



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	April 27, 2023	TIME:	1:00 PM
PLACE:	Vista Grande Library, 1556 N Arizola Road, 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.

	<i>TAC Members</i>	<i>Guests/Staff</i>	
Attendees:	Duane Eitel, Casa Grande Tara Harman, Pinal County Matt Rencher, Eloy Ben Navarro, Coolidge Will Randolph, ADOT	Jason Bottjen, SCMPO Ed Stillings, FHWA Doug Moseke, ADOT Jerry James, ADOT Ammon Heier, FHWA	Mark Henige (T) Mike Blankenship (T)
			(T): Attended by phone

ITEM	AGENDA ITEM
1	Call to Order, Roll Call, 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 no member of the public was present.</i>
4	ADOT Emergency Relief Fund Presentation (Information Only)
	<i>Jerry James with ADOT gave the attached Emergency Relief Fund presentation.</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)
	<i>Doug Moseke provided the following update: F0382: SR 387; from SR 87 to SR 187 -- Low Bidder: Nesbit Contracting. Project goes to the Board on May 19 with an anticipated start on June 19th. F0521: SR87 and Skousen Road -- Stage III Comment Resolution Meeting completed. Prior rights claimed by SCIDD causing delay in project. Stage IV submittal anticipated June 6th. F0373, F0354: SR 87 Kenworthy Rd & SR 287 at Christensen Rd (Westbound right turn lane on SR 87 at Kenworthy Road and an eastbound left turn lane on SR 287 at Christensen Road) -- Anticipating advertisement end of May.</i>
8	FHWA Report (Information Only)
	<i>Ed Stillings provided the following update:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently four new NOFOs (Notice of Funding Opportunity): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 14: Charging and Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program was announced. Applications are due by May 30. • March 30: Safe Streets and Roads for All was announced. Applications are due by July 10. • April 4: Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program was announced. Applications are due by August 1. • April 21: PROTECT discretionary was announced. Applications are due August 18. • Will Randolph from ADOT will be handling the regional planner role with the new Bullhead City MPO. • My position has been advertised and closed April 16th. Interviews planned for mid May.
9	Pinal County RTA Update (Information Only)
	<i>Andrea Robles was not in attendance.</i>
10	Air Quality Update (Information Only)

