



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	February 23, 2023	TIME:	1:00 PM
PLACE:	Casa Grande Public Safety Facility, 373 E. Val Vista Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388 Access Code – 24555467# 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 Tara Harman, Pinal County Matt Rencher, Eloy Will Randolph, ADOT (T)	Jason Bottjen, SCMPO Amy Moran, Wilson & Co. (T) Ed Stillings, FHWA (T)	Doug Moseke, ADOT (T) Deb Brunner (T)
	(T): Attended by phone		
ITEM	AGENDA ITEM		
1	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions	1:01 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 no member of the public was present.</i>		
4	SCMPO Regional Transportation Plan Update 2050 (Information Only)		
	<p><i>Amy Moran with Wilson & Co. provided the following update: Amy Moran provided a status update on current work activities associated with the Regional Transportation Plan 2050 update. The project Technical Advisory Committee kicked-off the project on January 26th. Since then, the following has occurred:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Performance targets discussed at the TAC meeting were amended to incorporate new transit targets. A summary of all targets were transmitted to ADOT for the TAC review. ADOT confirmed that all targets were correct.</i> <i>• The project team transmitted data requests to the TAC. Some data has been received. Still awaiting some GIS datasets.</i> <i>• A comprehensive list of potential project stakeholders was identified at the TAC meeting. The project team has reached out to the PIOs at both the City of Casa Grande and Pinal County regarding a potential existing stakeholder list. One is available from the City of Casa Grande. The comprehensive list of stakeholders was also refined to identify priorities for interviews. These interviews will be scheduled in March and include transit, freight, aviation, housing, emergency response, environmental, ASLD representatives. The project team will also be meeting with economic development and planning representatives from each member agency.</i> <i>• The Public Involvement Plan and study webpage are under development. The first round of engagement will be virtual via the study webpage.</i> 		
5	RTAC Update (Information Only)		
	<i>Kevin Adam was not in attendance.</i>		
6	ADOT Planner Report (Information Only)		
	<i>Will Randolph provided the attached update.</i>		
7	ADOT Southcentral District Report (Information Only)		
	<p><i>Doug Moseke provided the following update: F0521: SR87 and Skousen Road - Stage III Comment Resolution Meeting has been completed. Stage IV submittal anticipated at the end of March. F0553: SR87 and Skousen Road (Left Turn Lanes) - Kick-off Meeting was held on January 5. Field visit is planned for February 28. Construction is anticipated early 2025. T0250: Marsh Rd: Russell to Midway and Russell Rd: Marsh to Arica Rd. (Pave Dirt Roads) - Construction is completed. F0373: SR87 @ Kenworthy Rd & SR287 @ Christensen Rd (Westbound right turn lane on SR87 at Kenworthy Rd. and an eastbound left turn lane on SR287 at Christensen Rd.) - Anticipating advertisement in March/April 2023.</i></p>		
8	FHWA Report (Information Only)		
	<p><i>Ed Stillings provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• FHWA and FTA are working with ADOT to make initial outreach to the two new Urbanized areas over 50,000. Those being Maricopa and Bullhead City. Preliminary feedback we have received is that the Mayor of Maricopa has indicated they would likely remain part of MAG. Bullhead City has some complexities to work through with a small piece of the urbanized area identified falling across the river in Nevada.</i> <i>• FHWA staff attended the Work Plan subgroup meeting at MAG on January 31st to discuss streamlining of the small MPO work plans and that meeting was very productive.</i> <i>• A couple of items relating to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: On February 21st, the Federal Highway Administration published a Federal Register notice that it is establishing a temporary public interest waiver to waive Buy America requirements for steel, iron, manufactured products, and construction materials in electric vehicle (EV) chargers. Comments may be submitted by February 27, 2023; the temporary waiver is effective starting on March 23, 2023.</i> <i>• FHWA issued the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Standards and Requirements final rule on February 15th which establishes regulations setting minimum standards and requirements for projects funded under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program and projects for the construction of publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) chargers under certain statutory authorities, including any EV charging infrastructure project funded with Federal funds that is treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway. This final rule will take effect 30 days after published in the Federal Register which has not occurred yet. FHWA has two external webinars planned to provide more detail on this. We were told originally that these would happen on February 21st and 23rd but I think these may have been delayed due to the Federal Register notice not coming out yet. We also anticipate some NOFOs for the discretionary funds allocated to this program should be coming out very soon.</i> 		
9	Pinal County RTA Update (Information Only)		



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	<p><i>Andrea Robles was not in attendance.</i></p>
