



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

<b>DATE:</b>	September 12, 2023	<b>TIME:</b>	Regular Meeting: 10:00 A.M.
<b>PLACE:</b>	City of Coolidge – Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, AZ 85128 Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388 Access Code – 24555467#		
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Irene Higgs 520-705-5143		
<b>Executive Board Members</b>			
<b>Chairman</b>	Craig McFarland, Mayor Casa Grande	<b>Member</b>	Micah Powell, Mayor Eloy
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Jon Thompson, Mayor Coolidge	<b>Member</b>	Jenny Howard, ADOT STB District 4
<b>Sec/Treas</b>	Steve Miller, Pinal County Supervisor		
One or More Board Members May Attend Telephonically			
<i>The Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board may vote to hold an Executive Session for the purposes of obtaining legal advice from the Attorney on any matter listed on the agenda under A.R.S §38-431.03(A)(3)</i>			
ITEM	REGULAR MEETING AGENDA	PRESENTER	PAGE
1	Call to Order and Introductions	Mayor Craig McFarland	
2	Title VI - Notice to the Public	Irene Higgs	
3	Call to the Public: This item is to provide an opportunity for citizens wishing to address the Executive Board 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.	Mayor Craig McFarland	
4	Sun Cloud Data Portal (Presentation/Demo)	Ted Brown	
5	Regional Transportation Plan Update (Presentation)	Amy Moran	1 - 11
6	Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) (Information Only)	Kevin Adams	
7	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Update (Information Only): • Regional Transportation Plan Update • Pinal County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and Analysis Tools Update	Duane Eitel	
8	Air Quality (AQ) Update (Information Only)	Jason Bottjen	
9	Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Planner Update (Information Only)	Will Randolph	
10	Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Update (Information Only)	Romare Truely	
11	ADOT Southcentral District Update (Information Only)	Doug Moseke	
12	Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update (Information Only)	Andrea Robles	
13	BUILD Grant Update - Inland Port Arizona (Information Only)	Dedrick Denton	



14	MPO Update - Information Only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Progress Report (14.0)</li> <li>Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Ledger (14.1)</li> <li>Design/Construction Update (14.2)</li> <li>2023 Arizona Corporation Commission Report (14.3)</li> <li>Sun Corridor MPO Letters of Support (14.4)</li> <li>AZ SMART Fund Overview (14.5)</li> </ul>	Irene Higgs Jason Bottjen	12 - 14 15 16 - 26 27 - 33 34 - 37 38 - 40
15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Consent Agenda</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 BOARD. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:</b></p>	Mayor Craig McFarland	
*15.A	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 11, 2023</li> </ul>		41 - 47
*15.B	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Advertisement of the Winter 2023 Air Quality Project List and Conformity Analysis for 30-Day Public Review and Comment Period		48
*15.C	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve of the Joint Project Agreement between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments for Mobility Management		49 - 53
16	Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt and Approve the Resolution of Support for the Regional Transportation Advocacy Council Priority Project List	Irene Higgs	54 - 55
17	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve of the Regional Transportation Advocacy Council Regional Project List	Irene Higgs	56 - 58
18	Member Jurisdiction Reports (Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County, and State Transportation Board)	Mayor Craig McFarland	
19	Future Agenda Items	Mayor Craig McFarland	
20	Upcoming Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Transportation Board Meeting, September 15, Kingman</li> <li>RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting, September 18, virtually</li> <li>ADOT P2P Southcentral District Workshop, September 20, virtually</li> <li>Rural Transportation Summit, October 18-19, Yuma</li> <li>State Transportation Board Meeting, October 20, Yuma</li> <li>State Transportation Board Meeting, November 17, Wickenburg</li> </ul>	Mayor Craig McFarland	
21	Next Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 14, 2023 - City of Eloy – City Hall, 595 N. C St., Eloy, AZ 85131</li> </ul>	Mayor Craig McFarland	
22	Adjourn	Mayor Craig McFarland	

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In an effort to determine who attends our meetings and to improve participation in the planning process, the SCMPO ask that you please fill out the following voluntary survey:

Survey - English <https://forms.gle/M2grgU4HQTcc2v9QA>

En un esfuerzo por determinar quién asiste a nuestras reuniones y a fin de mejorar la participación en el proceso de planificación, la organización SCMPO le pide que por favor llene la siguiente encuesta voluntaria:

Survey - Spanish <https://forms.gle/NLaJxW25RU6bSsQ19>



Regional Transportation Plan 2050

Executive Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023



**CONNECTING  
COMMUNITIES 2050**



SunCorridor  
Metropolitan Planning Organization

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 **Topics**

-  Project Objectives
-  Performance Metrics
-  Work Plan & Schedule
-  Public & Stakeholder Feedback
-  Recommended Investment Strategy
-  Projects
-  Next Steps
-  Other Items for Discussion

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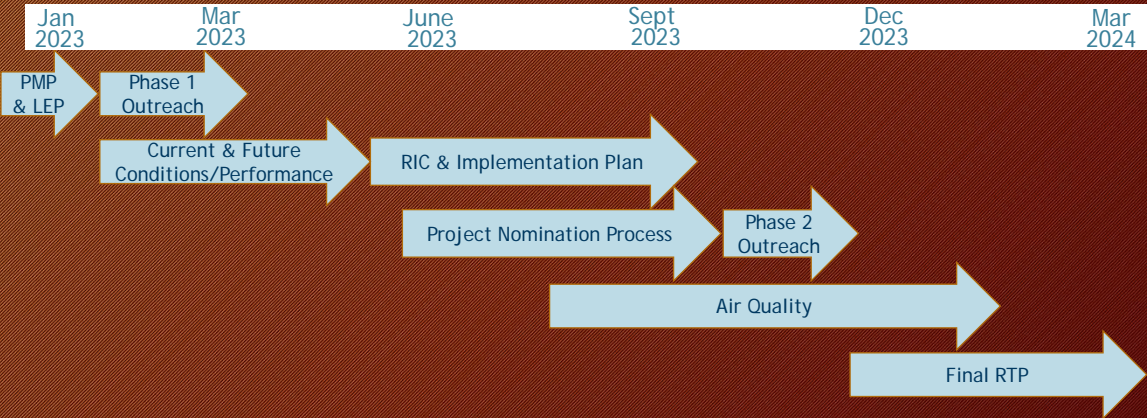

# Project Objectives



- Address new federal requirements
- Incorporate ADOT Targets
- Engage stakeholders and the public
- Identify new multimodal transportation priorities
- Recommend investment strategies
- Coordinate on air quality conformity
- Update project prioritization and selection process

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# Work Plan & Schedule



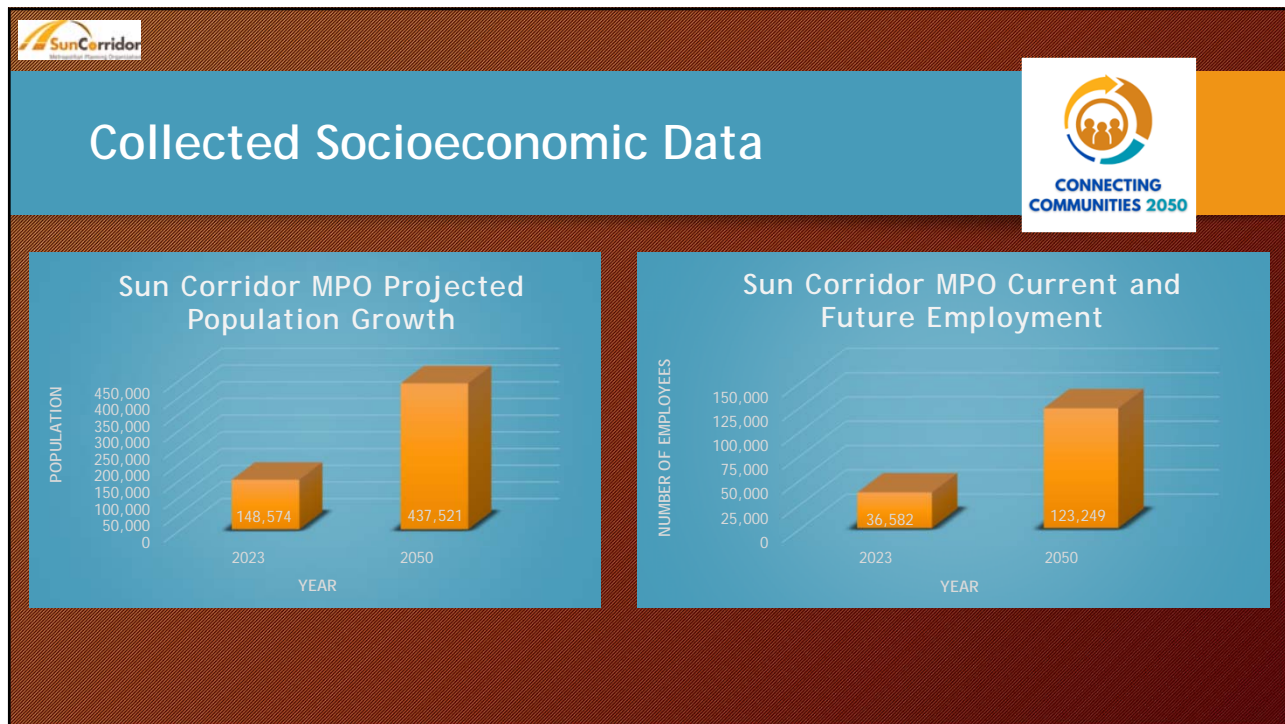
Timeline: Jan 2023, Mar 2023, June 2023, Sept 2023, Dec 2023, Mar 2024

Milestones and Tasks:

- Jan 2023: PMP & LEP
- Mar 2023: Phase 1 Outreach
- June 2023: Current & Future Conditions/Performance
- Sept 2023: RIC & Implementation Plan
- Dec 2023: Project Nomination Process
- Mar 2024: Phase 2 Outreach
- Dec 2023: Air Quality
- Mar 2024: Final RTP

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 **Local Performance Metrics** 

- Arterial & Collector Roadways & Bridge Conditions
- Arterial & Collector Roadways Mobility
- Economic Vitality
- Transit Service & Ridership
- Bicycle & Pedestrian
- Environmental



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 **Outreach** 

- Stakeholder Interviews  
(February/March)
- Round 1 Public Engagement  
(March/April)
- Round 2 Public Engagement  
(September/October)
- Plan Presentations to  
Boards/Councils  
(November/December)



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# Outreach



- Stakeholder Interviews
- Round 1 Public Engagement
  - Pop up events
  - Bus Placards
  - Utility Bill Inserts
  - Online Survey & mapping tool



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# Stakeholder Interviews



- Pinal Partnership - 4/11
- Army National Guard - 4/17
- AZGF - 4/18 and 4/24
- Casa Grande Planning & ED - 4/20
- ASLD - 4/24
- Eloy Planning & ED - 4/25
- Pinal County Planning & ED - 4/25

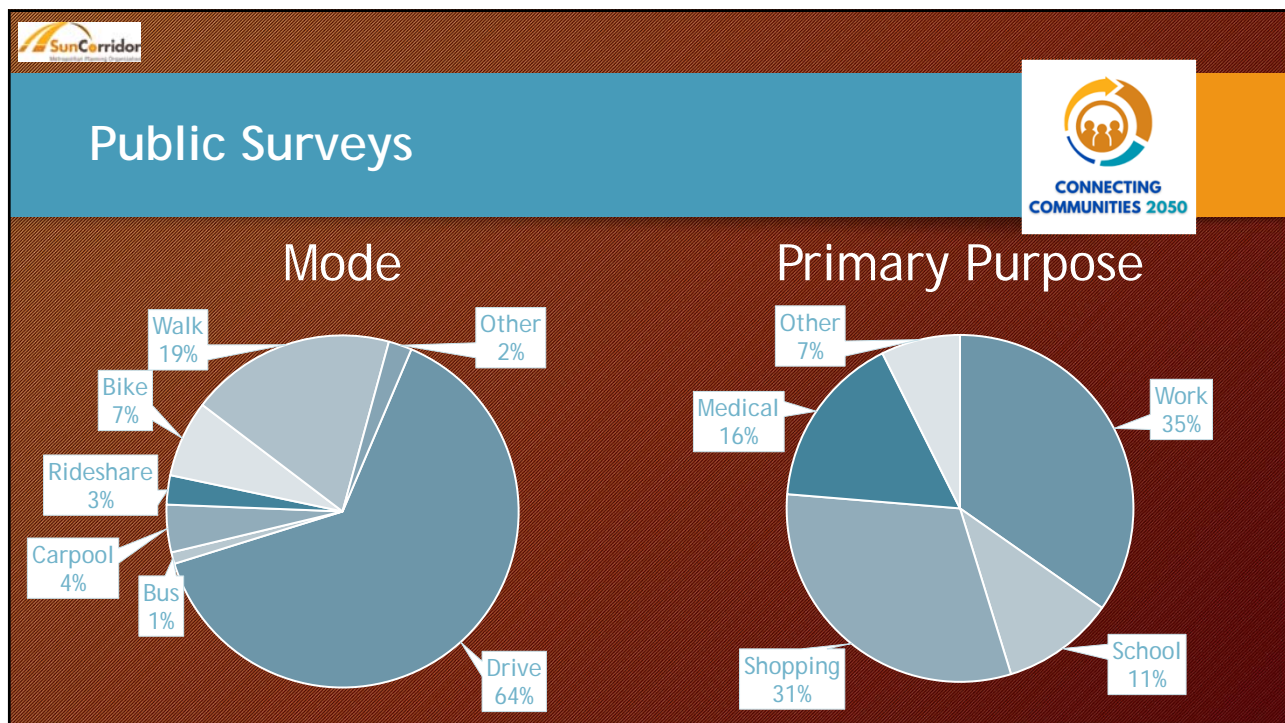
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 New Roads Freight  
 Maintenance Transit

