduled. • ADOT is looking into accelerating the Construction of SR287; SR87 - SR79B • SR387; SR187 - SR87 pavement preservation project is in Final Design.	
7	FHWA Report (Information Only)	



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	<p><i>Ed Stillings was unable to attend. Jason Hafner provided the following update on his behalf:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RAISE Grants are in the evaluation phase by USDOT.</li><li>• FHWA Arizona office remains in full time telework with a possible partial return to the office scheduled for October.</li><li>• FHWA is still not allowed to travel or attend in person meetings.</li></ul>
8	Every Day Counts meeting Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An EDC meeting is scheduled for September 9th. Invitations should be coming soon.</li></ul>
9	Pinal County RTA Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Escrow account currently holds over \$66 million.</li><li>• Project IGAs should be distributed to the lead agencies for review by the end of August.</li><li>• The September TAC meeting has been cancelled.</li><li>• PRTA Board will meet at the end of September, date TBD.</li><li>• Staff is working toward approval and adoption of IGAs by the PRTA Board in October.</li></ul>
10	Air Quality Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winter 2021 AQ Conformity:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TAC is voting today to go to the 30-day Public Review and Comment period. It is currently scheduled to start on September 21 and end on October 21.</li><li>• The October TAC meeting the TAC will vote to approve the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>Mike Sundblom provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The PM10 Nonattainment Resolution passed the Board of Supervisors on August 4. The Resolution is a commitment by the County to implement rules in the future for the reduction of PM10. This effort is necessary for the SIP, which is currently being worked on by MAG.</li><li>• The SIP is due in January. The current plan is to request an extension of the compliance date from EPA.</li></ul>
11	CART Route Optimization Study Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Matt Rencher was unable to attend. Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The RFP was posted on August 2nd. Proposals were due by noon on August 26, 2021.</li><li>• The Selection Panel is aiming to have proposals reviewed and ranked by September 9.</li><li>• NTP is anticipated for October 8, 2021.</li></ul>



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12	<p>MPO Update (Information Only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MPO Progress Report (12.0)</li><li>• Federal Ledger (12.1)</li><li>• Project Update (12.2)</li><li>• Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #1 (12.3)</li><li>• Arizona Corporation Commission Report (12.4)</li><li>• Administrative TIP Amendment #9 (12.5)</li><li>• Regional Traffic Count Project Update (12.6)</li><li>• HSIP Application Project Update (12.7)</li></ul>	
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided an update on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12.0 - <i>The meetings attended by MPO staff since the last TAC meeting</i></li><li>• 12.1 - <i>The Federal Ledger</i></li><li>• 12.2 - <i>The status of various Design and Construction projects in the MPO</i></li><li>• 12.3 - <i>UPWP Amendment #1</i></li><li>• 12.4 - <i>The annual ACC Report</i></li><li>• 12.5 - <i>Administrative TIP Amendment #9</i></li><li>• 12.6 - <i>Regional Traffic Count project</i></li><li>• 12.7 - <i>HSIP Application project</i></li></ul>	
13	<p><i>BUILD Grant Update - Inland Port Arizona</i></p>	
	<p><i>Dedrick Denton provided the attached update.</i></p>	
14	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Consent Agenda</b></p> <p>All items listed below with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion and one vote of the Technical Advisory Committee. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a TAC member or member of the public so requests. In the event of a request, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:</p>	
	<p><i>Dedrick Denton made a motion to approve items 14.1 - 14.5 on the Consent Agenda. Tammy Valadez Paz seconded.</i></p>	
14.1*	Resolution in Support of the Regional Transportation Advocacy Council Priority Project List	<b>APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>
	<p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Resolution supporting the Regional Transportation Advocacy Council Priority Project List was approved.</i></p>	
14.2*	Resolution in Support of the Widening of Interstate 10 Between Casa Grande and Chandler	<b>APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>



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	<i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Resolution in support of the widening of Interstate 10 between Casa Grande and Chandler was approved.</i>	
14.3*	Joint Project Agreement between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments for Mobility Management	<b>APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>
	<i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Joint Project Agreement between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments for Mobility Management was approved.</i>	
14.4*	Winter 2021 Air Quality Conformity Project List for Public Comment	<b>APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>
	<i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Winter 2021 Air Quality Conformity list was approved for Public Review and Comment.</i>	
14.5*	Meeting Minutes June 10, 2021 TAC Meeting	<b>APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>
	<i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from the June 10, 2021 TAC Meeting were approved.</i>	
15	SCMPO 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Plan Amendment #2	<b>APPROVED 4-0</b>
	<i>Dedrick Denton made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Plan. Tammy Valadez Paz seconded. TAC Chair Duane Eitel requested a roll call vote:</i>  <i>Myrna Bondoc - Aye</i> <i>Dedrick Denton - Aye</i> <i>Tammy Valadez Paz - Aye</i> <i>Duane Eitel - Aye</i>	
16	Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	