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	<p>Jason Bottjen gave the following update on behalf of Scott DiBiase with Pinal County Air Quality: Implementation of the new West Pinal fugitive dust rules is ongoing. The rules go into effect June 1st.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Department is developing a new West Pinal construction dust permit application/dust control plan - The plan is to have it available online and ready for applicants to use in advance of the June 1st go live date. The goal is to have it online in early May Developing the online basic and comprehensive dust training/tests/certifications with the same timeline as the application/dust control plan (early May). Going to keep it really simple and straightforward, rather than a formal training, the website will point folks to the West Pinal construction fugitive dust rules and provide links to the online tests. Anyone going for the Basic and/or Comprehensive certificates are recommended to read the rules first before taking the test(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water truck operators are required to get the basic West Pinal construction fugitive dust certification. Other construction staff who will be in charge of dust control (i.e. Dust Control Coordinator) at large worksites are required to get the West Pinal comprehensive dust control certification. The certification is designed to be automated, when the test taker passes the test, shortly after that they'll get the certificate. They need to have the certificate(s) available if/when requested (starting June 1st), an electronic copy will suffice. Please note, the Maricopa County rule 310 certifications won't be sufficient for West Pinal as the rules and requirements are not identical. When the West Pinal construction dust permit application/dust control plan and tests are available online, the Department will send out an Air Quality News email via GovDelivery. Anyone interested in subscribing to the Pinal County Air Quality News (or other topics) GovDelivery distribution can do so on our main webpage at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZPINAL/subscriber/new. The new rules are available on the Pinal County Air Quality website (see below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Pinal construction fugitive dust rules West Pinal fugitive dust rules The new West Pinal fugitive dust rules are more stringent and are applicable to each entity within the West Pinal Serious PM10 nonattainment area (i.e. Pinal County, Florence, Coolidge, Eloy, Casa Grande, Maricopa). Some examples are listed below, it's recommended that each entity review and get familiar with the rules and requirements (see links above). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicability for unpaved roads opacity (20%) and stabilization standards has dropped from 150 ADT to 26 ADT Annual road paving requirements - each city, county or state agency with primary responsibility for existing unpaved roads in the nonattainment area; starting January 1, 2024 pave an average of 20% annually (up to a max of 5 cumulative miles) of all unpaved roads in their jurisdiction. Trackout control - owner of land from which trackout to paved roads occurs is required to clean it up immediately when it extends 25 feet or more Paved road sweeping requirements - PM10 efficient street sweepers required starting January 1, 2025
	<p>Jason Bottjen provided the following update: SCMPO Spring 2023 Air Quality Conformity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Quality modeling is complete, and the Conformity Analysis was received from MAG on April 19. The 30-day public comment period for the Spring 2023 Air Quality Conformity project list and Conformity Analysis started on April 20, and runs through May 20, 2023. The associated SCMPO TIP Amendment, Conformity Finding and any received public comments will be on the June 8, SCMPO TAC meeting agenda.
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) ADOT P2P Call For Projects (11.3) Letters of Support - Community Project Funding (11.4) Letters of Support - Congressionally Directed Spending (11.5) ADOT Title VI Compliance Review (11.6)
	<p>Jason Bottjen provided an update:</p> <p>11.1 - Federal Ledger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added \$33,132.85 HURF Exchange funding to the Coolidge Ave; 9th St - Skousen and Vah Ki Inn Rd; 9th St - Kenworthy (Construction) project. Added the 10% HURF Exchange - \$3,681.42 to the STBG funding for the Coolidge Ave; 9th St - Skousen and Vah Ki Inn Rd; 9th St - Kenworthy (Construction) project. Added MPA-Final Voucher \$43,945.61 for the MAIN ST FROM COOLIDGE AVE TO PINKLEY AVE, COOLIDGE project Currently, \$56,502.71 in Obligation Authority (OA) <p>11.2 - Design Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T0310: Pinal County Systemic Road Departure (Rumble Strip Installation Overfield & Signal Peak) – Casa Grande & Eloy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bid opening was April 21, 2023 Low bid was \$313,313 by HAWK CONTRACTING LLC ADOT estimate: \$240,671.30 Other bid: \$333,052.01 by PAVEMENT MARKING LLC There is a shortfall for the project of \$75,400 - discussed using the \$56,502.71 in Obligation Authority left for this fiscal year on this project and will bring the item to the June 8, 2023 Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory meeting. F0521: SR87 at Skousen Rd (MP 136.62) (Traffic Signal w/ Intersection Improvements) - Coolidge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ADOT Project Manager confirmed that the project schedule has changed due primarily to ongoing coordination with SCIP and SCIDD to review the Stage III plans and provide comments, and that effort's impact on the environmental, utility, and right-of-way clearances. The Stage IV PS&E submittal date is June 6th, and the project will now be advertised for construction in the first quarter of FY 2024.
	<p>11.3 – ADOT P2P Call For Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 6, 2023, ADOT announced a formal ADOT Planning to Programming (P2P) Call for Projects. Project nominations are due by May 5, 2023. The P2P process will prioritize all highway construction projects for consideration in ADOT's FY 2025 - 2029 Five Year Construction Program. Nominating a project does not guarantee project selection but ensures it will be considered in ADOT's performance-based P2P process. If you have previously submitted a project nomination, you do not need to resubmit the same project again; it is still on the P2P list and will be reevaluated. In urban areas, federal funding eligibility is available for roads that are functionally classified as urban minor collectors or higher. In rural areas, federal funding eligibility is available for roads functionally classified as rural major collectors and higher. While there are rare exceptions, local roads and rural minor collectors are not eligible for federal funding.