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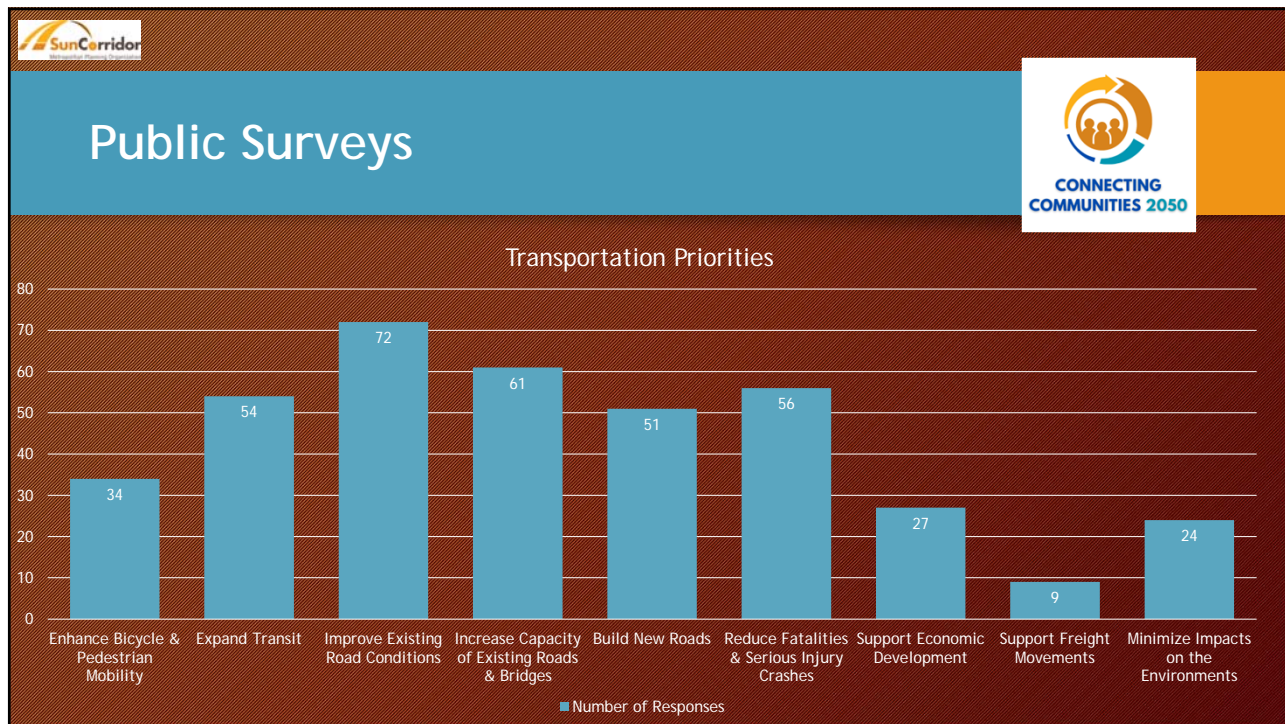


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**Outreach**

- Round 2 Public Engagement
  - Three in person events:
    - Casa Grande Silent Witness ( 9/26)
    - Eloy GAIN Event (10/4)
    - Coolidge GAIN Event (10/19)
  - Online survey

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# Council/BOS Presentations



## Coolidge

Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

## Eloy

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>


## Casa Grande

Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>


## Pinal County

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
OR  
Separate Meetings

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# Policy versus Project-based Plan: Current Recommended Investment Choice (RIC)



Investment Category

## Modernization:

- Safety
- ADA
- Technology
- Complete streets

Investment Category	Percentage
Modernization	50%
Expansion	15%
Preservation	35%

## Expansion:

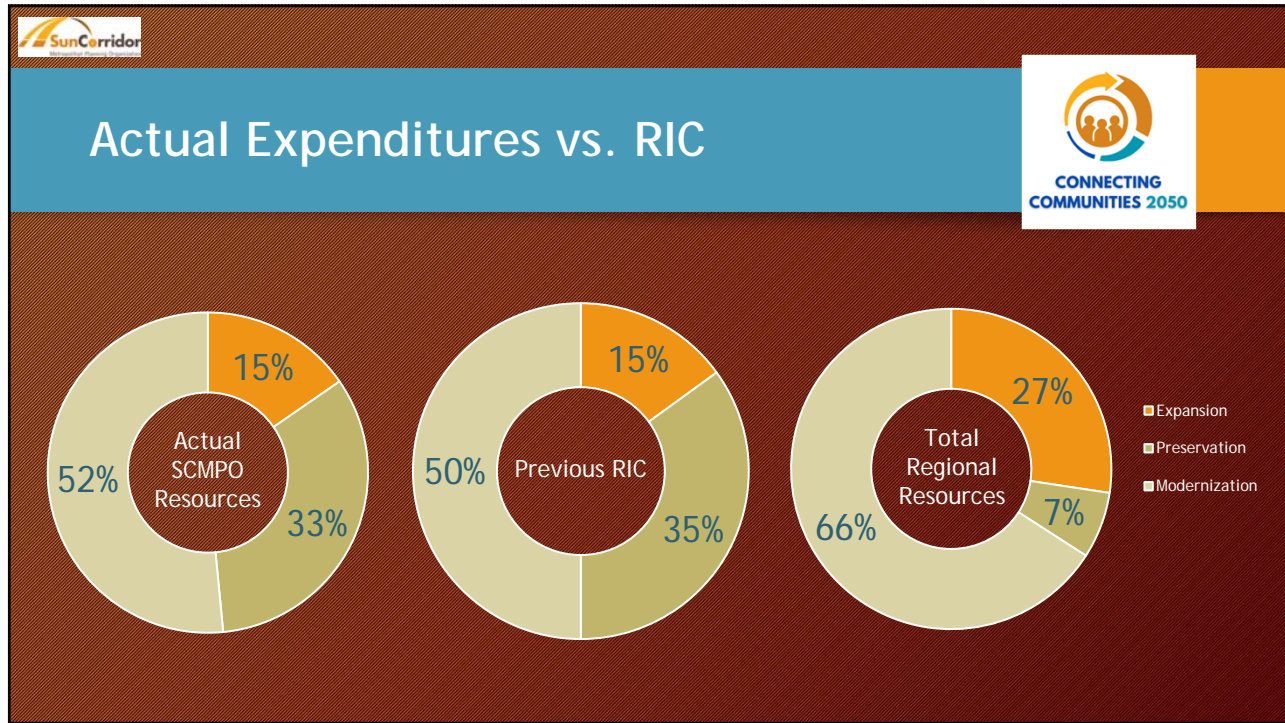
- New roadways, bridges, trails
- Additional roadway lanes

## Preservation:

- Pavement & Bridge rehabilitation/reconstruction

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## Projects of Opportunity


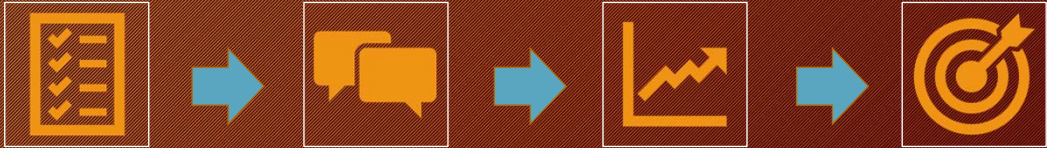


- Will develop list of regional projects and solicit input from the Board

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## Project Nomination Forms

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    A[Review current Nomination Form] --> B[Feedback from users]
    B --> C[Introduce Performance Metrics]
    C --> D[Goal: Foundation for Future Detailed Discussion]
  
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Review current Nomination Form



Feedback from users







Introduce Performance Metrics

Goal: Foundation for Future Detailed Discussion



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 **Next Steps** 

					
Finalize RIC	Update List of Projects of Opportunity	Develop Draft Plan	Update Prioritization Scoring and Project Nomination Forms	Round 2 Public Outreach	Council/BOS Meetings

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 **Discussion** 

What have we missed?  
Questions?  
Comments?

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**MEMO TO:** SUN CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD  
**FROM:** Irene Higgs, Sun Corridor MPO Executive Director  
**DATE:** September 12, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** MPO Update

**14.0 Progress Report** - Below is a listing of some of the activities staff attended for the months of July, August and September. Staff also prepared documentation for monthly ADOT reimbursement invoicing, attended various meetings with consultants, and general business activities for the MPO.

- Transportation Alternatives TAC Meeting #3, July 12, Irene attended
- ADOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant Program - Safe Routes to Schools Meeting with Casa Grande School Leadership, July 13, Irene and Jason attended
- Pinal County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and Analysis Tools Update Meeting with Greenlight Traffic Engineering, July 13, Jason attended
- SCMPO RTP 2050 Weekly Check-in, July 13, Irene and Jason attended
- ADOT Transportation Alternative Program - Safe Routes to Schools Meeting with Grande Innovation Academy, July 17, Irene attended
- RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting, July 17, Irene attended
- Curve Communication Briefing, July 18, Irene attended
- West Pinal PM-10 Air Quality Planning Partner Agencies Meeting, July 19, Irene attended
- Meeting with Andrea Martinez (MAG), July 19, Irene attended
- FRA Southwest Region Working Group Meeting, July 20, Irene attended
- SCMPO RTP 2050 Weekly Check-in, July 13, Jason attended
- State Transportation Board Meeting in Showlow, July 21, Irene attended
- Casa Grande Transit RFP Interviews, July 21, Jason attended
- RTAC Board Meeting, July 24, Irene attended
- CYMPO/ SCMPO Planning Meeting, July 24, Irene attended
- ADOT/MPO/COG Partnership Meeting, July 25, Irene attended
- Gila-Pinal Rides Transportation Coordination Committee Meeting, July 26, Jason attended
- Casa Grande Transit RFP Software Demonstrations, July 26, Jason attended
- CAV Meeting, July 27, Jason attended
- FTA Region 9 Programming Requirements – STIP Meeting, July 27, Irene and Jason attended
- CYMPO/SCMPO Finance Meeting, July 31, Irene attended
- Meeting with Zeena Gagnon, July 31, Irene attended