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	<p><i>Dedrick Denton provided the attached update for Pinal County:</i></p> <p><i>Tammy Valadez Paz provided the following update for Eloy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The airport taxiway relocation and drainage project is complete.</li><li>• The airport lighting project is complete.</li><li>• Phase II of the drainage project is starting.</li><li>• Circle K is moving across the street on Frontier St.</li><li>• A solar company has started Phase I of construction on their Cornman Rd. location. Part of the requirements will be to pave the roadway.</li></ul> <p><i>Matt Rencher provided the following update for Coolidge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N/A</li></ul> <p><i>Duane Eitel provided following update for Casa Grande:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Casa Grande is looking into doing some corridor studies around the Pinal Tech Park area.</li><li>• The City is looking into adding a traffic signal at Centennial Blvd and Pinal Ave.</li><li>• A project to remove and replace all of the sidewalks in front of City Hall is underway.</li><li>• Bid Packages for the construction of a traffic signal on Sunland Gin Rd and Jimmie Kerr Blvd were due on August 25.</li></ul>	
17	Upcoming Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AMPO Conference, October 4-8, Scottsdale</li><li>• Roads and Streets, October 6-8, Tucson</li><li>• Rural Transportation Summit, October 13-14, Maricopa</li><li>• State Transportation Board, October 15, Casa Grande/Online</li><li>• State Transportation Board Study Session, October 26, Online</li><li>• AzTA/ADOT Az Statewide Transit Conference, November 15-19, Mesa</li></ul>	
18	Future Agenda Items	
19	Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - October 28, 2021	
20	Adjourn	1:50 PM



## SIGN-IN FORM / STANDARD IN-KIND CONTRIBUTED SERVICES FORM

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Group/Committee Name: Technical Advisory Committee

Activity/Meeting Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021

Location: Casa Grande Public Safety Facility, 373 E. Val Vista Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona

Name	Title	Organization	Email Address	Elected Official (✓ if yes)	Federal Funded (✓ if yes)	IN-KIND MATCH			Miles Traveled	Initials
						Hours Worked On Project	Preparation	Meeting	Travel	
Duane Eitel	Transportation Engineer	City of Casa Grande	deitel@casagrandeaz.gov							E
Dedrick Denton	Sr. Transportation Planner	Pinal County	dedrick.denton@pinal.gov			1	1			- X - phone
Matt Rencher	Civil Engineer	City of Coolidge	mrencher@coolidgeaz.com							
Tammy Valadez Paz	Project Engineer	City of Eloy	tvaladezpaz@eloyaz.gov			1	1	1	48	SW
Myrna Bondoc	Planning Program Mgr	ADOT	mbondoc@azdot.gov		X					X phone
Adam Langford	Transportation Planner	Works	adam@worksconsulting.com							
Andy Smith	Public Works Director	Pinal County	Andrew.Smith@pinal.gov							
Bethany Whitaker	Principal	Nelson Nygaard	bwhitaker@nelsonnygaard.com							
Brent Crowther	Project Manager	Kimley Horn	Brent.Crowther@kimley-horn.com							
Brittanie Hambrick	GIS Analyst	Works	brittanie@worksconsulting.com							
Dan Marum	Principal	Wilson & Company	dan.marum@wilsonco.com							X phone
David Do	Project Coordinator	ADOT	ddo@azdot.gov		X					
Dawn Cartier	Principal	Civtech	dcartier@civtech.com							
Douglas Eberhart	Senior Environmental Planner	Wilson & Company	douglas.eberhart@wilsonco.com							
Douglas Moseke	Assistant District Engineer	ADOT Southcentral District	dmoseke@azdot.gov			X				X phone
Ed Stillings	Senior Transportation Planner	FHWA - Region 1	ed.stillings@fhwa.dot.gov			X				