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	<p>11.4 - Letters of Support - Community Project Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sun Corridor MPO provided Letters of Support to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) Sub-Committee for Community Project Funding. The projects are: <p>Casa Grande:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thornton Road Widening Peters Road Widening Left Turn Lane Lengthening Ash Avenue Roundabout Alley Improvement Program <p>Coolidge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inland Port Arizona Industrial Park Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Project <p>Pinal County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunland Gin Road Bridge at Green Canal <p>Community Project Funding (CPF) is generally defined as a spending provision in federal appropriations legislation that provides a designated amount of discretionary funding to a specific entity for a specific purpose.</p>
	<p>11.5 - Letters of Support - Congressionally Directed Spending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sun Corridor MPO provided Letters of Support to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) Sub-Committee for Congressionally Directed Spending. The projects are: <p>Casa Grande:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thornton Road Widening Peters Road Widening Left Turn Lane Lengthening Ash Avenue Roundabout Alley Improvement Program <p>Coolidge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inland Port Arizona Industrial Park Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Project <p>Pinal County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunland Gin Road Bridge at Green Canal <p>Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) is generally defined as a spending provision in federal appropriations legislation included primarily at the request of a Member of Congress providing, authorizing, or recommending a specific amount of discretionary funding to a specific State, locality, or Congressional district for a specific purpose.</p>
	<p>11.6 - ADOT Title VI Compliance Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun Corridor MPO had it's ADOT Title VI Nondiscrimination On-site Compliance Review on February 22, 2023. One Deficiency was found - SCMPO should update the LEP Plan annually in conjunction with the Title VI Implementation Plan to ensure that the most recent LEP data is available in both documents. SCMPO will combine the Title VI Plan and LEP Plan into one document. While Sun Corridor MPO was deemed compliant with Title VI, a few recommendations were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCMPO should provide consultants and subconsultants with copies of the Title VI PowerPoint presentations for training purposes. As SCMPO will be updating its Public Involvement Plan in 2023, ADOT CRO recommended changing the language of "elderly persons or zero vehicle households" to "individuals". As a best practice, ADOT CRO recommends SCMPO include a link to the self-identification survey to the public comment forms instead of adding the questions as part of the comment form to preserve anonymity. The Sun Corridor MPO Title VI On-site Compliance Review Action Plan which outlines the actions SCMPO has taken regarding the deficiency and recommendations from the ADOT Civil Rights Office was submitted to ADOT on March 30, 2023. Sun Corridor MPO received its Title VI On-Site Compliance Review letter from ADOT on April 12, which granted SCMPO compliant status, the Sun Corridor Title VI review is now closed.
<p>12</p>	<p>BUILD Grant Update - Inland Port Arizona</p>
	<p>Tara Harman provided the following update: Box culvert work complete and new asphalt down on SR87 at Houser Rd, traffic switched over to new pavement 4/26. Signal foundations and conduit placement underway, coordination with APS on new service locations through mid-May. UPRR pushed their signal work on Hanna Rd yet again to mid-June (initially planned in March) we have little control over their schedule - claims of labor/material issues. Our portion of the project still on schedule for completion on or around 7/10/23.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Title VI Training (Information Only)</p>
	<p>Jason Bottjen gave the attached Title VI Training presentation</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Carbon Reduction Program Funding Discussion (Information Only)</p>



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	<p><i>14.0 Carbon Reduction Program Funding Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from on-road highway sources. • SCMPO receives a yearly apportionment of roughly \$120,000, with Obligation Authority (OA) applied the number is reduced to approximately \$113,000 • The estimated five-year total (FY22-FY26) that SCMPO is expected to receive is \$565,000 • SCMPO met with ADOT MPD on March 29, to discuss the CRP program. • SCMPO must provide a CRP Plan to ADOT by August 18, 2023, the plan is to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CRP Project Selection Process description, including o FY23-27 TIP of CRP projects that include o CRP Project Summary (describe brief scope of each project and how it pertains to CRP) o Future CRP Projects Summary • Sun Corridor MPO staff has discussed partnering with the ADOT District on fixed dynamic message boards along Pinal Ave. (SR387) south of I-10 at multiple locations • Sun Corridor staff met with Doug Moseke & Jay Gomes to discuss the idea of transferring the CRP funding to ADOT to manage the project • This project checks all the boxes for the funding requirements: equity, resiliency, and safety • Help detour traffic around Casa Grande and surrounding region when there's issues on I-10 	
15	<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><i>Matt Rencher made a motion to approve items 15.1 - 15.2 on the Consent Agenda. Ben Navarro seconded.</i></p>	
15.1*	<p>Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the February 23, 2023 TAC Meeting</p>	<p align="center">APPROVED 5-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>
	<p><i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from the February 23, 2023 TAC meeting were approved.</i></p>	
15.2*	<p>Recommend Approval of Amendment #23 to the FY 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program</p>	<p align="center">APPROVED 5-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>
	<p><i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, Amendment #23 to the FY 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program was approved.</i></p>	
16	<p>Recommended approval of the FY 2024-2025 Sun Corridor MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)</p>	<p align="center">APPROVED 5-0</p>
	<p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve the FY 2024-2025 Sun Corridor MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Matt Rencher seconded.</i></p>	
17	<p>Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County</p>	
	<p><i>Tara Harman provided the attached update for Pinal County.</i></p> <p><i>Ben Navarro provided the following update for Coolidge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coolidge Avenue widening project is underway. • The Attaway Road, from SR287 to north 1/2 mile project is complete. • Coolidge is working with Florence and Pinal County on a DCR to widen Attaway Road from SR287 to Hunt Highway. <p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update for Casa Grande:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Thornton Road Widening Project is split into three segments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selma to Peters is underway • Selma to I-8 is a Pinal County project and Bid Advertisement is expected in May. • Peters to Highway 84 is anticipated to be completed the end of May, will be 2 lanes southbound and 1 lane northbound. • Casa Grande received \$3 Million in Earmark funding for the Thornton Road project. • The Jimmy Kerr Traffic Signal work continues; the signal is expected to be activated in June. • Casa Grande is awaiting determination of their RAISE Grant and Rail Crossing Elimination Grant applications. 	
18	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board meeting, May 9, Casa Grande • State Transportation Board meeting, May 19, Gilbert • SCMPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting, June 8 	
19	<p>Future Agenda Items</p>	
20	<p>Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - June 8, 2023</p>	
21	<p>Adjourn</p>	<p align="right">2:10 PM</p>

