

		EXECUTIVE BO	ARD MEETING MINUTES						
DATE		TIME:	Regular Meeting: 10:00 A.M.						
	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers, 510 E	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122							
PLAC	Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388 Access Code – 24555467#								
	ACT: Irene Higgs 520-705-5143								
	Mayor Jon Thompson, Coolidge								
MEME PRES			Ben Navarro, Coolidge						
FRES	Jenny Howard, State Transportation Board Supervisor Steve Miller, Pinal Co	OTHERS	Doug Moseke, ADOT John Kross, Pinal RTA Duane Eitel, Casa Grande						
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ABSE	NT: NA		Andrew Sutton, Eloy Deb Brunner, Casa Grande						
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1	Call to Order and Introductions		10:01 A.M.						
•	The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Tho.								
2	Title VI - Notice to the Public	inpoorat 10.01 A.W.							
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	SCMPO Executive Director, Irene Higgs, read the Title	VI Public Notice.							
	Call to the Public:								
3	This item is to provide an opportunity for citizens wishir the jurisdiction of the Sun Corridor MPO planning area limited to three (3) min								
	Nothing from the public.								
4	Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) (Int	formation Only)							
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SCMPO Winter 2023 Air Quality Conformity - There has been a change in the Winter 2023 AQ Conformity cycle schedule. MAG, FHWA, and the EPA are working through a review of the methodology MAG uses for the Air Quality Conformity modeling process. The associated conformity analysis and 30-day public comment period are on hold until MAG, FHWA, and EPA agree on the modelling methodology, (30-day was going to be December 7, 2023, through January 6, 2024). Sun Corridor MPO staff met with FHWA Arizona Division to review how the modeling methodology review might impact the SCMPO Winter 2023 AQ Conformity schedule/process and Finding of Conformity as a finding of conformity is required to approve the SCMPO RTP 2050 Update. 40 CFR Part 93.104 allows a 12-month grace period.

SCMPO Spring 2024 Air Quality Conformity - Air Quality project list spreadsheets were sent to TAC members on December 22, 2023. Air Quality project list spreadsheets are due to SCMPO by January 26, 2024.

Executive Board members asked what the impact is if we don't have approval of the Winter 2023 Air Quality Conformity and Irene Higgs stated that any project that is currently in the list of projects that has not been modeled would not be able to move forward until FHWA/FTA accept the Finding of Conformity.



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7 Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Planner Update (Information Only)

Will Randolph provided the following update

FY25-29 Five Year Construction Program: The P2P manager has incorporated all comments & project updates into the P2P List and Planning Level Scoping (PLS) workshops have occurred for future projects. The final PLS will be held in January. The P2P process will prioritize all highway construction projects for considera ADOT's FY 2025-2029 Five Year Construction Program.

Transportation Alternative Program: The recommended list of projects passed the State Transportation Board on November 17th and award letters were distributed to the agencies. Please continue to visit the program website for needed information; https://activetransportation.az.gov/transportation-alternatives-program. The website has a recorded webinar, guidance, FAQs, and links to the application.

Off System Bridge Programs: Applications were due December 30th and the Coolidge Off-System Bridge application for the Casa Grande Canal Extension Bridge was

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

Long Range Transportation Plan: The LRTP was passed by the STB on 10/20/2023. Please visit the ADOT LRTP webpage https://www.adot2050plan.com.which hosts the plan documentation and summary sheets (2-3 page bullet point reports of said working papers).

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan: ADOT will be looking at conducting RFPs later 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. https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/arizona-electric-vehicle-

The Statewide Truck Parking Plan: The final plan was completed with presentation to the State Transportation Board on 11/17/23 and public comments being addressed in December 2023.

Statewide ITS Architecture Update: Mid tier deliverables have been received from the consultant regarding inventories and technical information, comments have been provided by the stakeholders. The next stakeholder meeting will occur on January 11th, and the virtual meeting invite has been sent to the stakeholders

Mayor McFarland asked Will if there was any update on I-10 or MEGA Grant? Will stated that Greg Byers will need to give the update

8 Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Update (Information Only)

Romare Truely provided the following update:

Final Rule for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure Effective January 8, 2024 - On December 7, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published the final rule for the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions performance measure in the Federal Register [88 FR 85364], with an effective date of January 8, 2024. The final rule provides State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) a national framework for measuring and reporting

Final Rule for Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Effective January 18, 2024 - On December 19, 2023, FHWA published the final rule adopting the 11th Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) in the Federal Register [88 FR 87672], with an effective date of January 18, 2024. The MUTCD is the national standard for traffic control devices used on all public roads, bikeways, or private roads open to public travel.

USDOT Announces \$817 Million in Awards for Safe Streets and Roads - On December 13, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced \$817 million in awards from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for 385 projects across the country. The SS4A Program funds USDOT Announces \$645 Million in Awards for Rural Transportation and Mobility.

On December 12, 2023, the USDOT announced \$645 million in awards from the Rural Surface Transportation Grant (RSTG) Program - The RSTG Program supports projects that improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the mov and freight, generate regional economic growth, and improve quality of life.

FHWA Announces \$110 Million in Awards for Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program - On December 5, 2023, FHWA announced \$110 million in awards from the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP). The WCPP is a competitive grant program with the goal of reducing wildlife vehicle collisions while improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.