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						Preparation	Meeting	Travel		
Irene Higgs	Executive Director	SCMPO	ihiggs@scmpo.org		X					
James Meyer	HPMS Manager	ADOT	jmeyer@azdot.gov		X					
Jason Bottjen	Planning Supervisor	Pinal County	jbottjen@pinal.gov							
Jason Hafner	Deputy Director	SCMPO	jhafner@scmpo.org		X					
Jay Gomes	Traffic Engineer	ADOT	jgomes@azdot.gov		X					
Jennifer Henderson	Project Coordinator	ADOT	jhenderson@azdot.gov							
Jennifer Love	SR. Transportation Planner	AECOM	jennifer.love@aecom.com							
Jill Dusenberry	Transit Group Manager	ADOT	jdusenberry@azdot.gov		X					
Jon Vlaming	Community Development Director	City of Eloy	jvlaming@eloyaz.gov							
Jothan Samuelson	Transportation Engineer	Works	jsamuelson@worksconsulting.com							
Keith Brown	Public Works Director	City of Eloy	kbrown@EloyAZ.gov							
Kevin Adam	Director	RTAC	kadam@rtac.net							
Mark Henige	Program Manager	ADOT	mhenige@azdot.gov		X					
Michael James	Planning Director	CivTech	mjhjames@civtech.com							
Mike Blankenship	Principal	Green Light TE	mikeb@greenlightte.com						1	X - phone
Mike Sundblom	Director	Pinal County - Air Quality	mike.sundblom@pinal.gov							
Regis Reed	Operations Manager	City of Eloy	rreed@eloyaz.gov							

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Andrew Smith  
Public Works Director

Joe Ortiz  
Deputy Director

Christopher Wanamaker  
County Engineer

Leo Lew  
County Manager



## Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

TAC Meeting: August 26, 2021

### IPAZ BUILD Grant Update

#### **Summary:**

- Project Name: Inland Port Arizona Improvement Project
- Pinal County was selected to receive \$15.3 million of Federal funds with \$2.7 million matching funds to improve access to and from the Inland Port
  - Road improvements along Hanna and Houser Roads
  - Railroad intersection improvements at Hanna and Houser Roads
  - Road intersection improvements at State Route 87
    - Eligible includes environmental review, design work, other pre-construction activities, construction, environmental mitigation, and construction contingencies
- Pinal County has elected to be the direct recipient of the BUILD grant funds
- Second round of comments on the Grant Agreement Template are approved and the template was sent to USDOT/OST Chief Counsel for final review and drafting June 19, 2020
- Second round of comments on the Budget Narrative document were addressed and submitted to the BUILD PM June 23, 2020
- Third round of comments on the Grant Agreement Template from the USDOT/OST Chief Counsel were received on June 28. Comments were addressed and submitted back to USDOT/OST Chief Counsel for final review and drafting on June 29.
- A Design Services contract was awarded to TY Lin on July 1.
- Received an update from Ammon Heier with FHWA Arizona Division on July 9 stating that the Grant Agreement is with the **Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST)** for review.
- Third round of comments on the Budget Narrative were received on July 21, 2020. Comments were addressed and submitted on July 23, 2020.
- Received confirmation that the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST) has approved the Grant Agreement on August 4th.

**Updated 8.26.2021**

- Currently working with the EPA and FHWA on the Draft Categorical Exclusion (CE). In late July the EPA notified Pinal County that the project was considered of Air Quality concern and a “hot spot” analysis may be required. After meetings with both the EPA and FHWA Arizona Division it looks that we have found a solution that will have the EPA waive the requirement. Currently we are waiting to hear back on the status of the CE to submit Final Plans.

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**Transportation Project Status Report**

Road Name/Project	Limits-From	Limits-To	Project Description	Update
Sunland Gin-Milligan/Battaglia Dr.	Battaglia Drive	Monaco Drive	Widening from 2-lanes to 3-lanes.	No new update.
Hanna Road and Houser Road	SR 87	Vail Road	New 2/3 lane facilities surrounding Inland Port project.	Waiting to hear back from EPA on status of categorical exclusion to submit final plans.
Red Rock Study			To establish new corridor from Red Rock community to Pinal Airpark.	Completed a kick-off meeting with consultant.
Bus Shelter Project			10 Bus Stop Shelter (5-Cotton Express & 5-Cart with 2 locations in the County)	<p>The C.A.R.T. Bus Shelters were ordered early August with the expected delivery date of September 1, 2021. The bus shelters have been delivered and Erik Heet, Coolidge Transit Manager is working with the agency partners on arranging pick up and installation. Per the most recent amendment to the CART agreement, each partner agency will be responsible for the installation of their shelters.</p> <p>CART's 4 shelter locations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Florence Library</li><li>· CAC (Pence Center)</li><li>· Pinal County Complex (Casa Grande)</li><li>· Pinal County Complex (Florence)</li></ul>
Thornton Road Design IGA	I-8	SR 84	IGA with Casa Grande	No new update.
Selma Road Improvements	Peters Road	To west	IGA with Casa Grande	No new update.
Autumnwood Road	Cox Road	West 200 feet	Flatten grade	No new update.