FHWA Emergency Relief Program LPA Process



Sun Corridor MPO
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Presented by:
Jerry James, P.E.
Assistant State Engineer
April 27, 2023

Brief Summary

- Background of FHWA ER Program
- Eligibility for ER Funding
- Steps in the LPA ER Process
- Method of Repairs
- Lessons Learned
- Other ER Resources
- Arizona ER Program Contacts



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 - Catastrophic Events due to an external cause



Eligibility for ER Funding

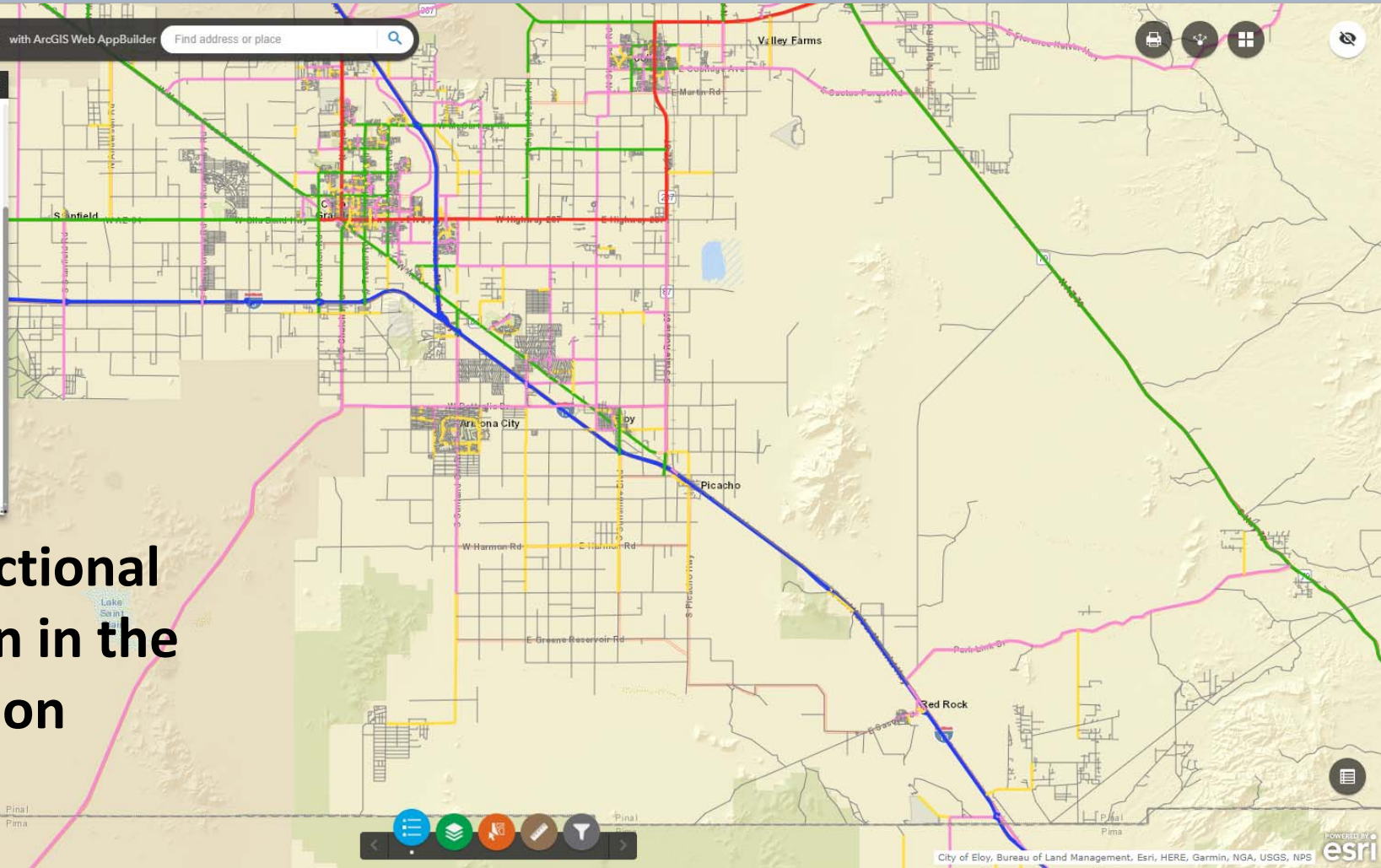
- **Damages** sustained by Natural Disaster or Catastrophic Event from an External Cause
- **\$700,000** in Eligible Damage
 - total is accumulative and include State and other agencies
- **\$5,000 minimum** in Eligible Damage per site
- Declaration of Emergency
- Functional Classification:
 - Rural Major Collector or above