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- ADOT/MPO/COG Planning Meeting, August 1, Irene attended
  - Meeting with April Trevett, August 1, Irene attended
  - 2020 Census Implementation in Transportation Planning Webinar, August 1, Jason attended
  - SCMPO Region DMS Project Meeting with ADOT, August 1, Irene and Jason attended
  - Meeting with FTA and ADOT, August 3, Irene and Jason attended
  - SCMPO WTS Presentation, August 3, Irene attended
  - F0553 Monthly Progress Meeting, August 3, Jason attended
  - Sen. Sinema - Pinal County Transportation Roundtable, August 3, Irene attended
  - SCMPO RTP 2050 Weekly Check-in, August 3, Jason attended
  - Meeting w/ Jacob Martin (RS&H), August 7, Irene attended
  - Coolidge TA and Bridge Projects, August 8, Irene and Jason attended
  - COG/MPO Directors Meeting, August 9, Irene attended
  - West Pinal SIP MVEB's Meeting, August 9, Irene and Jason attended
  - SCMPO RTP 2050 Weekly Check-in, August 10, Irene and Jason attended
  - AQ Meeting w/ Patrick Stone (MAG), August 11, Irene attended
  - COG/MPO Planner Meeting, August 11, Irene and Jason attended
  - PRTA Board Meeting, August 14, Irene attended
  - AzTA Prop 400 Discussion, August 14, Irene attended
  - Pinal County Strategic Transportation Safety Plan Kickoff Meeting, August 15, Irene and Jason attended
  - North South Corridor DCR & Tier 2 Meeting, August 15, Irene and Jason attended
  - ADOT/SCMPO DMS Meeting, August 16, Irene and Jason attended
  - Coordination Meeting w/ Tim Strow (MAG), August 16, Irene attended
  - Pinal Alliance for Economic Growth 2023 Annual Meeting, August 17, Irene attended
  - SCMPO RTP 2050 Weekly Check-in, August 18, Irene and Jason attended
  - Pinal Partnership Meeting, August 18, Irene and Jason attended
  - State Transportation Board Meeting, August 18, Irene attended
  - RAISE Debrief for Korsten TI, August 18, Irene and Jason attended
  - RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting August 21, Irene attended
  - SCMPO Regional Transportation Plan Update Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, August 24, Jason attended
  - SCMPO TAC Meeting, August 24, Irene and Jason attended
  - AzTA Board Development/Board Meeting, August 28, Irene attended
  - RTAC Board meeting, August 28, Irene attended
  - League of Cities and Towns, August 29-September 1, Irene attended
  - FHWA/MAG/ADOT AQ Meeting, September 6, Irene and Jason attended
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- AzTA Golf Tournament, September 6, Irene attended
  - APA Conference, September 6-7, Jason attended
  - WTS Luncheon, September 7, Irene attended
  - Meeting w/ Mayor Thompson, September 7, Irene attended
  - Meeting w/ Mayor McFarland, September 11, Irene attended
  - Coolidge General Plan meeting, September 11, Irene and Jason attended
  - ADOT Truck Parking Implementation Plan Stakeholder meeting, September 11, Irene attended
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- **Federal Ledger (14.1)**
  - **Project Update (14.2)**
  - **Arizona Corporations Commission Report (14.3)**
  - **Sun Corridor MPO Letters of Support (14.4)**
  - **AZ SMART Fund Overview (14.5)**

Board Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Requested Below
<b>Information Only</b>



# Sun Corridor MPO Running Ledger Federal Funding At A Glance

FFY 2024	APPORTIONMENTS							OA Rate =	0.9490
	DESCRIPTION	HSIP	CRP	HURF Ex	STBG	SPR	PL	Total Allocated	FFY Obligation Authority
	Carry Forward <b>**Lapses on 6/30</b>								
	Current FFY Apportionments		\$ 117,681.00		\$ 613,350.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 161,377.00	\$ 1,017,408.00	\$ 965,520.19
	Loans In		\$ 225,592.00					\$ 225,592.00	\$ 214,086.81
	Loans/Transfers/Repayments Out (Repay FY24)				\$ (484,720.40)			\$ (484,720.40)	\$ (484,720.40)
	FFY Total Available <b>**Lapses on 6/30</b>		\$ 343,273.00		\$ 128,629.60	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 161,377.00	\$ 758,279.60	
	FFY Obligation Authority by Funding		\$ 325,766.08		\$ 97,348.75	\$ 118,625.00	\$ 153,146.77	\$ 719,607.34	\$ 694,886.60
FEDERAL SHARE									
TIP #	Project Name	HSIP	CRP	HURF Ex	STBG	SPR	PL	Total Spent	Declining Balance of OA
	LTAP				\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 694,386.60
	SPR - Not Requested					\$ 110,751.00		\$ 110,751.00	\$ 583,635.60
	PL - Not Requested						\$ 153,540.00	\$ 153,540.00	\$ 430,095.60
	PL Sato						\$ 7,797.00	\$ 7,797.00	\$ 422,298.60
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	Total Federal Funding Used				\$ 500.00	\$ 110,751.00	\$ 161,337.00	\$ 272,588.00	
	Remaining Apportionments		\$ 343,273.00		\$ 128,129.60	\$ 14,249.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 485,691.60	
	Remaining OA		\$ 325,766		\$ 96,849	\$ 7,874	\$ (8,190)	Remaining OA	\$ 422,298.60





## EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

### DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

<i>City of Casa Grande</i>				
1.	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0164 03D	<b>Federal No:</b>	CSG-0(207)S
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>I-10; Kortsen TI</b>		
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	DCR - Traffic Interchange		
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Eric Prosnier 602.712.8495		
	<b>Project Status:</b>	The sealed Final Report was submitted to ADOT on June 30, 2021. All ADOT and FHWA comments were addressed as part of the sealed submittal. The Final DCR is completed, and the Project Determination has been signed. (10/21/2021)		
2.	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0277 01D/01C	<b>Federal No:</b>	HSIP-CSG-0(210)T
	<b>ADOT ID:</b>	101742		
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Cottonwood Ln/Kadota Ave</b>		
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon		
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Kirstin Huston 602.712.2167		
	<b>Project Status:</b>	<p>The designer received the permit for utility relocation and completed the work on 05/04/2022. Stage IV plans were distributed for review on 05/26/2022 with comments due 06/15/2022. A comment resolution meeting is scheduled for 06/22/2022. The project is now targeting July 2022 for advertisement. (05/26/2022)</p> <p>Sealed plans were submitted to ADOT C&amp;S. Project should advertise in the next couple weeks. (08/25/2022)</p> <p>The project advertised on September 6, and bid opening is scheduled for 11/04/2022. (10/07/2022)</p> <p>Bid opening was on November 4, 2022 @ 11am. Low bid came in at \$357,866.13 (William Charles Construction Co.) which is \$214,480.53 over department estimate. There is \$28,482.00 in Design phase funding that can be transferred to the construction phase. SCMPO has \$59,871.00 in HSIP funding that can be added to the project. SCMPO is working with ADOT to see if any additional ADOT HSIP funding can be leveraged for the project. (11.7.2022)</p>		



		<p>On December 5, 2022, the SCMPO Executive Board approved Amendment #20 to add additional funding which includes moving \$28,482 in HSIP funding from the Design phase to the Construction phase, adding \$59,871 in SCMPO HSIP funding, and \$131,519 in local funding from Casa Grande. (12.7.2022)</p> <p>Received the updated HSIP eligibility letter and associated documentation on January 11, 2023. (1.11.2023)</p> <p>ADOT is working with the City of Casa Grande on the local funding for the project. The contractor is procuring equipment and is estimated to be onsite in early April. (03/06/2023)</p> <p>ADOT received the local match funding from Casa Grande on March 20, 2023. ADOT is in the process of authorizing the additional Federal funding added to the project via TIP Amendment #20 and approved by the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board on December 5, 2022. The contractor plans to be onsite starting June 12, 2023. (04/17/2023)</p> <p>There is a six-month current lead time with the procurement of the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon equipment. Construction will begin tentatively in four to six months. (05/11/2023)</p>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS: STIP ID:</b>	T0310 01D/01C 101740	<b>Federal No:</b>	HSIP-PPN-0(226)T
<b>Project Name:</b>		<b>Pinal County Systemic Road Departure</b>		
<b>Type of Work:</b>		Rumble Strip Installation		
<b>Project Manager:</b>		Pedram Shafieian 602.712.8166 ( <a href="mailto:Pshafieian@azdot.gov">Pshafieian@azdot.gov</a> )		
<b>Project Status:</b>		<p>The Contract with Wood was executed on 04/12/2022. The kickoff meeting should be scheduled soon. (04/20/2022)</p> <p>The project kick-off meeting was held on May 12. The stage III submission was received in August and the Stage IV submittal was received October 11 with comments due October 31. (10/11/2022)</p> <p>The bid opening is scheduled for March 24, 2023. (02.13.2023)</p>		

		<p>The bid opening was rescheduled by ADOT for April 21, 2023. (03/24/2023)</p> <p>The bid opening occurred on April 21; the low bid was \$386,979. \$311,580 was programmed for construction which creates a funding shortfall of \$75,399. Sun Corridor MPO has \$56,502.55 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding to contribute that will reduce the shortfall to \$18,896.85 for the project. The associated TIP Amendment (#24) will go to the SCMPO TAC on June 8, and the SCMPO Executive Board on June 13, 2023. (06/05/2023)</p> <p>TIP Amendment #24 was submitted to ADOT and is being processed. The ADOT Project Manager is currently working on amending the Intergovernmental Agreement. (06.20.2023)</p> <p>The Intergovernmental Agreement has been amended and is going before the Casa Grande City Council on Monday August 21. The City of Casa Grande submitted the local match on August 10<sup>th</sup> and the payment is being processed by ADOT. Federal funds for the construction phase will be authorized after the Intergovernmental Agreement has been executed. (08/17/2023)</p>		
<b>4.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0470 01D	<b>Federal No:</b>	CSG-0(213)T
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>City of Casa Grande – Florence Blvd and Colorado St, Raised Median</b>		
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Installing 300’ of raised median on Florence Blvd starting approximately 200’ west of Colorado St.		
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Vivian Li, (602) 712-8708, <a href="mailto:PLi@azdot.gov">PLi@azdot.gov</a>		
	<b>Project Status:</b>	<p>This project was awarded as part of the most recent ADOT HSIP Call for Projects. This project was approved by ADOT as part of the FY24 – FY26 HSIP Program. Design is programmed for FY24, and Construction is programmed for FY25. Currently, The City of Casa Grande is working on initiation documentation. (05/03/2023)</p> <p>The project initiation packet was submitted to ADOT on June 1, 2023. (06/02/2023)</p>		



	The project was established June 29, 2023. Vivian Li has been assigned as the ADOT Project Manager. ADOT is currently working on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). (08/15/2023)		
<b>5.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0469 01D	<b>Federal No:</b> CSG-0(212)T
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>City of Casa Grande - Florence Blvd and Peart Rd, Removal of Approach Medians and Extension of Left Turn Lane</b>	
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Removal of the approach medians and the extension of the eastbound left turn lane to remove the negative left-turn offset at the intersection of Florence Blvd and Peart Rd.	
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Vivian Li, (602) 712-8708, <a href="mailto:PLi@azdot.gov">PLi@azdot.gov</a>	
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<b>City of Coolidge</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	SL713 01C	<b>Federal No:</b> TEA CLG-0(201)T
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Skousen Rd/Eleven Mile Corner; SR87-Battaglia Rd</b>	
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Rumble Strips and Stop Signs	
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Bharat Kandel 602.712.8736 Davis Reinhart (ADOT RE) 520.838.2985, Construction Contact	
	<b>Project Status:</b>	The project is currently advertised for construction. Bid Opening is scheduled for 05/06/2022. (04/20/2022) Lowest Bid was \$445,461.40 Pavement Marking LLC (55.4% over the	

	<p>ADOT Engineers Estimate of \$286,597.60). The total amount of HSIP funding programmed for construction is \$555,525. Project was awarded by the State Transportation Board on June 17, 2022. (08/04/2022)          Construction is completed; substantial completion date was October 2, 2022. (03/06/2023)</p>		
2.	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	F0373 01D/01C	<b>Federal No:</b> HSIP 087-A(204)S
	<b>Project Name:</b> SR87 at Kenworthy & SR287 at Christensen		
	<b>Type of Work:</b> Add Turn Lanes		
	<b>Project Manager:</b> Rehnuma Rahman 602.712.7342		
	<p><b>Project Status:</b> The project is at the final stage (Stage V) of PS&amp;E. Some environmental evaluation needs to be completed by the end of February 2023. The project team is currently anticipating estimated advertisement may be around the end of April 2023. (08/04/2022)          ADOT received confirmation that there are no cultural impacts at the Kenworthy and SR 287 intersection, a meeting is scheduled for December 15 to discuss the advertisement date for the project. (12/07/2022)          Meeting with ADOT on December 15. Project team working through a utility issue with El Paso Natural Gas. It is expected that final PS&amp;E submittal will be in late January with a mid-March advertisement. (12/15/2022)          Due to utility issues with El Paso Natural Gas, Stage IV Revised plans are being reviewed with comments due March 16. The project is expected to advertise on 04/28/2023. (03/06/2023)          There was a comment resolution meeting for the Stage IV Revised Plans on March 30, 2023. The project is expected to be advertised on 04/28/2023. (03/30/2023)          The project advertisement date has been pushed out to May 31. The project team is currently working on finalizing design and specifications. (04/12/2023)</p>		



