



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	October 28, 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 Matt Rencher, Coolidge Myrna Bondoc, ADOT	Jason Hafner, SCMP Dan Marum, Wilson & Co Doug Moseke, ADOT Mike Blankenship, Greenlight TE

ITEM	AGENDA ITEM	
1	Call to Order and Introductions	1:00 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.	
	<i>A Call to the Public was made and nobody chose to speak.</i>	
4	RTAC Update (Information Only)	
	<i>Kevin Adam was unable to attend.</i>	
5	ADOT Planner Report (Information Only)	



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	<p><i>Myrna Bondoc provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>State Freight Plan Update:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">•ADOT held the first Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the State Freight Plan Update on October 12.•The purpose of the update is to identify trends, needs and issues regarding Freight flow in the state.•The update will also help identify priority freight projects that could access approximately \$23M in National Highway Freight Program funds.• <i>State Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Action Plan or SHARP:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Railroad crossings present potential conflicts between trains and users of the transportation system.•Improving safety on Arizona's roads is a top priority for ADOT. SHARP is a plan to promote safety at the nearly 700 active public highway/railroad crossings in Arizona.•The Federal deadline to submit the SHARP is February 12, 2022.• <i>P2P Workshops:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">•The P2P workshops are currently ongoing. The South Central District workshop was held this past Monday.•The final one will be held November 4.
6	ADOT Southcentral District Report (Information Only)
	<p><i>Doug Moseke provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>SR287: SR87 - 79B - Stage IV plans have been submitted and reviewed. Construction is anticipated to begin in February.</i>• <i>There are a handful of other small projects in the Region that are currently in the Design Phase. If any TAC members have any questions about them, reach out to Mr. Moseke.</i>
7	FHWA Report (Information Only)
	<p><i>Ed Stillings was unable to attend the meeting.</i></p>
8	Every Day Counts meeting Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>ADOT has been doing a number of trainings. They have done trainings on ADOT's Project Management process as well as their Procurement process. Upcoming is a project closeout process training.</i>
9	Pinal County RTA Update (Information Only)



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	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No decision has been made regarding litigation.• Escrow account currently holds over \$70 million.• Collecting executed IGAs from member entities. PRTA Board will approve and execute IGA's in November.• Meeting dates for that meeting have not been set. <p><i>Dan Marum added:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 12 total IGAs that cover Phase I and Phase II projects. The IGAs are also for the communities that will be receiving the \$300,000 per year and for Administrative purposes.
10	Air Quality Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter 2021 AQ Conformity:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TAC will vote to approve the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and corresponding TIP Amendment on today's Agenda.• Spring 2022 AQ Conformity:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project lists are due to MAG on February 16.• Lists will likely be distributed for updating on January 14. <p><i>Mike Sundblom was unable to attend. Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAG continues work on the Serious Area SIP, due to EPA in January 2022• The unpaved roads reports are due in early 2022.• Air Quality will begin work on Serious Area PM10 fugitive dust control measures in 2022, unpaved roads will be a major component of the rules.
11	CART Route Optimization Study Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Matt Rencher provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kimley Horn was selected by the Review Panel to conduct the study.• NTP was issued 10/21/2021.
12	MPO Update (Information Only): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MPO Progress Report (12.0)• Federal Ledger (12.1)• Project Update (12.2)• Regional Traffic Count Project Update (12.3)
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided an update on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12.0 - The meetings attended by MPO staff since the last TAC meeting• 12.1 - The Federal Ledger• 12.2 - The status of various Design and Construction projects in the MPO• 12.3 - The Regional Traffic Count Project



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13	<p><i>BUILD Grant Update - Inland Port Arizona</i></p>	
	<p><i>Dedrick Denton provided the attached update.</i></p>	
14	<p>Consent Agenda 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>Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:</p>	
	<p><i>Matt Rencher made a motion to approve items 14.1 - 14.5 on the Consent Agenda. Dedrick Denton seconded.</i></p> <p><i>Aye:</i> <i>M. Rencher</i> <i>D. Denton</i> <i>M. Bondoc</i> <i>D. Eitel</i></p> <p><i>Nay:</i> <i>N/A</i></p> <p><i>Other:</i> <i>T. Valadez Paz (Not Present)</i></p>	
14.1*	Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the August 26, 2021 TAC Meeting	APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda
	<p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from the August 26, 2021 TAC meeting were approved.</i></p>	
14.2*	Recommend Approval of Amendment #10 to the FY 2020-2029 TIP and RTP 2040 Update	APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda
	<p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, Amendment #10 to the FY2020-2029 TIP and RTP 2040 Update was approved.</i></p>	
14.3*	Recommend Approval of the New Finding of Conformity for the 2020-2029 TIP and RTP 2040 Update	APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda



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	<p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the new Finding of Conformity for the 2020-2029 TIP and RTP 2040 Update was approved.</i></p>	
14.4*	Recommend Approval of Amendment #11 to the FY 2020-2029 TIP and RTP 2040 Update (Contingent on the New Finding of Conformity)	APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda
	<p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, Amendment #11 to the FY2020-2029 TIP and RTP 2040 Update was approved.</i></p>	
14.5*	Recommend Approval of the 2022 Executive Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule	APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda
	<p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the 2022 Meeting Schedule for the Executive Board and Technical Advisory Committee was approved.</i></p>	
16	Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	
	<p><i>Dedrick Denton provided the attached update for Pinal County:</i></p> <p><i>Matt Rencher provided the following update for Coolidge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The proposed roadway improvement projects were presented to City Council on October 25, 2021. Council seemed particularly interested in the combining of the two Sun corridor funded projects (Shousen Rd and Vah Ki Inn Rd).</i>• <i>New development is planned for both Skousen Rd and Vah Ki Inn Rd. Part of Design will be to work with the Developers to maximize the project funding.</i> <p><i>Duane Eitel provided following update for Casa Grande:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway HURF Exchange project is complete.</i>• <i>The IGA for the HSIP Rumble Strip project in casa Grande has been approved by Council.</i>• <i>Casa Grande is looking at installing Reversible Lanes as a possible congestion mitigation measure on Thornton Rd.</i>• <i>The city is conducting a study that will consider an overpass at Burris, an overpass at Ethington, an underpass at Thornton and a TI at Selma and Interstate 8. Options are being considered to alleviate current and future traffic congestion issues.</i>• <i>Parts have been ordered for Adaptive Traffic Signal installation on Florence Blvd from Trekkell Rd to Henness and on Peart Rd from Florence Blvd to Kortsen Rd.</i>	
17	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board meeting, November 9, Eloy• AzTA/ADOT Az Statewide Transit Conference, November 15-19, Mesa• State Transportation Board meeting, November 19, Wickenburg?	
18	Future Agenda Items	



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	<i>The City of Casa Grande submitted a RAISE Grant for Kortsen TI. If the results of the RAISE Grant have been announced prior to the next TAC meeting, it was requested that an update be provided to the TAC.</i>	
19	Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - December 16, 2021	
20	Adjourn	1:45 PM

Andrew Smith
Public Works Director

Joe Ortiz
Deputy Director

Christopher Wanamaker
County Engineer

Leo Lew
County Manager



Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

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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 10.28.2021

- Sealed plans for all three sets (Hanna Rd., Houser Rd. and SR-87) are going to be submitted to FHWA tomorrow. The next step is for FHWA to review and approve followed by signatures from the County and Cities of Eloy and Coolidge. Expected to be done in 2-3 weeks.
- Working with UPRR on agreement. Expecting to reach an agreement by the end of November.

Public Works Department

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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.	Utility relocations are underway, project's construction will advertise this month for a contractor with a bid opening planned for 10/26 and BOS award around 11/17.
Hanna Road and Houser Road	SR 87	Vail Road	New 2/3 lane facilities surrounding Inland Port project.	After FHWA approval start working on ROW acquisition. Estimated project construction to begin in April 2022.
Red Rock Study			To establish new corridor from Red Rock community to Pinal Airpark.	No new update.
Bus Shelter Project			10 Bus Stop Shelter (5-Cotton Express & 5-Cart with 2 locations in the County)	County staff met on September 23rd to discuss the project and finalize the specific location of the bus shelters at county complexes. Installation should occur in the next few weeks.
Thornton Road	I-8	SR 84	IGA with Casa Grande	Segment 1: Nearly complete with design working through utility relocations and ROW acquisition will start construction next FY21/22. Segment 2: Peters Rd to SR 84 – FY22/23 Design / FY23/24 Construction Segment 3: Peters Rd to I8 – FY24/25 Design / FY25/26 Construction
Autumnwood Road	Cox Road	West 200 feet	Flatten grade	In-house Construction complete.
Pinal Airpark Road	Interstate 10	Trico Road	Reconstruction project	Speaking with rock plant about adding turn lanes.



PINAL COUNTY

WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

Trekell Road

Jimmie Kerr
Blvd.

Hanna Road

Rehabilitation

Working on design
topography from I-8 to
Hanna Rd.
Construction will
begin January 2022
after the holidays.



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

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Activity/Meeting Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021

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

Name	Title	Organization	Email Address	ATTENDANCE		IN-KIND MATCH			Miles Traveled	Initials
				Elected Official (✓ if yes)	Federal Funded (✓ if yes)	Hours Worked On Project Preparation	Meeting	Travel		
Duane Eitel	Transportation Engineer	City of Casa Grande	deitel@casagrandeaz.gov							✓
Dedrick Denton	Sr. Transportation Planner	Pinal County	dedrick.denton@pinal.gov			1	0.75	1	53	DP
Matt Rencher	Civil Engineer	City of Coolidge	mrencher@coolidgeaz.com			1	0.75	.75	48	X-Phone/MF
Tammy Valadez Paz	Project Engineer	City of Eloy	tvaladezpaz@eloyaz.gov						48	
Myrna Bondoc	Planning Program Mgr	ADOT	mbondoc@azdot.gov		X					X-Phone
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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			1	0.75	1.25	77	DFM
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					
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	mjhames@civtech.com							
Mike Blankenship	Principal	Green Light TE	mikeb@greenlightte.com							
Mike Sundblom	Director	Pinal County - Air Quality	mike.sundblom@pinal.gov							
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