Legend

- Urban Principal Arterial - Other Fwys & Expwys
- Urban Principal Arterial - Other
- Urban Minor Arterial
- Urban Major Collector
- Urban Minor Collector
- Urban Local
- Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate
- Rural Principal Arterial - Other
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• **Federal Functional Classification in the SCMPO Region**

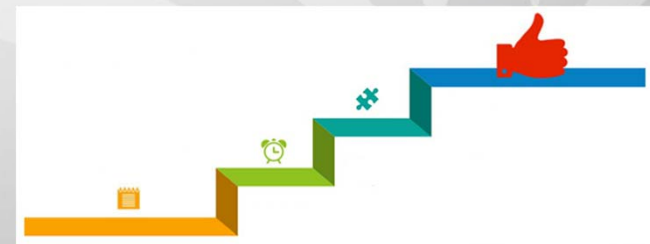


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Steps in the LPA ER Process

- Initial Assessment
- LPA Request
- IGA Development
- Federal Authorization Request
- Reimbursement Process
- Final Voucher



Initial Assessment*

- **In addition to contacting AZDEMA, reach out to ADOT as well**
 - Provide information that includes location, type of damages, photo(s)
 - **If damages potentially meets FHWA criteria, take next steps**
- **Schedule on-site visit** for inspection
- **Develop and provide cost estimate** for damages (per locations)
- **If FHWA criteria are not met**, LPA will be deferred to AZDEMA

*** This step is critical in determining next steps in the ER process**

LPA Request

- A Detailed Damage Inspection Report(DDIR) (FHWA 1547) Form will need to be **filled out and signed for each site**, with supporting documents of associated costs for review
 - ADOT ER Liaison will review and verify and send off to FHWA for acknowledgement
- **Project Initiation Request Form**, with the signed FHWA 1547 packet to ADOT LPA Group
- ADOT LPA Group will acknowledge receipt
 - **Establish a Project Number and ADOT Tracs Number**
 - **Assign an ADOT Project Manager**
- **LPA contacts COG** to request for a TIP amendment to add the project

IGA Development

- Project Manager **coordinates** with LPA
 - For Non-CA Agencies only, **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)** is required
 - ADOT LPA Group coordinates with ADOT's JPA Group to initiate an IGA
- ADOT JPA Section will be assigned to draft and coordinate the execution of the IGA
- Once we have a fully executed IGA in place,
 - ADOT Project Manager will coordinate the necessary steps to move forward with the Project Development Process

FHWA Authorization Request

- Prior to FHWA Authorization, **Local Public Agency will submit all supporting documentation for reimbursement** to the ER Liaison
 - ER Liaison will verify information and send to PM
- PM prepares authorization documents and submits to ADOT FMS
- FMS submits the **Letter of Authorization and Project Agreement** to FHWA for authorization for funding allocation



Reimbursement Process

- Once Authorization is issued by FHWA, PM will process LPA request submit to ADOT FMS for reimbursement payment
- LPA is reimbursed by ADOT



Final Voucher Process

- ER Liaison will work with LPA to gather all documentation for project close-out to verify federal requirements are met:
 - Final Acceptance Letter
 - All invoices paid
 - Close out Letter to ADOT
 - Certified Payrolls (Davis Bacon wages)
 - Buy America Certs, if applicable
 - Other federally required documents
- PM will provide documentation for Final Voucher
- Final Voucher is submitted to FHWA
- FHWA closes project



Method of Repairs

- **Emergency Repairs**
 - Eligible for 100% reimbursement within 270 days
- *Force Account* - In-house forces
- *Solicited Contract** – LPA contacts a few contractors by phone and solicits quotes for a specific SOW
- *Negotiated Contract** – LPA reaches out to one contractor only
 - FHWA must agree to selection and price
 - Only used when competitive bidding is not feasible
- *** All Federal-aid Requirements applies and shall be included in the contract**