	<p>The project advertisement date has been pushed out to June, the ADOT Project Manager is hopeful to have the project advertised this week or next. (06/05/2023)</p> <p>The project has been advertised, and the bid opening is scheduled for September 15, at 11:00am. (06.20.2023)</p>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0350 01D/01C	<b>Federal No:</b> N/A - HURF
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Coolidge Ave; 9th St - Skousen Rd</b>	
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Roadway Widening and Pathway	
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Ben Navarro 520.723.6094	
	<b>Project Status:</b>	<p>The IGA was executed on May 31, 2022. On June 16 the City submitted the initiation packet for this project. On July 6, 2022, the project was authorized for HURF funding. The City must begin work, initiate selection of consultants or advertise the project, as applicable, within 60 days of the date of this authorization (08/04/2022)</p> <p>An RFQ went before the Coolidge City Council on Monday, August 22. The project will be advertised soon thereafter. (08/17/2022)</p> <p>The project has been advertised and a quote for engineering services will be brought to the Coolidge City Council on October 24. (10/07/2022)</p> <p>Design is at 60% plans and expected to be at 95% in the next couple weeks. Construction is expected to start by the end of March. (02/21/2023)</p> <p>95% plans were received on March 13, 2023. The project was programmed at \$144,000.00 for Design and \$1,363,500.00 for Construction (total programmed funding of \$1,507,500.00). The project cost estimate came in at a total of \$1,703,711.29 (design: \$180,745.58 and construction: \$1,522,965.71) creating a shortfall of \$196,211.29 for the project. Sun Corridor MPO has \$36,814 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) that can be exchanged for \$33,132.85 in HURF Exchange (HURF Ex) funding that will reduce the shortfall to \$163,078.44 for the project. The associated TIP Amendment (#23) will go to the</p>	

	<p>SCMPO TAC on April 27, and the SCMPO Executive Board on May 9, 2023. Final Plans (100%) are expected by the end of April. ADOT has started working on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) amendment. (04/18/2023)</p> <p>The City of Coolidge is waiting to receive a copy of the amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) from ADOT. Once received, the IGA will go to the Coolidge City Council for approval (targeting June 12<sup>th</sup>). Construction is expected to start late June or early July. (06/05/2023)</p> <p>The City of Coolidge received the amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) from ADOT, and it was unanimously approved by the Coolidge City Council on June 12. The ADOT Local Public Agency section needs to wait until the IGA is fully executed (which includes the IGA being signed by the State Attorney General’s Office and ADOT IDO Division Director's Office) to request authorization of construction funds. The amended IGA is expected to be signed and fully executed by late June, early July. (06.20.2023)</p> <p>The amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has been signed and fully executed. The Construction phase funding was authorized on June 28, 2023. (07/07/2023)</p> <p>The construction phase is underway, and the sub grade is complete. The majority of curbing has been installed with work beginning on the scuppers. The Aggregate Base (AB) is anticipated to be installed next week with paving to follow in September. (08.16.2023)</p>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	F0521 01D	<b>Federal No:</b> HSIP 087-A(214)T
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>SR87 at Skousen Rd (MP 136.62)</b>	
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Traffic Signal w/ Intersection Improvements	
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Chris Rodriguez 602.617.9560, <a href="mailto:crodriguez9@azdot.gov">crodriguez9@azdot.gov</a>	
	<b>Project Status:</b>	FHWA approved the STIP Amendment to add the HSIP project to the STIP on 05/23/2022. FY2022 Design \$400k FY23 Construction \$1.5M. ADOT has advertised for an on-call consultant for Design and hopes to have the Design firm on	



board by the end of June. Programmed for construction in FY2023. (08/04/2022)

The project Kick-off meeting for Design was held on 9/13/2022. James Beier with the EPS Group is the consultant PM. Topographical Survey work has begun. (10/07/2022)

A Design Progress meeting occurred on November 28, 2022. Scoping exhibits were submitted on November 18; Stage III Plans are expected the first week of January 2023, with Stage IV Plans expected in March. (12/07/2022)

Stage III Comments were received, and a Stage III (60%) Comment Resolution & Design Progress Meeting occurred on February 10. Stage IV Plans are expected in late March. (03/06/2023)

The Consultant is working on Stage IV plans. The ADOT Project Manager expressed doubt that all clearances (ROW, Environmental, Utilities) can be obtained by the end of June so at this point, the project advertisement will be pushed to the early part of the next Fiscal Year. (04/12/2023)

ADOT is working with the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (SCIDD) on prior rights on Skousen Rd. If SCIDD has prior rights, they have requested that ADOT underground pipes at the ADOT expense. It has not been determined if this will delay the project because a resolution has not been finalized. (04/17/2023)

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 6<sup>th</sup>, and the project will now be advertised for construction in the first quarter of FY 2024. (04/25/2023)

The Consultant Project Manager notified project stakeholders that the project schedule has been modified again primarily to ADOT's coordination with SCIDD. The

	<p>Stage IV submittal is now expected in late July, the Stage V submittal is expected in early September and the project is expected to advertise in late October. (06/07/2023)</p> <p>There was a project meeting on June 15, the ADOT Project Manager confirmed that funding is in place to move forward, including any wrapping of underground pipe that is needed. The project schedule will remain the same. (06.20.2023)</p> <p>The project schedule has been adjusted by the ADOT Project Manager. The Stage IV submittal is now expected in late September, the Stage V submittal is expected in late November and the project is expected to advertise in mid-December. (08.15.2023)</p>
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<b>City of Eloy</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0472	<b>Federal No:</b> ELY-0(208)T
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>City of Eloy – Battaglia Dr &amp; Tweedy Rd, Intersection Lighting</b>	
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Install lighting at the intersection of Battaglia Dr and Tweedy Rd	
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Rehnuma Rahman, (602) 712-7342, <a href="mailto:rrahman@azdot.gov">rrahman@azdot.gov</a>	
	<b>Project Status:</b>	<p>This project was awarded as part of the most recent ADOT HSIP Call for Projects. This project was approved by ADOT as part of the FY24 – FY26 HSIP Program. Design is programmed for FY24, and Construction is programmed for FY26. Currently, The City of Eloy is working on initiation documentation. (05/03/2023)</p> <p>The project initiation packet was submitted to ADOT on June 1, 2023. (06/05/2023)</p> <p>The project was established on June 29, 2023. ADOT is currently working on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). (07/07/2023)</p> <p>The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is under internal review by ADOT. (08/16/2023)</p>	



<b><i>Pinal County</i></b>				
<b>1.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	SH645 03D/01C	<b>Federal No:</b>	HSIP PNL-0(212)T
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Sign Upgrade</b>		
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Procure regulatory, warning and street name signs		
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Mike Andazola 602.712.7629		
	<b>Project Status:</b>	Pinal County crew completed installation of the 1,638 signs on 01/23/2019. The project was added to the Final Voucher Queue on 12/31/2019. (07/26/2022)		
<b>2.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0249 01D/01X	<b>Federal No:</b>	
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Pinal County LED Stop Sign Installation</b>		
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Installation of LED Stop Signs at multiple locations		
	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Damaris (Susy) Gomez 928.503.7095, <a href="mailto:dgomez3@azdot.gov">dgomez3@azdot.gov</a>		
	<b>Project Status:</b>	<p>Pinal County has agreed to add the GRIC signs to their IGA with ADOT and is currently working on an MOU with the tribal partners for the signs. ADOT Procurement is currently working on the creation of materials for review by the County. The project will install LED Stop Signs at 13 intersections in Pinal County (02/17/2022)</p> <p>Pinal County is working with ADOT on the Procurement documentation. Pinal is coordinating with the GRIC on the project IGA. (10/13/2022)</p> <p>ADOT is in the procurement process for this project. ADOT internally is deciding if this project needs to be advertised or if the signs should be procured through Contracts &amp; Specs. No timetable for completing the procurement process was given. (03/10/2023).</p> <p>No change to the project (04/18/2023)</p> <p>ADOT is still working to procure the signs. (06/21/2023)</p>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0449 01D/03D/01C	<b>Federal No:</b>	PPN-0(232)D
	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Battaglia Drive; Henness Road to Overfield Road, Shoulder Widening</b>		
	<b>Type of Work:</b>	Installation of 5' foot paved shoulders on the north side and 2' foot paved shoulders on the south of Battaglia Drive from Henness Road to Overfield Road.		

<b>Project Manager:</b>		Vivian Li, (602) 712-8708, <a href="mailto:PLi@azdot.gov">PLi@azdot.gov</a>		
<b>Project Status:</b>		<p>This project was awarded as part of the most recent ADOT HSIP Call for Projects. This project was approved by ADOT as part of the FY24 – FY26 HSIP Program. Design is programmed for FY24, and Construction is programmed for FY26. Initiation documentation was submitted to ADOT, and the project was established April 19, 2023. ADOT is currently working on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). (05/03/2023)</p> <p>ADOT is currently working on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). (06/21/2023)</p>		
<b>4.</b>	<b>ADOT TRACS:</b>	T0448 01D/03D/01C	<b>Federal No:</b>	PPN-0(231)D
<b>Project Name:</b>		<b>Sunland Gin Road, Battaglia Dr to Houser Rd, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips</b>		
<b>Type of Work:</b>		Installation of 5’ paved shoulders and edgeline rumble strips on Sunland Gin Road from Battaglia Drive to Houser Road.		
<b>Project Manager:</b>		Vivian Li, (602) 712-8708, <a href="mailto:PLi@azdot.gov">PLi@azdot.gov</a>		
<b>Project Status:</b>		<p>This project was awarded as part of the most recent ADOT HSIP Call for Projects. This project was approved by ADOT as part of the FY24 – FY26 HSIP Program. Design is programmed for FY24, and Construction is programmed for FY25. Initiation documentation was submitted to ADOT, and the project was established April 19, 2023. ADOT is currently working on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). (05/03/2023)</p> <p>ADOT is currently working on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). (06/21/2023)</p>		





**MEMO TO: SUN CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**FROM: Irene Higgs, Sun Corridor MPO Executive Director**  
**DATE: September 12, 2023**  
**SUBJECT: Arizona Corporation Commission Annual Report**

Article 15 of the Arizona Constitution establishes the Arizona Corporation Commission. Arizona is one of only seven States that have constitutionally formed Commissions. The Corporations Division approves for filing all articles of incorporation for Arizona businesses; all articles of organization for limited liability companies; grants authority to foreign corporations to transact business in this state; propounds interrogatories when necessary to determine a company's lawful purpose; and revokes the corporate charters of those corporations which choose to not comply with Arizona law. The Division collects from every corporation an annual report which reflects its current status, business, and financial condition; maintains this information in a format conducive to public access; responds to public questions concerning Arizona businesses and corporation law; and responds to the needs of the business sector by disseminating whatever information is mission-critical to them in the most expedient and cost-effective manner possible.

The Arizona Corporation Commission requires that the Annual Report is completed and submitted by August 20 each year. The Report requests an update of physical location, statutory agent, capitalization and officers. Failure to submit the requested report will result in a month penalty until the MPO is ultimately administratively dissolved by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Board Action Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Requested Below
<b>Information only.</b>		

Document Type: **2023 Annual Report**

Document Fee: **\$10.00**

Entity Name: **SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

Additional Fee: **\$0.00**

<b>ENTITY INFORMATION</b>		<a href="#"><u>EDIT</u></a>
Entity Name: SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	Entity Type: Domestic Nonprofit Corporation	
Entity ID: 18813950	Formation Date: 08/20/2014	
Entity Email Address: ihiggs@scmpo.org	Status: Active	
Effective Date: 07/24/2023		
Effective Time: 8:38 AM		
Character of Business: Other - METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - TRA		
Character of Business Sub Code:		
State or Country of Incorporation: AZ		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Corporation is a unit owner's association or a planned community association subject to title 33 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.		
<b>MEMBER STATEMENT</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Corporation will have members.		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Corporation WILL NOT have members.		