10	<p>Air Quality Update (Information Only)</p> <p><i>Scott DiBiase with Pinal County Air Quality provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pinal County continues to work on the implementation of the Pinal County Board adopted and impending West Pinal fugitive dust rules which go into effect June 1st. They're developing online training and tests for basic and comprehensive dust control required with the new rules. Additionally, they're working on developing a new West Pinal construction dust permit application which will include the required dust control plan. The plan is to have everything ready to go in advance of the June 1st start date.</i> • <i>All but one entity (non SCMPO Member) has submitted their West Pinal unpaved roads report for 2022. Scott wants to thank all who provided the required report. He looks forward to working with all of us moving forward for the required annual West Pinal roads reporting.</i> • <i>The Phoenix metro Ozone Nonattainment Area (2015 ozone NAAQS) which includes a portion of Pinal County (Apache Junction to Queen Valley and San Tan Valley) has been bumped up to moderate.</i> <p><i>MAG is developing the MAG State Implementation Plan (SIP). MAG has hired a consultant to compile a list of control measures to evaluate. The final list (after approval through the MAG Committees process) will be provided to implementing entities including Pinal County to determine which control measures can be implemented (through a rulemaking). In the past for the previous ozone standard (2008 ozone NAAQS), Pinal County developed rules for surface coating operations and gas stations (in the smaller Apache Junction portion of the 2008 ozone NAAQS nonattainment area). The initial plan was to do a rulemaking to expand the applicability for these two rules to the new, larger ozone nonattainment area. However, at the last MAG AQ/TAC meeting it was suggested that implementing entities can expand these control measures to areas outside of the ozone nonattainment area which could be Countywide, similar to what Maricopa County does with some of their rules. Pinal County was specifically mentioned so Pinal County Air Quality is looking at this as a possibility for any ozone control measures rulemaking. It is expected that MAG will have the final list of potential control measures out to implementing entities in the Spring.</i></p>
	<p><i>Jason Bottjen provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SCMPO Winter 2022 Air Quality Conformity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ <i>On February 15, 2023, FHWA and FTA made a new finding of conformity for the MAG and SCMPO planning regions. This includes the West Pinal PM-10 and West Central Pinal PM-2.5 non-attainment areas.</i> □ <i>A STIP Amendment request related to the new finding of conformity was sent to ADOT MPD on February 21, 2023.</i> □ <i>The Winter 2022 Air Quality Conformity cycle is now completed.</i> • <i>SCMPO Spring 2023 Air Quality Conformity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ <i>Spring 2023 project lists were received from member agencies in early January, compiled into one project list and submitted to MAG on January 13.</i> □ <i>AQ Modelling is underway and SCMPO staff has been working with the MAG AQ & Transportation Modeling sections to address comments received.</i> □ <i>As part of the Consent Agenda, we will be asking the TAC to approve the advertisement of the Air Quality Conformity project list and Conformity Analysis for 30-day public review and comment period (tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2023, through May 20, 2023).</i>
11	<p>MPO Update (Information Only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPO Progress Report (11.0) • Federal Ledger (11.1) • Project Update (11.2) • SCMPO UPWP Amendment (11.3) • SCMPO Funding Overview (11.4) • Sun Cloud Overview (11.5) • Pinal County Coordinated Mobility Gap Analysis Support Letter (11.6) • Casa Grande RAISE Grant Support Letter (11.7) • Pinal County RAISE Grant Support Letter (11.8) • Carbon Reduction Program Loan (11.9)
	<p><i>Jason Bottjen provided an update:</i></p> <p>11.1 - Federal Ledger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Added Additional \$31,250 of SPR funding</i> • <i>Reduced STBG by \$500 (went from \$152,000 to \$151,500)</i> • <i>Added \$278 to STBG funding (Closeout of T021401D: Battaglia Rd; Sunshine Blvd - La Palma Rd)</i> • <i>Added \$59,871 to the CG Kadota/Cottonwood project</i> <p>11.3 – SCMPO UPWP Amendment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Amendment #4 of the FY2022-2023 UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program).</i> • <i>The amendment encompasses minor administrative adjustments to the FY2022-2023 UPWP; FY22 - 23 UPWP Work Elements Budget (Estimated vs Actual) for roll-over and Apportionments adjustments received from ADOT Management Financial Services.</i> • <i>Specific changes are shown on pages 12 & 13 of the agenda packet.</i> <p>11.4 - SCMPO Funding Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This overview is specific to HSIP funding. (Highway Safety Improvement Program)</i> • <i>Historically, HSIP funding was distributed to COG & MPOs via an apportionment similar to how STBGP is distributed. The yearly HSIP apportionment was \$520,000.</i> • <i>It went to a competitive process in 2018.</i> • <i>\$6,240,000 represents the amount of HSIP funding the SCMPO Region would have received under the apportionment distribution structure through 2025.</i> • <i>\$29,398,144 represents the amount of HSIP funding that the SCMPO Region has received through 2025.</i> • <i>That is \$23,158,144 more in HSIP funding the region has received.</i>