Lessons Learned

- **Communication is Critical** - early involvement, we're here to help.
- **Take before and after photos**
- FHWA 1547 Form is **signed and complete** with all costs are agreed upon early on in the process
- If using a contract for repairs, **contracts shall consist of Federal requirements** to be considered eligible
- **Environmental clearance is required** - contact ADOT's Environmental Planning Group in the LPA Request stage
- Complete as much work within first 270 days
- Reach out to other local agencies

Other ER Resources

- The Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) Disaster Assistance Manual, Publication Number FHWA-FLH-11-001 has guidance for repair of roads on Federal lands that are not Federal-aid highways. It is available at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/erfo.aspx>.
- The FEMA Public Assistance Policy Digest, January 2008, Publication Number FEMA 321 provides program guidance, authorized by the Stafford Act, P. L. 93-288, for highways that are neither Federal-aid highways nor on Federal lands. It is available at <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/pdigest08.pdf>.

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FHWA ER Manual

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reports/erm/er.pdf>

April 27, 2023

ATTN: SCMPO TAC Members

Subject: ADOT MPD Report

1. FY24-28 Five Year Construction Program: The FY24-28 Tentative Five Year Construction Program is currently available for public comment till June 1st. The public hearing will be May 19th with the State Transportation Board. The five year program is planned to be adopted by the board on June 16th. Please visit the website to provide comments and for further information. <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-programming/tentative-five-year-program>.

The FY25-29 P2P call for projects is open and project nominations are due May 5th, 2023. The P2P process will prioritize all highway construction projects for consideration in ADOT's FY 2025-2029 Five Year Construction Program.

2. FY24-25 COG/MPO Work Program: The MPO Work Program meetings have been conducted with providing any comments from FHWA and ADOT, and MPO work programs will be due back to ADOT in May. MPO Work Program Agreements have been sent out for review and signature.

3. Federal Discretionary Grants: Please continue to visit USDOT's website or the ADOT grant coordination page <https://azdot.gov/node/18401> for the NOFOs and deadlines this spring early summer.

4. ADOT SMART Program: Please continue to work with your local agencies to submit any applications for the SMART program. The website continues to be host of useful information found at <https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund>.

Status of ADOT studies:

1. Long Range Transportation Plan: In-person meetings for ADOT took place February/March 2023 and have recently concluded. The city locations for these in-person meetings were Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff. A statewide virtual public meeting had also occurred and was completed, and a LRTP Update was presented to COG/MPO/Tribes Planning Representatives back on 1/24/23. The last public participation event was a LRTP Telephone Town Hall to serve Rural Arizona on 3/22/23.

Next steps are to complete the Gap Analysis to look at state deficiencies which will quantify costs over the next 25-year timeframe to address expected deficiencies and to achieve across-the-board acceptable performance on the State Transportation System. The Gap Analysis should be completed by April 2023, and a new component known as resiliency planning is added to the LRTP effort which should be completed by May 2023. We are

aiming for the first draft of the LRTP to be completed in June. The ADOT LRTP webpage will continue to host the working papers and accompanying summary sheets (2-3 page bullet point reports of said working papers).

2. **Statewide Rest Area Study:** The draft Final Report public comment period has concluded and we received 167 comments from the public. The final draft is under review and is scheduled for delivery on April 29th, with a list of projects to send through the P2P process.

3. **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan:** The EV rulemaking went into effect on 3/30/23. ADOT will continue to meet with stakeholders, vendors, and have further public involvement meetings. For more information visit our EV plan website, and feel free to sign up to the mailing list to receive study updates by email and opportunities to provide input. <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/arizona-electric-vehicle-program>

4. **Transportation Alternatives Program:** Three committee meetings and workshops have occurred. Topics covered so far include the program vision and priorities, possible funding options, peer state DOT interviews, program application administration, with project selection criteria being considered at this time. The next committee meeting is April 27th, please contact the ADOT PM Bret Anderson with any additional questions.

5. The ADOT ROW **Wireless Communications Facilities Program Guidelines Study** is continuing on with deliverables and TAC meeting and the **Statewide ITS Architecture Update** has kicked off this month.



Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

TAC Meeting: August 25, 2022

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 6.09.2022

- The construction award to Sunland Asphalt for \$12.4M was approved by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors on June 8, 2022. Pinal County has hired Consultant Engineering, Inc. to handle construction management services. A groundbreaking event has been scheduled for June 28, 2022 to include all of the BOS, Cities (Eloy/Coolidge, FHWA, ADOT, etc.) The Notice-to-proceed for construction is expected the first week of July.