<b>STATUTORY AGENT INFORMATION</b>				<a href="#"><u>EDIT</u></a>
Name	Attention	Address	Email	
IRENE HIGGS		211 N FLORENCE ST STE 103 , CASA GRANDE, AZ, 85122, USA	ihiggs@scmpo.org	
Attention	Mailing Address			



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Address

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Title	Name	Attention	Address	Email	Date Taking Office
Director	IRENE HIGGS		211 N FLORENCE STREET #103 , CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122, USA		6/26/2016
Vice-President	JON THOMPSON		130 W CENTRAL AVENUE , COOLIDGE, AZ 85128, USA		1/1/2023
Treasurer	STEPHEN MILLER		820 COTTONWOOD LANE , CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122, USA		1/1/2023
Other Officer	MICAH POWELL		628 N MAIN STREET , ELOY, AZ 85131, USA		1/11/2022
Chairman of the Board of Directors	CRAIG MCFARLAND		510 E Florence Blvd, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122, USA	Craig_McFarland@casagrandeaz.gov	1/1/2023
Other Officer	Jenny Howard		2740 W Mockingbird Loop, THATCHER, AZ 85552, USA		3/14/2023

**CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE**[EDIT](#)**FELONY/JUDGEMENT QUESTIONS:**

Has any person (a) who is currently an officer, director, trustee, or incorporator, or (b) who controls or holds over ten percent of the issued and outstanding common shares or ten percent of any other proprietary, beneficial or membership interest in the corporation been:

Convicted of felony involving a transaction in securities, consumer fraud or antitrust in any state or federal jurisdiction within the five year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate?

- Yes  
 No

Convicted of a felony, the essential elements of which consisted of fraud, misrepresentation, theft by false pretenses or restraint of trade or monopoly in any state or federal jurisdiction within the five year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate?

- Yes  
 No

Subject to an injunction, judgement, decree or permanent order of any state or federal court entered within the five year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate, involving any of the following:

- a. The violation of fraud or registration provisions of the securities law of that jurisdiction;
- b. The violation of the consumer fraud laws of that jurisdiction;
- c. The violation of the antitrust or restraint of trade laws of that jurisdiction?

- Yes  
 No

**BANKRUPTCY QUESTION:**

Has any person (a) Who is currently an officer, director, trustee, incorporator, or (b) who controls or holds over twenty percent of the issued and outstanding common shares or twenty percent of any other proprietary, beneficial or membership interest in the corporation, served in any such capacity or held a twenty percent interest in any other corporation (not the one filing this Certificate) on the bankruptcy or receivership of the other corporation?

- Yes  
 No



**SIGNATURE**

**EDIT**

By typing/entering my name, I intend to affix my electronic signature acknowledging that this electronic document is submitted in compliance with Arizona law. I certify that the information on the electronic document is true, complete, and accurate as of the date the electronic filing is submitted.

I Agree

**Signature:** Craig McFarland

**Title:** Chairman of the Board of Directors



Corporations Division

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Date: 8/10/2023

Delivered via: Email

Irene Higgs

**RE: Entity Name:** SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
**ACC File Number:** 18813950  
**ACC Order Number:** 202308102292900  
**Document Received Date:** 08/10/2023

We are pleased to notify you that the Annual Report submitted for the above-referenced entity have or has been APPROVED for filing.

The Corporations Division strongly recommends that you periodically monitor the corporation's public record, which can be viewed at [ecorp.azcc.gov](http://ecorp.azcc.gov). If you have questions or for further information, contact Customer Service at 602-542-3026, or, within Arizona only, 800-345-5819.

Division Director Tanya Gibson  
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Irene Higgs

The following details your transaction(s):

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Credit Card	xxxxxxxxxxx5414	\$ 10.00
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Entity Name	Document Type	Transaction Amount	Expedite Amount	Amount
SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	2023 Annual Report	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Amount:</b>				<b>\$ 10.00</b>





June 22, 2023

Patrick O'Brien, Director  
Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation  
2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 520  
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Coolidge Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Application

Mr. O'Brien:

As the Executive Director of the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), I am providing this letter of support for the City of Coolidge's application for funding under the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program. The funding will be used to improve infrastructure leading to and within the Coolidge Municipal Airport (FAA LID: P08). These improvements will increase the safety and efficiency of roadways used by US government and military personnel when visiting Complete Parachute Solutions and Daycraft Systems which are both housed at the Coolidge Airport.

Complete Parachute Solutions (CPS) is a private contractor working with the Department of Defense to conduct parachute jump training at the airport. The Basic Certification course includes training military personnel in parachute packing, vertical wind tunnel body stabilization and military free fall operations to include combat equipment, oxygen, and night operations; the course meets all of Department of Defense and the United States Special Operations Command (SOCOM) requirements to qualify as a Basic Military Free-Fall Parachutist.

Daycraft Systems is a private contractor working with the Department of Defense to manufacture military weapon systems at the airport. One of their current contracts is a Foreign Military Sale (FMS) contract for the USG, contract number W15QKN-21-C-0060. Daycraft Systems is visited regularly by US Government officials. Daycraft Systems maintains all licenses required from the ATF and State Department of the United States to conduct operations at this facility.

The existing conditions of the landside Coolidge Airport infrastructure is poor. There are two paved roads: Airport Road, and Aviation Avenue. These roads are narrow with no shoulders, the asphalt is in poor condition creating an unsafe environment for roadway users including US government and military personnel travelling to and from Complete Parachute Solutions and Daycraft Systems. This project will reconstruct and widen Airport Road and Aviation Avenue as well as pave other dirt roads: Freefall Avenue, Parachute Drive, Boeing Avenue, Hanger Drive, and Cessna Drive. These infrastructure upgrades will improve the efficiency and safety of the roadways and enhance access within and around the Coolidge Municipal Airport for US government and military personnel, and private citizens.

Please favorably consider the city's DCIP grant application for the Coolidge Municipal Airport, so that timely progress can begin on this highly beneficial endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 520.705.5143 with questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Irene Higgs, Executive Director  
Sun Corridor MPO

July 31, 2023

Amy St Peter  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003  
[astpeter@azmag.gov](mailto:astpeter@azmag.gov)

Dear Ms. St. Peter,

Access to medical care is a critical need among older adults. Often, that access is limited by lack of transportation. Technology can help to overcome this barrier through telemedicine options. Access to solutions can be limited as well due to poor connectivity, limited technical expertise, and lack of equipment. This is not merely an issue for an individual or one community. This is a systems level problem requiring systems level solutions. We support Age Friendly Arizona's efforts to launch People-Oriented Transportation Linkages for Underserved Communities (POTLUck) to meet this need and implement solutions that can benefit communities throughout Arizona and the country.


The Sun Corridor MPO now provides transportation planning services to the communities of Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, and rural portions of Pinal County, covering 1,155 square miles, with a current estimated population of 125,820 people. In the area of human services transportation, SCMPO in coordination with Central Arizona Governments (CAG), is responsible for the region's application for federal funding benefiting agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities. SCMPO/CAG also develops the region's federally required plans to coordinate human services transportation, benefiting people with low incomes, older adults, and people with disabilities. Gaps in service continues to be an ongoing issue.

We believe POTLUck has tremendous potential. As a result, we are committing the following resources to implementing this project. These resources will be available throughout the two years of the project.

- In-kind Contribution in the amount of \$10,000

Thank you for considering this grant request. We are eager to put these ideas into action. If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to call me at 520.705.5143.

Sincerely,



Irene Higgs, Executive Director  
Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization





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July 12, 2023

Aubree Perry  
Transit Program Manager  
Arizona Department of Transportation  
1611 W. Jackson, MD310B  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Ms. Perry,

On behalf of the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), I fully support the application from the City of Coolidge for the Arizona Department of Transportation FFY 2023 Section 5307/5339 grant funds. The capital projects included in Coolidge's request will improve Coolidge's services and sustain much-needed mobility in Central Arizona.

Coolidge's Cotton Express and CART services are the primary public transit services in Pinal County, serving the communities of Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Florence. These transit services provide key transportation to area employees, student, and numerous other residents who utilize the services to visit grocery stores, college classes, medical services, and countless other activities they may be unable to access without Coolidge's system in place. Maintaining a state of good repair with key equipment allows Coolidge to continue to provide its services safely and effectively moving forward.

I would like to thank you in advance for considering the City of Coolidge's application. If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to call me at 520.705.5143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irene Higgs".

Irene Higgs  
Sun Corridor MPO Executive Director

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*Serving Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and Pinal County*

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**MEMO TO: SUN CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**FROM: Irene Higgs, Sun Corridor MPO Executive Director**  
**DATE: September 12, 2023**  
**SUBJECT: AZ State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (SMART) Fund**

The AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties and the Arizona Department of Transportation in competing for federal discretionary surface transportation grants. The Fund is administered by ADOT, and all awards must be approved by the State Transportation Board (STB).

AZ SMART Fund awards are limited to federal discretionary grants, which are awarded at the discretion of the federal agency and are not funded or distributed by formula or allocation. The Federal Grant must be for surface transportation purposes, which for the purposes of the AZ SMART Fund is defined as roads, bridges, rail, and transit.

The AZ SMART Fund received \$50 million in state fiscal year 2023 and was supplemented with an additional \$12.5M in this year's state budget.

The SMART Program has four categories of funding:

- Counties with a population of 100,000 people or more (**Pinal County**)
- Counties with a population of fewer than 100,000 people
- Cities and Towns with a population of 10,000 people or more (**Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy**)
- Cities and Towns with a population of fewer than 10,000 people

**Eligible applicants for the AZ SMART Fund include** all Arizona cities, towns and counties except for a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 people, and a city or town entirely located in an urbanized area of a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 people.

The following communities are not eligible for the AZ SMART Fund:

- Maricopa County
- Pima County
- Guadalupe
- Paradise Valley
- South Tucson
- Tempe
- Tolleson
- Youngtown

A tribal nation can partner with an eligible county to submit a Project for which the County will be the applicant.

**Eligible uses of the AZ SMART Fund include:**

- Reimbursement of design and other engineering services expenditures that meet federal standards for projects eligible for a federal grant. For the purposes of the AZ SMART Fund, design and other engineering services includes preliminary engineering through final design related to a road, bridge, rail, or transit infrastructure construction project that the applicant intends to submit for a federal grant in a future year.
- Reimbursement of non-federal match for a federal grant.
- Reimbursement of up to 50% of the eligible costs associated with grant development and submission of an application for a federal discretionary grant. Limited to counties with a population of less than 100,000 and cities and towns with a population of less than 10,000. **No Sun Corridor MPO member agency qualifies for this eligible cost.**

AZ SMART does not provide match for formula programs such as STBGP, HSIP, off-system bridge or other formula federal aid.

\*\*\* COG/MPO approval is required by the AZ SMART legislation. A letter in pdf format from the COG/MPO demonstrating approval of the project and the applicable federal grant is required to be uploaded during the application process.