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	<p>11.5 - Sun Cloud Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sun Corridor MPO in partnership with MAG and PAG are developing a web-based tool called "Sun Cloud" to serve as a central transportation data portal for the "Sun Corridor" Mega Region. The Arizona Sun Corridor is made up of Maricopa, Pinal, and Pima counties, along with parts of Santa Cruz and Cochise counties. It is home to over 86 percent of Arizona's population. The data portal will increase and improve the accessibility, usability and quality of data and analytical tools that are vital to the transportation planning needs of the five counties within the Sun Corridor. The data portal will consist of many layers of transportation data which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Data, Travel Demand, MS2 Traffic Counts, Traffic Analysis Zones, Long Range Plan Projects, Broadband Access, Transit Ridership, Justice 40 Census Tracts, Freight Corridors, ATRI Freight Data, Pavement Conditions, NEPA, Travel Time Reliability, Disadvantaged Facility Users, and Bridge Conditions. Once the data portal is completed, it will result in facilitated sharing and coordination of data, a better understanding of the big picture transportation needs in the Sun Corridor, greater alignment of policies, and more strategic investments in transportation projects. Casa Grande used data from the Justice 40 Census Tracts layer that was included in their RAISE grant application. There was a Sun Cloud Data Portal roadshow on November 17th where the portal was introduced to the participating COG & MPOs, and member agencies. Next steps include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrapping up data layer development. Next Sun Cloud TAC Meeting is March 8 (TAC will give feedback on the Safety Data & Disadvantaged Facility User). The Sun Cloud Consulting Team is setting up a training for SCMPO and member agencies wishing to participate. The training is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday March 22. The time is to be determined. Once I hear back from the consultant team, I will push out that information to the SCMPO TAC.
	<p>11.6 - Pinal County Coordinated Mobility Gap Analysis Support Letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAG, in partnership with Pinal County, MAG, and SCMPO has applied for a 5310 Transit Planning Grant. The Pinal County Coordinated Mobility Gap Analysis study will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at current transportation providers for the disabled and/or the elderly to reevaluate their current programs, To identify the gaps between current transportation services, and To develop and prioritize strategies to improve where deficiencies are identified. Examine the financial gaps that would strengthen and increase services of current providers, with the potential of establishing new providers for those portions of Pinal County that have been identified as having little to no transportation service. <p>11.7 - Casa Grande RAISE Grant Support Letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAISE Grant Application for the I-10/Kortsen Traffic Interchange in Casa Grande. <p>11.8 - Pinal County RAISE Grant Support Letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAISE Grant Application for the Central Arizona Parkway A new high-capacity roadway facility that will run west of the CAP canal, the first phase will extend the SR-24 to the CAP Canal and then connect the SR-25 extension south to Ocotillo Road. <p>11.9 - Carbon Reduction Program Loan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRP is a new funding source. SCMPO receives approximately \$117,681 in CRP funding starting in FY22 Currently there is little guidance from FHWA on how the funding can be programmed. SCMPO has loaned two Fiscal years' worth of funding (FY22 & FY23 - \$225,592) to ADOT with a payback to SCMPO in FY24. (\$225,592 + \$117,681 = \$343,273)
12	<p>BUILD Grant Update - Inland Port Arizona</p>
	<p>Tara Harman provided the following update: Construction is underway at Houser and SR87 intersection, to include the signal, with a detour in place. Intersection construction is expected to last approximately 2 months with completion early July.</p>
13	<p align="center">Consent Agenda</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 align="center">Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:</p>
	<p>Matt Rencher made a motion to approve items 13.1 - 13.3 on the Consent Agenda. Tara Harman seconded.</p>
13.1*	<p>Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the December 15, 2022 TAC Meeting</p> <p align="right">APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>
	<p>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from the December 15, 2022 TAC meeting were approved.</p>
13.2*	<p>Recommend Approval to Advertise the Spring 2023 Air Quality Project List and Conformity Analysis for 30-Day Public Review and Comment Period</p> <p align="right">APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>
	<p>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, Advertising the Spring 2023 Air Quality Project List and Conformity Analysis for a 30-Day Public Review and Comment Period was approved.</p>
13.3*	<p>Recommend Approval of Amendment #22 to the FY 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program</p> <p align="right">APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>



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	<i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, Amendment #22 to the FY 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO was approved.</i>	
14	Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	
	<p><i>Tara Harman provided the attached update for Pinal County.</i></p> <p><i>Matt Rencher provided the following update for Eloy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eloy Submitted a Planning Grant application for Sunland Gin Road.</i> <p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update for Casa Grande:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sunland Gin Road & Jimmie Kerr Blvd. Traffic Signal: Traffic Signal mostly complete, no signal heads have been installed. Casa Grande is working with the UPRR and has been told it will take 1 to 7 months for UPRR to complete their work.</i> 	
15	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board meeting, March 14, Eloy • State Transportation Board meeting, March 17, Prescott Valley • SCMPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting, April 27 	
16	Future Agenda Items	
17	Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - April 27, 2023	
18	Adjourn	1:46 PM