Updated 8.25.2022



- CEI (Construction Manager) and Sunland Asphalt (Contractor) have been working through pre-construction submittals to get things off the ground. Preconstruction coordination meetings have taken place with Union Pacific as well as Nikola Motors. 1st bi-weekly construction meeting held with stakeholders on 8/16 and full mobilization begins the week of 8/22 on Hanna Road. Hanna Road’s construction will likely last through October.

Updated 10.27.2022

- Construction began a little later than expected on August 22nd, originally scheduled the week of August 4th. Base asphalt course of Hanna Road phase is complete, overall project is 23% complete. Contractor has moved on to Houser Road and began earthwork, awaiting CROE form UP to complete the work on Hanna. Base course paving is scheduled for a portion of Houser Road, from Nikola entrance to Vail the week of 10/24.

Updated 12.12.22

- Construction underway now on Houser Road, Hanna base asphalt course completed in November. Houser Road base course paving planned for mid-December and intersection work to begin at SR87 in January. Project still on track for completion in early June.

Updated 2.23.2023

- 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.

Updated 4.27.2023

- Box culvert work complete and new asphalt down on SR87 at Houser Rd, traffic switched over to new pavement 4/26. Signal foundations and conduit placement underway, coordination with APS on new service locations through mid-May. UPRR pushed their signal work on Hanna Rd yet again to mid-June (initially planned in March) we have little control over their schedule - claims of labor/material issues. Our portion of the project still on schedule for completion on or around 7/10/23.

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.	90% Complete; expected to
Hanna Road and Houser Road	SR 87	Vail Road	New 2/3 lane facilities surrounding Inland Port project.	Update listed above.
Red Rock Small Area Transportation Study			To establish new corridor from Red	Completed January 2023



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			Rock community to Pinal Airpark.	
Thornton Road	I-8	Selma Hwy	DA with Casa Grande/Lucid	90% design; ROW acquisition is underway; construction solicitation next month and construction late July.
Pinal Airpark Road	Interstate 10	Trico Road	Reconstruction project	Completed
Trekell Road	Jimmie Kerr Blvd.	Hanna Road	Rehabilitation	Project was completed in April.



Title VI Nondiscrimination Training



Purpose of Training

To ensure all management staff, contractees, and service beneficiaries are aware of the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the minimum requirements to be in compliance with its rules, laws, and regulations.

Pay Attention!

Title VI applies to all Federally funded projects,
programs and activities!

Executive
Board

Planning
Studies

Technical
Advisory
Committee

Air Quality

Gila-Pinal
Rides
Committee

Transportation
Improvement
Program (TIP)



TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHT ACT OF 1964

“No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal Financial assistance.” - *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, et seq.*



Title VI Implementation Plan

Due to ADOT - August 1st

- Develop a Title VI Policy Statement
- Acquire signed Title VI Assurances
- Title VI Coordinator
- Complaint Procedures
- **Title VI Training**
- Data Collection
- Program Area Review Procedures
- Limited English Proficiency
- Environmental Justice
- Public Participation Plan
- Requires Executive Board Approval Annually

Title VI Notice to the Public



SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S TITLE VI / AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (Sun Corridor MPO) hereby gives public notice that it is the Agency's policy to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990(ADA), and related authorities in all of its programs and activities.

The Sun Corridor MPO Title VI and ADA Programs require that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any Federal Aid Highway program or other activity for which Sun Corridor MPO receives Federal financial assistance.

Any person, who believes his/her Title VI or ADA rights have been violated, may file a complaint. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with the Sun Corridor MPO, Title VI Coordinator within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. Title VI Discrimination Complaint Forms may be obtained from the Sun Corridor MPO Office or website.

AVISO PÚBLICO DE LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE PLANIFICACIÓN SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SOBRE EL TÍTULO VI / DECRETO DE AMERICANOS CON DISCAPACIDADES

La organización de planificación metropolitana Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (Sun Corridor MPO) por este medio hace un aviso público de que la norma de la Agencia es la de asegurar el cumplimiento total con el Título VI del Decreto de los Derechos Civiles de 1964, con el Decreto de Restauración de los Derechos Civiles de 1987, con el Título II del Decreto de Americanos con Discapacidades de 1990 (ADA por sus siglas en inglés), y con las autoridades relacionadas en todos sus programas y actividades.

Los programas de Sun Corridor MPO bajo el Título VI y el decreto ADA requieren que ninguna persona deberá, basándose en su raza, color, origen nacional, o discapacidad, ser excluida de su participación en, denegada de los beneficios de, o de otra forma verse sujeta a discriminación bajo cualquier programa de Carreteras con Asistencia Federal u otra actividad para la cual Sun Corridor MPO reciba asistencia financiera federal.