More information on the AZ Smart Fund can be found at: [AZ Smart Fund | Department of Transportation \(azdot.gov\)](http://AZ Smart Fund | Department of Transportation (azdot.gov))

Board Action Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Requested Below
<b>Information only.</b>		







**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

<b>DATE:</b>	July 11, 2023	<b>TIME:</b>	Executive Session: 9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting: 10:00 A.M.
<b>PLACE:</b>	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122		
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388 Access Code – 24555467#		
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Supervisor Steve Miller, Pinal Co (Telephonic) Mayor Jon Thompson, Coolidge Mayor Micah Powell, Eloy Mayor Craig McFarland, Casa Grande Jenny Howard, ADOT STB District 4	<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	David Malewitz, Eloy Doug Moseke, ADOT (Telephonic) Duane Eitel, Casa Grande Ben Navarro, Coolidge Romare Truely, FHWA (Telephonic) Will Randolph, ADOT Greg Byers, ADOT Kevin Adam, RTAC Brandon Gayford, Pinal County Dedrick Denton, Pinal County TJ Shope, Senator Dist. 16 Teresa Martinez, Representative Dist. 16
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>			
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Irene Higgs Executive Director Jason Bottjen, Deputy Director		

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA</b>
1	Call to Order and Introductions <span style="float:right">9:00 A.M.</span>  <i>The meeting was called to order by Chairman Craig McFarland at 9:00A.M.</i>
2	Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session <span style="float:right">APPROVED 5 - 0</span>  <i>A motion was presented by Vice-Chairman Jon Thompson to adjourn into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Board Member Micah Powell.</i>
3	Adjourn to Executive Session Arizona Revised Statutes A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)
4	A. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officer, appointee, or employee (A.R.S § 38-431 (A)(1))  A.1) Discussion of Salary Ranges for Executive Director and Deputy Director Positions A.2) Discussion of Executive Director Evaluation and Salary  The public body shall provide appointee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate, but not less than twenty-four hours for appointee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting. Except for salary discussions, appointee may demand the discussion or consideration to occur in public.  Any records or documents distributed to the Executive Board or any conversations occurring during executive session shall be kept confidential. Legal action involving a final vote or decision shall not be taken at an executive session.
5	Adjourn Executive Session <span style="float:right">APPROVED 5 - 0</span>  <i>A motion was presented by Vice-Chairman Jon Thompson to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jenny Howard. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:35 A.M.</i>

**REGULAR MEETING**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
1	Call to Order and Introductions <span style="float:right">10:01 A.M.</span>  <i>The meeting was called to order by Chairman Craig McFarland at 10:01 A.M.</i>
2	Title VI - Notice to the Public  <i>SCMPO Executive Director, Irene Higgs, read the Title VI Public Notice and noted that links to the survey form are located at the bottom of the agenda.</i>
3	Call to the Public: This item is to provide an opportunity for citizens wishing to address the Executive Board 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) min  <i>State Representative Teresa Martinez, Casa Grande resident, I live in Villago. I just want you know that both my seat mate and I - TJ Shope, that is sitting here, that we are very passionate about the roads that go into Pinal County. I am sure that Greg can testify that when I say that we are passionate we are extremely passionate. With regards to a letter, I am happy to provide a letter and happy to support I-10. Thank you for the communication it has been very helpful. I will be an aggressive partner for you and the whole region when it comes to our roads.</i>
4	Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) (Information Only) SCMPO RTAC Priority Projects - Presentation • City of Casa Grande • City of Coolidge/Pinal County • City of Eloy  <i>Kevin Adam provided an overview of the 2024 Rural Transportation Advocacy Council Priority Project Initiative. Presentations were provided by the following SCMPO Technical Advisory Committee Members: • Duane Eitel, City of Casa Grande Deputy Public Works Director - Freight Corridor Roadway Improvements • Ben Navarro, City of Coolidge Public Works Director - Proctor and Gamble Roadway Improvements • Mat Rencher, City of Eloy Public Works Director - Houser Rd between La Palma Rd and Eleven Mile Corner</i>

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5	<p><b>Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Update (Information Only):</b></p> <p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update:</i></p> <p><i>Duane stated that the Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee worked very hard to think regionally for the RTAC Projects. All the projects today show a regional aspect.</i></p> <p><b>Regional Transportation Plan</b> - <i>The online public survey as of June 27, 2023, one hundred thirty individuals have responded to the brief survey which provides feedback on primary travel modes, trip purpose, and investment priorities. Fifteen comments have been provided by the public on the interactive mapping tool located on the SCMPO project webpage. The project team continues to coordinate with local jurisdictions to publicize both the mapping tool and survey via local websites and social media platforms. The group discussed the current process for identification, nomination, scoring, and prioritizing of projects. Projects identified in the RTP should address not only adopted performance targets, but also regional goals. The project team will be reviewing the current project scoring criteria and weightings and making recommendations on potential modifications to better address the goals of the SCMPO region. Any changes will be reflected in an updated project nomination form. The project team provided an update on the current status of the ADOT Transportation Alternatives Program, including an estimated timeline for call for project, which is still being finalized. Next Thursday we have a meeting with the schools to discuss projects.</i></p> <p><b>Pinal County Safety Study</b> - <i>The Professional Services Agreement has been negotiated, signed by all parties, and executed as of June 22, 2023. The Notice to Proceed was sent to the consultant, Greenlight Traffic Engineering, on June 22, 2023. Currently, we are working with the consultant to schedule the Study Kick-off meeting.</i></p>
6	<p><b>Air Quality (AQ) Update (Information Only)</b></p> <p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <p><b>Spring 2022 AQ Conformity Analysis</b> - <i>The request to make a new finding of conformity was submitted to FHWA and FTA on June 14, 2022. We should be hearing back from them soon. According to Ed Stillings, the new Finding of Conformity could be as soon as this Friday. Once the new Finding of Conformity has occurred, SCMPO staff will submit to ADOT the corresponding TIP Amendment.</i></p> <p><b>Pinal County Update</b> - <i>ADEQ submitted the Serious Area Particulate Plan to EPA on May 31, 2022. EPA is now reviewing the submitted plan. Pinal County Air Quality continues to work on the draft rules, with public outreach anticipated for this summer. Those rules must be in place by early 2023.</i></p>
7	<p><b>Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Planner Update (Information Only)</b></p> <p><i>Will Randolph provided the following update:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ADOT FY23-27 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program:</b> <i>The State Transportation Board approved the Five-Year Program at its June 16, 2023 board meeting. For the FY 25-29 program, project nominations from ADOT technical groups were in June. The call for district rankings was recently released with the deadline at the end of this month, and the district workshops are being scheduled for the end of August thru September. The P2P process will prioritize all highway construction projects for consideration in ADOT's FY 2025-2029 Five Year Construction Program.</i></li> <li><b>Federal Discretionary Grants:</b> <i>Please continue to visit USDOT's website or the ADOT grant coordination page <a href="https://azdot.gov/node/18401">https://azdot.gov/node/18401</a> for the NOFOs and deadlines. .</i></li> <li><b>ADOT SMART Program:</b> <i>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 <a href="https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund">https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund</a>.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>ADOT studies:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Long Range Transportation Plan:</b> <i>ADOT PM presented the LRTP to the State Transportation Board Meeting on 6/16/23. The draft of the LRTP should be complete by July 2023. The Draft LRTP will also include the Gap Analysis and Resilience Analysis. The public review period for the Draft LRTP will be 45 days. The ADOT LRTP webpage will continue to host the working papers and accompanying summary sheets</i></li> <li><b>Statewide Rest Area Study:</b> <i>The final report was completed on schedule and 167 comments were received from the public. The final report can be downloaded from the project website.</i></li> <li><b>Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan:</b> <i>ADOT is conducting its annual update of the NEVI plan as required from the USDOT/Joint Energy office. A Statewide Virtual Public Meeting for the EV Plan Update will take place on 7/18/23 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. A Request for Information was sent to EV Industries on 6/29/23 to gain feedback and perspectives for the future procurement of vendors for the EV installation. ADOT will be looking at conducting RFPs the later part of this year or into 2024. 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. <a href="https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/arizona-electric-vehicle-program">https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/arizona-electric-vehicle-program</a>.</i></li> <li><b>The Statewide Truck Parking Plan:</b> <i>This Study is a continuation of the Freight Plan and Statewide Rest Area Study to specifically address truck parking outside of the rest areas and developing an implementation plan. The project will take six months and is currently on schedule. The first Stakeholder Meeting was on June 15, 2023 that included various groups from the public and private sectors. Comments were received from ADOT District Groups and the ATA.</i></li> <li><b>Transportation Alternative Program:</b> <i>The call for projects is scheduled for July 17, 2023. We should have a website on the Active Transportation site by the end of the week. We're trying to send all relative info out at the same time to everyone on July 17. The website will have a recorded webinar, guidance, FAQs, link to the application and more.</i></li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The ADOT ROW Wireless Communications Facilities Program Guidelines Study</b> <i>has been completed and has been distributed for ADOT and industry review, with being on schedule for completion in August. Statewide ITS Architecture Update is in the data collection process with participating stakeholders. If any local agencies can send in their inventory and needs surveys that would greatly be appreciated.</i></li> </ol>
8	<p><b>Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Update (Information Only)</b></p> <p><i>Romare Truely provided the following update:</i></p> <p><i>On June 27, 2023, the USDOT announced the availability of more than \$5.5 billion in combined funding for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program. Available funding includes \$1.8 billion for the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Program, \$3.1 billion for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program, and \$675 million for the Rural Surface Transportation Grant (Rural) Program. An applicant is only required to submit one application through any one of the three grant program opportunities in Grants.gov to be considered for all three grant programs (Mega, INFRA, Rural) within the MPDG Program, depending on the project's eligibility. The application deadline is August 21, 2023.</i></p> <p><i>In late June, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced five Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant awards here in Arizona totaling \$60.7M for 2023.</i></p> <p><i>A number of application deadlines are approaching for a variety of USDOT grant programs. This includes the Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary grant program opportunity and July 26, 2023 – Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities Grant Program, August 1, 2023 – Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP), August 18, 2023 – Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program, and September 28, 2023 – Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program.</i></p>



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9	<p><b>ADOT Southcentral District Engineer Update (Information Only)</b></p> <p><i>Doug Moseke provided an update on all ADOT projects within the region.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SR 387; from SR 87 to SR 187 Pavement Preservation - Getting ready to start. Nesbit Contracting was awarded the project and should begin this fall.</li> <li>• SR87 and Skousen Traffic Signal - Stage 4 - 90% plans by the end of July. Construct is expected to begin in early January 2024.</li> <li>• SR87 at Kenworthy/SR287 at Christensen - Add turn lanes. Advertisement scheduled for advertisement end of May/early June. Bids coming in September.</li> <li>• I-10, MP 200 - 209 Pavement Preservation from Sunland Gin and Sunshine. Project is being finalized and advertised this summer and construction starting this fall.</li> </ul>
10	<p><b>Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update (Information Only)</b></p> <p><i>Mayor McFarland provided the following update:</i></p> <p><i>The Pinal RTA had a meeting with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Director this past week. Discussed the process of how to name a highways. A Pinal RTA Board meeting will be held soon to give an update to the Board. We are planning to support Pinal County's maintenance tax, which will be on the ballot November 2024. The half cent new road tax for the Pinal RTA will be on the ballot in November 2025.</i></p>
11	<p><b>I-10 Widening Update (Information Only)</b></p> <p><i>Greg Byers, ADOT State Engineer, provided the following update to the I-10 Widening Study:</i></p> <p><i>The Gila River Bridge project advertised on Friday, July 7, 2023 with the bid opening date being in November. Still a lot of work that needs to be completed on the ground. For the site itself, needs to be cleared before the contractor gets out there to do work. The 2nd item to discuss is the status of DCR/ Tier 2 environmental assessment - Those are both being completed. Final drafts are in the last of completion. They will be going out to the Indian Community as well as Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) next month for their approval so that we can finalize those documents. Once that is done, then we will proceed with cultural impact and with that we can begin the process for right of way acquisition, as well as consultants to begin the work. The status of any design work underway, right now we have the general engineering consultant on board. They are working on the procurement documents for a design-build contractor for the most Northern section which is basically from the 202 down to the Pinal/Maricopa County line. We also have two design-build projects that are going on right now in design. That is the last Southern 10 miles of the I-10 Corridor. Both of those projects are progressing very rapidly. We are in the process of trying to get the last of the field information. There is geotechnical work, final sub-survey that still needs to be completed. Those are the next steps in the design process. The next item we have is "Will ADOT pursue a MEGA Grant"? There are actually three notice of funding opportunities out right now. MEGA Grant, INFRA Grant, and Rural Grant. All three are under the same release from the USDOT. We will pursue one of the three, possibly more if we can. Last year when these three came out, you could pursue all three with a single application. This year they are requiring a separate application for each of the grants. So, what we are looking at right now is the NOFO to find out which one best fits the Southern 10 miles of the corridor. Which is the portion of the project that we are going after as an independent project. As we get that completed we will decide which grant we want to go after or after more than one. It was recommended to us from the USDOT at the debrief to go after all three, if possible. With current funding, what will be started first? As of right now, the way the funding has laid out the most Northern portion, which is the 202 to Pinal/Maricopa County line, is fully funded. The next phase of the project are the two major interchanges at 587 and 387, along with two other interchanges at Dirk Lay and Gasline Rd are all in the second phase and the third phase is the actually widening of I-10 that last 10 miles. The third phase is not funded, the other two phases are fully funded. Basically, that is what we are looking at as far as funding. Start on the Northern piece. As far as turning dirt, if we can take and make everything work the way we are hoping to make it work we will be doing all three simultaneously. That is yet to be determined, but that is our ultimate goal.</i></p> <p><i>Board Member Jenny Howard asked if all three grants had to be submitted simultaneously? And Greg stated yes - due August 21, 2023. Chairman McFarland stated that he will provide support. Greg stated that as we get closer they will be requesting letters of support. Mayor McFarland stated that we are happy to provide letters of support.</i></p>
12	<p><b>BUILD Grant Update - Inland Port Arizona (Information Only)</b></p> <p><i>Dedrick Denton provided the following update:</i></p> <p><i>The construction of the project is complete. A few remaining items need to be completed. One of those items is the Union Pacific RR safety improvement on Hanna Rd. Union Pacific started the work yesterday and the work could possibly last for 2 weeks. Some minor traffic signal related items remaining. APS new service is expected to completed in August. Celeste also wanted me to let the Board know that she will be coordinating with the agencies to film another video to highlight the completion of the project sometime in August.</i></p>
13	<p><b>MPO Update - Information Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Progress Report (13.0)</li> <li>• Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Ledger (13.1)</li> <li>• Design/Construction Report (13.2)</li> <li>• ADOT Transportation Alternatives Program (13.3)</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update (13.0)</b> - Irene Higgs stated that staff had a busy couple of months in May, June, and a portion of July 2023.</p> <p>• <b>Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Ledger (13.1)</b> - Irene Higgs stated there was \$56,502.71 left in Obligation Authority (OA), this OA was applied to the Casa Grande/Coolidge Rumble strip project. The MPO ledger has been zeroed out.</p> <p>• <b>Design/Construction Report (13.2)</b> - Jason Bottjen provided a detailed update on all design/construction projects within the Sun Corridor MPO Region.</p> <p>• <b>ADOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) (13.3)</b> - Irene Higgs stated this is an older program that is coming back to life because of the IIJA. COG/MPOs have been working with ADOT on developing a process for the TA Program. ADOT should be announcing the Call for Projects July 17, 2023. The website is expected to go live July 12, 2023. A meeting is scheduled with the Technical Advisory Committee tomorrow. I have been selected as the Chair of the Committee. It's a two application process. Phase I is pretty generic information, along with a letter of support from the MPO, scope of work and cost estimate. Sun Corridor MPO Staff has been working the the Sun Corridor MPO TAC members to identify projects. Planning and scoping are eligible items, so, if a member agencies does not have a good scope and cost estimate, we are encouraging that the request scoping documents this year and request design and construction in a future year. Schools are eligible to apply, and as Duane mentioned we are meeting with the Casa Grande schools this Thursday at the request of Larry Rains. I did request contact information for all the schools within our region, so that when the call for projects is announced, we can distribute to all of them - they are eligible for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. \$18.0M is available the first year and it is a competitive grant statewide.</p>
14	<p 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 BOARD. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT 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>A motion was made by Board Member Jenny Howard to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Micah Powell.</i></p>

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*14.A	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: • May 9, 2023 • June 13, 2023	<b>APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA</b> <b>5 - 0</b>
	<i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the meeting minutes for May 9, 2023 and June 13, 2023.</i>	
*14.B	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Sun Corridor MPO 2024 Title VI and LEP Implementation Plan	<b>APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA</b> <b>5 - 0</b>
	<i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the 2023 Sun Corridor MPO Title VI and LEP Implementation Plan.</i>	
*14.C	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment #25 to the FY 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program	<b>APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA</b> <b>5 - 0</b>
	<i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved Amendment #25 to the FY 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program.</i>	
15	Discussion and Possible Action, if necessary, to comply with Arizona Open Meeting Law following the Executive Session regarding to Approve the Sun Corridor MPO Salary Ranges for Executive Director and Deputy Director positions.	<b>APPROVED</b> <b>5 - 0</b>
	<i>A motion was made by Board Member Micah Powell to approve the 2024 Sun Corridor MPO Salary Ranges for the Executive Director (Range 83/Step 4) and Deputy Director (Range 74/Step 4). The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Jon Thompson.</i>	
16	Discussion and Possible Action, if necessary, to comply with Arizona Open Meeting Law following the Executive Session regarding the Annual Evaluation of the MPO Executive Director. Possible actions include, but are not limited to, finding of satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance or salary adjustment.	<b>APPROVED</b> <b>5 - 0</b>
	<i>A motion was made by Board Member Micah Powell to approve the Annual Evaluation of the MPO Executive Director and approved salary adjustment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jenny Howard.</i>	
17	<b>Member Jurisdiction Reports (Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and Pinal County)</b>	
	<i><b>Pinal County</b> - Nothing to report</i>	
	<i><b>City of Eloy</b> - Nothing to report</i>	
	<i><b>City of Coolidge</b> - Nothing to report</i>	
	<i><b>Casa Grande</b> - Mayor McFarland stated that the City is working with the County to complete Thorton Rd connection from Selma to I-8. The section from Peter's to Selma is complete. Just finished Florence Blvd repaved also working on Florence scape project to redo reface Florece Blvd. The Maricopa/Casa Grande Highway recieved some funding from the state legislature that our Representatives helped us get. Thank you.</i>	
	<i><b>ADOT</b> - Board Member Jenny Howard touched a little bit on the Statewide Truck Parking Plan Study. I presented in briefly a few meetings ago - you may have been on the phone Micah. What I remember is the plan looked at the Interstate Routes and Rest Areas that we have. It looked at constructability as far as right of way goes and cost per space was a key factor. There was quite a variety of areas. It look at the surface on wether it would be paved or gravel. A lot of elements were involved. There was a list of areas that ADOT was looking at and they also looked at the cost per space and some where at \$100K per space. Obviously, that is not constructable for the most part. I can find the list and send that out. We all see the trucks parked on the interstate and its a huge need. A lot of stakeholders involved. I visited the City of Maricopa last month. I can't believe how fast it growing. I am the Vice-Mayor of Thatcher, and it's so great to see the local governments come together and work together.</i>	
18	<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	
	<i>No future agenda items requested.</i>	
19	Upcoming Meetings: • State Transportation Board meeting, July 21, Showlow • State Transportation Board meeting, August 18, Virtual • League of Cities and Towns, August 30 - September 1, Tucson • State Transportation Board meeting, September 15, Kingman • AZ Rural Transportation Summit, October 18 - 19, Yuma • State Transportation Board meeting, October 20, Yuma • Roads and Streets, November 1 -3, Tucson • State Transportation Board meeting, November 17, Wickenburg • State Transportation Board meeting, December 15, Yuma	
20	Next Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting Date: • September 12, 2023, City of Coolidge Council Chambers	
21	<b>Adjourn</b>	
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	
	<i>Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 A.M.</i>	

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Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and other nondiscrimination laws and authorities, the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Persons that require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact Irene Higgs, SCMPO's Title VI Coordinator at [ihiggs@scmpo.org](mailto:ihiggs@scmpo.org) or (520)705-5143. Requests should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

En conformidad con el Título VI del Decreto de los Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Decreto de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés), y otras leyes y autoridades contra la discriminación, la organización de planificación metropolitana Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO por sus siglas en inglés) no discrimina basándose en raza, color, origen nacional, género/sexo, edad o discapacidad. Las personas que requieran una adaptación razonable basada en idioma o discapacidad se deben comunicar con Irene Higgs, Coordinadora del Título VI de SCMPO en [ihiggs@scmpo.org](mailto:ihiggs@scmpo.org) ó llamando al (520)705-5143. Las solicitudes se deben hacer por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión para que se puedan organizar las adaptaciones.

In an effort to determine who attends our meetings and to improve participation in the planning process, the SCMPO ask that you please fill out the following voluntary survey:  
Survey - English <https://forms.gle/M2grgU4HQtc2v9QA>

En un esfuerzo por determinar quién asiste a nuestras reuniones y a fin de mejorar la participación en el proceso de planificación, la organización SCMPO le pide que por favor llene la siguiente Survey - Spanish <https://forms.gle/N1aJxW25RU6b5sQ19>





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

Please Sign. Your Time Counts!

Group/Committee Name: Executive Board Meeting

Activity Code/  
Acct No:

Activity/Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Location: Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388 Access Code - 24555467#

ATTENDANCE					IN-KIND MATCH					
Name	Title	Organization	Email Address	Elected Official (✓ if yes)	Federal Funded (✓ if yes)	Hours Worked On Project			Miles Traveled	Initials
						Preparation	Meeting	Travel		
Craig McFarland	Mayor	City of Casa Grande	cmcfarland@casagrandeaz.gov	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	2.25	0	0	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jenny Howard	State Transportation Board Member	ADOT	jhowardastb@gmail.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<i>[Signature]</i>
Jon Thompson	Mayor	City of Coolidge	jthompson@coolidgeaz.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.5	2.25	1	43	<i>[Signature]</i>
Micah Powell	Mayor	City of Eloy	mpowell@eloyaz.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		2.25	1	31	<i>[Signature]</i>
Steve Miller	Supervisor	Pinal County	steve.miller@pinal.gov	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		2.25	0	0	Phone
Alex Khalfin	Senior Manager	AMTRAK	Alexander.Khalfin@amtrak.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Andrea Robles	Executive Director	CAG	ARobles@cagaz.org	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Andy Smith	Public Works Director	Pinal County	Andrew.Smith@pinalcountyaz.gov	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Ben Navarro	Public Works Director	City of Coolidge	bnavarro@coolidgeaz.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	2.25	1	43	BN
David Malewitz	City Manager	City of Eloy	dmalewitz@EloyAZ.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1.25	1	31	DM
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Dedrick Denton	Transportation Planning Supervisor	Pinal County	dedrick.denton@pinal.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1.25	1	63	<i>[Signature]</i>
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<i>Romare Truely</i> Ed Stillings	Senior Transportation Planner	FHWA - Region 1	ed.stillings@fhwa.dot.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	Phone
Irene Higgs	Executive Director	SCMPO	ihiggs@scmpo.org	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jason Bottjen	Deputy Director Community Dev.	SCMPO	jbottjen@scmpo.org	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jon Vlaming	Director	City of Eloy	jvlaming@EloyAZ.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					



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

Please Sign. Your Time Counts!

Group/Committee Name: Executive Board Meeting

Activity Code/  
Acct No:

Activity/Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Location: Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388 Access Code - 24555467#

ATTENDANCE				IN-KIND MATCH						
Name	Title	Organization	Email Address	Elected Official (✓ if yes)	Federal Funded (✓ if yes)	Hours Worked On Project			Miles Traveled	Initials
						Preparation	Meeting	Travel		
Kazi Haque	Asst City Manager	City of Eloy	khaque@EloyAZ.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Kevin Adam	Director	RTAC	kadam@rtac.net	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	kh
Kevin Louis	PW Director	City of Casa Grande	klouis@casagrandeaz.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Leo Lew	County Manager	Pinal County	leo.lew@pinal.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Matt Rencher	Public Works Director	City of Eloy	mrencher@eloyaz.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	2	1	45	MR
Mike Blankenship	PE/Principal	Greenlight Traffic Engineering	mikeb@greenlightte.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Mike Sundblom	Director	Pinal County - Air Quality	mike.sundblom@pinalcountyaz.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Rod Lane	District Engineer	ADOT Southcentral District	rlane@azdot.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Tara Harnon	Senior Planner	Pinal County	Tara.Harman@pinalcountyaz.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Will Randolph	Regional Planner	ADOT	wrandolph@azdot.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	WR
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**MEMO TO:** SUN CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD

**FROM:** Irene Higgs, Sun Corridor MPO Executive Director

**DATE:** September 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Possible Action to approve the advertisement of the 2023 Winter Air Quality Conformity project list and Conformity Analysis for 30-day public review and comment period

The 1990 Federal Clean Air Act requires that regional transportation plans and programs be in conformance with all applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, an air quality conformity analysis of the FY2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Update needs to be completed.

All Sun Corridor MPO member agencies have been consulted regarding projects to be incorporated into the draft Air Quality project list, including locally and privately funded projects.

The 30-day public review and comment period is tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2023 through December 9, 2023.

Sun Corridor MPO staff recommends approval to advertise the 2023 Air Quality Conformity project list and Conformity Analysis for 30-day public review and comment period.

Board Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Requested Below
<b>A motion to approve the advertisement of the 2023 Winter Air Quality Conformity project list and Conformity Analysis for 30-day public review and comment period.</b>		






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**MEMO TO:** SUN CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD  
**FROM:** Irene Higgs, Sun Corridor MPO Executive Director  
**DATE:** September 12, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Joint Project Agreement for Mobility Management between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments (CAG)

The Joint Project Agreement outlines the roles, responsibilities, coordination, and administration for Mobility Management between Sun Corridor MPO and CAG.