Cualquier persona que crea que se han violado sus derechos bajo el Título VI o el decreto ADA, puede registrar una queja. Cualquier dicha queja debe hacerse por escrito y registrarse con la Coordinadora del Título VI de la organización Sun Corridor MPO dentro de ciento ochenta (180) días después de la fecha en la que haya ocurrido el supuesto evento discriminatorio. Las Formas de Quejas se pueden obtener en la oficina o el sitio web de la organización Sun Corridor.

Irene Higgs, Director - Title VI Coordinator
Directora - Coordinadora del Título VI
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211 N Florence Street, #103
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
www.scmpo.org

Have a Written Title VI Complaint Process and Complaint Log

To Include:

- How to file a complaint;
- FHWA or FTA Funded Program or Activity
- The complaint must be filed within 180 days of the alleged occurrence or when the alleged discrimination became known to the complainant;
- The complaint should be in writing and signed;
- Determining the jurisdiction, acceptability, and the need for additional information upon receipt to investigate the merit;
- Upon receipt of a complaint, SCMPO to forward to ADOT Civil Rights Office (CRO) within 72 hours
- Take final action within 60 days, and
- Provide appeal instructions.

Title VI Complaint Log



211 N. Florence St., Ste. 103
Casa Grande, AZ 88122

Annual Report Date: July 1, 2022– June 30, 2023

Title VI Complaints, Investigations and Lawsuits

Description/Name	Date Month, Day & Year	Funding Source (FHWA or FTA)	Summary (Basis of Complaint)*	Status	Actions / Final Findings
Complaints					
1)					
2)					
3)					
Investigations					
1)					
2)					
3)					
Lawsuits					
1)					
2)					
3)					

Ensure Contractors and Sub-Contractors follow the same guidelines

- Sub-recipients must ensure that all contractors and sub-contractors awarded ADOT funded contracts adhere to Title VI and all other applicable civil rights laws and regulations.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Related Requirements of Title VI

- Title VI and its implementing regulations require that recipients take *responsible* steps to ensure *meaningful access* to the benefits, services, information, and other important portions of their programs and activities for individuals who are Limited English Proficient.

How are LEP plans typically implemented?

Popular Strategies:

- Four Factory Analysis
- Publishing materials in languages other than English (e.g. Spanish)
- Multi-language public outreach materials (Newspaper, Website, Social Media, Surveys, etc.)
- Pictograms
- Multi-language announcements at reception areas
- Language identification using “I Speak” cards

Public Outreach

- Early, often and continuous
- Provide opportunities for public to get involved in proposed transportation decisions
- Promote inclusive public participation, including low-income, minority and LEP populations

Public Involvement Tips

- Select accessible meeting times, and locations
- Utilize social media (e.g., Facebook, YouTube) to complement (not replace) other involvement techniques
- Use non-traditional methods (e.g., Virtual Town-Halls (Zoom), street fairs, faith-based institutions, etc.)

Title VI Annual Report

Due ADOT August 1st

- **Accomplishments:**
 - Summary of public outreach and involvement activities, and description of steps to ensure minority & low-income people had meaningful access to activities
 - List of any Title VI investigations, complaints, or lawsuits
- **Goals:**
 - Outlines the public outreach and involvement activities, and description of steps to ensure minority & low-income people had meaningful access to activities

Non-Compliance with Title VI

- Withholding of payments to the recipient under the contract until the recipient complies, and/or
- Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part

QUESTIONS?

Sun Corridor MPO Title VI Coordinator

Irene Higgs, Executive Director

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

Please Sign Your Time Counts!

Group/Committee Name: Technical Advisory Committee

Activity/Meeting Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023

Location: Access Code - 24555467#

Vista Grande Library, 1556 N Arizona Road, Casa Grande, Arizona

Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388

ATTENDANCE				IN-KIND MATCH				
Name	Title	Organization	Email Address	Elected Official (Y/N)	Federal Funded (Y/N)	Hours Worked On Project Preparation Meeting Travel	Miles Traveled	Initials
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Andy Smith	Public Works Director	Pinal County	Andrew.Smith@pinal.gov					
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Brittanie Hambrick	GIS Analyst	Works	brittanie@worksconsulting.com					
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David Do	Project Coordinator	ADOT	ddo@azdot.gov		X			
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Deborah Brunner	Transit Manager	City of Casa Grande	deborah_brunner@casagrandeaz.gov					
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