CAG will continue to provide Mobility Management for the Sun Corridor MPO; will be responsible for the Coordination Plan and updates; and will hold a monthly or bi-monthly Pinal Gila Rides Committee meeting. This meeting will be held virtually, and/or on a rotating basis, one in Gila County and one in Pinal County. This method will continue to provide an opportunity for increased attendance among the 5310 and 5311 transit providers in the Region.

The Sun Corridor MPO looks forward to a continuing partnership with CAG on Mobility Management.

Sun Corridor MPO staff recommends the approval of the Joint Project Agreement for Mobility Management between the Sun Corridor MPO and CAG.

Board Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Requested Below
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<b>A motion to approve the Joint Project Agreement for Mobility Management between the Sun Corridor MPO and CAG.</b>
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THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this day October 1, 2023, by and between the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization, a statutory legal entity established pursuant to the laws of the State of Arizona, hereinafter called "SCMPO", AND the Central Arizona Governments, a statutory legal entity established pursuant to the laws of the State of Arizona, hereinafter called "CAG".

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, SCMPO and CAG are entities established pursuant to ARS§11-952, by Intergovernmental Agreement and consists of duly-constituted governmental entities located within the boundaries of Pinal County, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, SCMPO and CAG as provided in ARS § 11-952.02(B)(1) are deemed political subdivisions of the State of Arizona authorized to exercise the powers specified in the Intergovernmental Agreement including, but not limited to, execution of Agreements and expenditure of allocated funds in support of its activities; and

WHEREAS, SCMPO and CAG are administrated by an Executive Board and Regional Council, composed of designees from each member agency, which is responsible for planning, program implementation and control, budgeting and employment of staff; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the Mobility Management function for Pinal County, SCMPO and CAG have agreed to enter into a Joint Project Agreement whereby CAG will provide the Mobility Management services for all Transit Programs within the Sun Corridor MPO planning boundaries, within Pinal County; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Management program is an ADOT reimbursable program, CAG agrees to function as the fiscal agent for this program, and follow all ADOT requirements for reimbursement.

WHEREAS, SCMPO and CAG agree that the management of said program for the Sun Corridor MPO boundaries, within Pinal County, will be under CAG, with input and suggestions from SCMPO staff.

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***NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:***

1. **Administration of the Program:** The parties agree that the day-to-day administration of the program will be the responsibility of CAG;
  - a. Monthly invoicing and reports to ADOT will be the responsibility of CAG;
  - b. Monthly reporting in the ADOT LPA DBE System will be the responsibility of CAG;
  - c. CAG will gather all monthly or quarterly reports from sub-recipients and submit to ADOT within 45 days;
  - d. Management of the Mobility Manager will be the responsibility of CAG, with input, if needed, from SCMPO staff;
  - e. CAG agrees that all deadlines for submission of key documents to ADOT be met in order to keep all SCMPO sub-recipients (programs) eligible for funding.
  
2. **Program Activities:** The parties agree that the following activities and services (at a minimum) will be provide by the Mobility Manager within the SCMPO Planning Boundaries;
  - a. A monthly or bi-monthly Coordination Council meeting will be held virtually, and/or on a rotating basis, one in Gila County and one in Pinal County. Items on the agenda for the meetings should be specific to the needs of the transit programs;
  - b. The Mobility Manager will visit the 5310 and 5311 programs, and potential programs within the region at least two times a year, and at a minimum;
    - i. Develop a good working relationship with each program;
    - ii. Gather detailed data and service/program information;
    - iii. Prepare programs for ADOT/FTA site visits;
    - iv. Provide technical assistance for ADOT e-Grant submission;
    - v. Determine gaps in service and needs for service;
    - vi. Review driver training logs, and provide assistance for training;
    - vii. Hold workshops and/or trainings at Coordination Meetings; and
    - viii. Keep all programs up-to-date with the latest ADOT/FTA information through email or other means.
  - c. CAG will be responsible for the Coordination Plan and updates, to include SCMPO region and their programs.
    - i. SCMPO will provide information and input, if needed.
  
3. **Term of Agreement; Renewal.** The initial term of this Agreement shall commence on October 1, 2023, and shall expire on September 30, 2024. The agreement may be renewed annually with the award of an ADOT Mobility Management Grant to CAG.



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4. **Termination:** This Agreement may be terminated:
- a. At any time by mutual agreement of the Parties
  - b. By either Party without cause upon 180 days written notice to the other Party of intent to terminate.
  - c. For breach of contract upon 10 days written notice by the Party claiming breach to the breaching party; said notice to specify the acts or omissions constituting the alleged breach.

5. **Notices.** Notices to be sent pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent regular mail, and/or email, to the following addresses:

**Sun Corridor MPO (SCMPO)**

Irene Higgs, Executive Director  
211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122  
520-705-5143  
[IHiggs@scmpo.org](mailto:IHiggs@scmpo.org)

**Central Arizona Governments (CAG):**

Andrea Robles, Executive Director  
2540 W. Apache Trail, Suite 108  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120  
(480) 474-9300  
[ARobles@cagaz.org](mailto:ARobles@cagaz.org)

Or to such other addresses as the parties may officially designate in writing.

6. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and no modifications to the terms and conditions of the agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless evidenced by a written agreement approved and executed by CAG and SCMPO.
7. **Conflicts of Interest.** This agreement is subject to the provisions of A.R.S. §38-511 pertaining to conflicts of interest, the pertinent provisions of which are incorporated herein.

*Approvals on Following Page*

**JOINT PROJECT AGREEMENT**  
**Mobility Management Services**

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**BY SIGNATURE BELOW, THE PARTIES** have caused this instrument to be executed as of the date first above written.

**Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization:**

Irene Higgs  
Executive Director  
211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Central Arizona Governments**

Andrea Robles  
Executive Director  
2540 W. Apache Trail, Suite 108  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA URGING STATE LAWMAKERS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECTS SELECTED FOR THE RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY COUNCIL'S (RTAC) GREATER ARIZONA PRIORITY PROJECT LIST.**

**WHEREAS**, the quality of Arizona's transportation infrastructure is vital to public safety, economic prosperity, environmental health, quality of life and cost of living;

**WHEREAS**, ADOT's current long range plan estimates the state highway system's unfunded needs at \$111.6 billion, equating to only 36% of the needs being met;

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's local road networks are facing comparable shortfalls for the maintenance of existing county roads;

**WHEREAS**, counties & municipalities are predominantly dependent on state revenue sharing for the upkeep of local roads in lieu of local fuel and vehicle tax authority;

**WHEREAS**, fuel taxes which are the predominant state revenue source for both state highways and local roads, have not been adjusted in over 30 years, dramatically reducing their impact due to inflation, rising construction costs, continually improving vehicle fuel efficiencies, and the development of alternative fuel vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the Arizona Legislature has increased transportation investment through distributing one-time State General Fund revenues for various projects, a process which has proven to be politically viable at least partially due to the specificity of the use of the funding;

**WHEREAS**, one-time State funding requests funded critically needed highway and road projects but bypassed the established programming processes which prioritize needs through extensive analysis and public participation, processes that are increasingly important due to the magnitude of the under-investment levels and the need to maximize the best use of available funding;

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Arizona transportation planning organizations (COG/MPOs) have the ability to provide a compromise approach by developing a list of specific projects for one-time State funding requests but those that have been vetted and determined to be the top priorities for each Greater Arizona region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization urges state lawmakers to enact legislation appropriating State General Fund revenues to transportation infrastructure and to provide greater deference to the RTAC Rural Regional Priority Project List including both state highway and local road projects as selected by the State's regional transportation planning organizations.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 12th day of September 2023.

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Craig McFarland, Chair  
Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board  
Mayor, City of Casa Grande



ATTEST:

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Irene Higgs  
Sun Corridor MPO Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Denis Fitzgibbons  
Sun Corridor MPO Attorney



**MEMO TO:** SUN CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD  
**FROM:** Irene Higgs, Sun Corridor MPO Executive Director  
**DATE:** September 12, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Sun Corridor MPO Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Regional Project List

The Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) has identified requesting one-time transportation funding from the state legislature as a viable and successful option for securing infrastructure funding for high priority projects. On May 22nd, 2023, the RTAC Board approved the recommendation to start the development of a priority project list for possible inclusion in the State budget for State Fiscal Year 2024-2025. RTAC is moving forward with an approach whereby the regional planning agencies of Greater Arizona each determine a list of prioritized projects. These individual lists will then be consolidated and presented to the State legislature at the next legislative session. This allows the legislators the opportunity to continue advocating for specific projects, but listed projects would reflect regional priorities of Greater Arizona.

The RTAC Management Committee agreed that each COG/MPO in greater Arizona would assist in developing a project list of \$400M for consideration for next year by the Legislature. The funding allocation is proportional to population as recorded in the 2020 census. The proposed Sun Corridor MPO amount is as follows:

RTAC Project Priority Funding Scenarios	SCMPO Distribution by Population	Member Agency Distribution
\$400M	\$27,034,325.62	\$6,758,581.40

It was determined by the Sun Corridor MPO TAC to evenly distribute these funds to each member agency. However, partnerships/regional coordination for larger regional projects was strongly encouraged. It should be noted that these are State funds, and therefore will not come with a local match requirement and will not have the same restrictions as many Federal fund sources. This effort does not preclude any local jurisdiction from pursuing separate one-time funding for other regionally significant projects.

The Sun Corridor MPO Staff recommends approval of the Sun Corridor MPO Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Regional Project List



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Board Action Requested:       Information Only       Action Requested Below

**A motion to approve the Sun Corridor MPO Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Regional Project List.**

Lead Agency	Project Name	Location					Lanes		Description	Funding								
		County	Roadway	Beginning Termini	Ending Termini	Length	Before	After		What Work is being done?	Phase	Casa Grande State Funding Request	Coolidge State Funding Request	Eloy State Funding Request	Pinal County State Funding Request	Total State Funding Request	Local Contribution	Other
Casa Grande	Freight Corridor Roadway Improvements Project	Pinal	Thornton Road and Cottonwood Lane	N/A	N/A				Add a Southbound lane with provisions for a four-lane crossing of the Railroad. Improve the Northbound right turn lane onto Cottonwood. Improve the Southbound left turn onto Thornton.	Design	\$ 900,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900,000.00
			Trekell Road and Jimmie Kerr Boulevard	N/A	N/A				Install dual gates and a curbed median. Widen the Railroad crossing to add Northbound left turn lane. Provide protected Southbound and Northbound left turn arrows.	Right of Way	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
										Construction	\$ 5,858,581.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,858,581.40	\$ 2,300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,158,581.40
<b>Total Project</b>										<b>\$ 6,758,581.40</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,758,581.40</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,058,581.40</b>	

Lead Agency	Project Name	Location					Lanes		Description	Funding								
		County	Roadway	Beginning Termini	Ending Termini	Length	Before	After		What Work is being done?	Phase	Casa Grande State Funding Request	Coolidge State Funding Request	Eloy State Funding Request	Pinal County State Funding Request	Total State Funding Request	Local Contribution	Other
Coolidge	Procter & Gamble Roadway Improvements	Pinal	Arica Road	SR87	Vail Rd	1 mi	2	2	Construct 1 mile of paved 2 lane road with turn lane additions and signal installation on SR87 along with railroad crossing improvements.	Design	\$ -	\$ 460,000.00	\$ -	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 982,837.20	\$ -	\$ 1,902,837.20
			Shedd Rd	SR87	Vail Rd	1 mi	2	2	Construct 1 mile of paved 2 lane road with turn lane additions and signal installation on SR87 along with railroad crossing improvements.	Right of Way	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
			Vail Rd	Shedd Rd	Hanna Rd	2 mi	2	2	Construct 2 miles of paved 2 lane road that includes utility relocations along the route.	Construction	\$ -	\$ 6,298,581.41	\$ -	\$ 6,298,581.41	\$ 12,597,162.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,597,162.82
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		County	Roadway	Beginning Termini	Ending Termini	Length	Before	After		What Work is being done?	Phase	Casa Grande State Funding Request	Coolidge State Funding Request	Eloy State Funding Request	Pinal County State Funding Request	Total State Funding Request	Local Contribution
Eloy		Pinal	Houser Road	La Palma Road	Eleven Mile Corner Road	2 mi	2	2	Construct 2 miles of paved 2 lane roadway.	Design	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000.00	\$ -	\$ 350,000.00	\$ -	\$ 350,000.00
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									Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,408,581.40	\$ -	\$ 6,408,581.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,408,581.40
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