FHWA Announces \$9.7 Billion in Available Funding for Bridge Investment Program - On December 20, 2023, FHWA announced the availability of \$9.7 billion in funding through the Bridge Investment Program. FHWA is soliciting applications for "Planning" grants for planning, feasibility analyses, and revenue forecasting associated with the development of a project, and "Bridge Project" grants for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects with total eligible costs of \$100 million or less. The application deadline is March 19, 2024. More information is available here and here, regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries

FTA Announces \$343 Million in Available Funding to Make Transit Stations Accessible for All - On December 1, 2023, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of approximately \$343 million in funding through the All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP). ASAP makes competitive funding available to assist in the financing of capital projects to repair, improve, modify, retrofit, or relocate infrastructure of stations or facilities for passenger use. The application deadline is

USDOT Announces \$25 Million in Available Funding for Rural Autonomous Vehicle Program - On December 13, 2023, the USDOT announced the availability of \$25 million in funding through the Rural Autonomous Vehicle (RAV) Program. The RAV Program will be used for two awards to accredited non-profit institutions of higher education, or consortia thereof, as cooperative agreements on a competitive basis, to conduct research and to work with rural and Tribal communities to address the challenges of bringing the benefits of responsible integration of automated vehicles and associated technologies for air and surface mobility to rural and Tribal communities. The application deadline is March 13, 2024.

ADOT Southcentral District Engineer Update (Information Only)

Doug Moseke provided an update on all ADOT projects within the region.

Construction Projects:

- I-10, MP 200 209 Sunland Gin to SR87) Pavement Preservation Project. Awarded to FNF. Test paving strip in planning. Looking at either January 11th or 16th. Paving would start about a week after the test strip.

 • SR387 from SR87 to SR187 (Just outside Sun Corridor MPO Region) - Nesbit to start construction early 2024.
- SR87 at Kenworthy/SR287 at Christensen Add turn lanes. Under construction. Winter shut down due to paving temperatures. Anticipate March to restart

Design Projects:

- SR87 and Skousen Road Install turn lanes and Traffic Signal Working with C&S for Bid ready documents. IGA going to GRIC Council for approval on Jan 17th. Team is
- working to advertise as soon as possible after IGA is approved.

 SR87 and Kleck Road Install turn lanes and Traffic Signal Stage IV submitted and under review. Construction anticipated Summer of 2024.

retary/Treasurer Micah Powell asked if the project near Eloy included ramps and overpasses. Doug stated no, just the mainline.

Board Member Craig McFarland asked if the pavement preservation project for SR387 (Pinal Avenue) did it make the list. Doug stated that the project was submitted through the P2P process by district. The 5-Year Tentative Construction Program will not be published until March.



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Board Member Craig McFarland stated that something needs to be done at SR387, SR187 and I-10 when there is an accident on I-10. Accident on I-10 pushes traffic towards Sacaton and 387/187 backs up for 3 miles and does not allow left hand turns. That whole area of the interchange becomes a mess. Doug stated that he appreciates the feedback. The ADOT Incident Response Team is working on a Incident Plan and I will pass this information along to them.

Board Member Craig McFarland stated that there is talk that the I-10 Widening might be delayed because the Legislature needs the funding.

Vice Chairman Steve Miller stated that at 6:45 am SR387 was backed-up for over a mile on a regular day without an accident because there is so much traffic going West on SR387 that none can make a left turn onto I-10. A temporary signal is needed. Doug stated that striping has been done at the TI but not much more can be done to improve

Chairman Jon Thompson stated that traveling SR87 is bumper to bumper. Not sure when the last traffic counts were done but traffic is out of control. When there is an accident on I-10 they reroute by CAC. It's a mess! Doug stated that there is no DCR done for SR87. A Corridor study was requested through the P2P. Irene Higgs stated that she is working with MAG because part of SR87 falls with the MAG Region and GRIC. SCMPO has received a letter of support for a study from Governor Lewis. SCMPO will be requesting letters of support from Mayor Thompson, Mayor Powell and County Supervisors. Chairman Jon Thompson stated that you would be surprised at the amount of traffic coming from San Tan using SR87 to get to I-10, Chandler or Gilbert area.

10 Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update (Information Only)

John Kross provided the following update

John stated that he is the new Executive Director of the Pinal RTA. In November 2023, PRTA and Pinal County entered into an IGA to move the role of Executive Directo operations of the PRTA to Pinal County for two-years. Since my appointment in November 2023, I have been meeting with the PRTA Board members and many of the region's stakeholders in an effort listen and learn. Primary responsibility is leading seven staff and a group of consultants to update the Regional Transportation Plan. The RTP will ultimately require voter approval along with a funding source to properly implement the plan. The goal is to have it on the ballot for the November 2025 special election. Our work effort now through all of 2024 is to work with the PRTA Board, TAC, member agencies and others to have options on an updated plan by the end of 2024. In 2025 do the public education and public comment. Ballot propositions to County Recorder by May 2025 as per their requirements, but public education throughout much of 2025. Next Board meeting will be held on November 29, 2024 at 1:30 in Florence in the Ironwood Conference Room. The agenda will include an overview of the proposed Work Program.

11 BUILD Grant Update - Inland Port Arizona (Information Only)

Irene Higgs provided the following update

Project is pretty much completed. Still trying to get electric to the UP signal. Planning to work with jurisdictions to showcase a wrap-up video here in the next month or so.

MPO Update - Information Only

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- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Progress Report (12.0)
 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Ledger (12.1)
- Design/Construction Update (12.2)
- ADOT Arizona 2024 Safety Performance Projections (12.3)
- etropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update (13.0) Irene Higgs stated that staff had a busy couple of months in November January
- Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Ledger (13.1) Irene Higgs stated that SCMPO is working with ADOT on programming the CRP funding. The proposed project w/ ADOT for the Dynamic Message Signs was rejected by ADOT. SCMPO is working with ADOT on next steps and options. We have \$96,849 in STBG funding left in FY24. We will more than likely loan the money to ADOT. Jason Bottjen is working with the TAC to program this money and do a call for projects soon so we can authorize the funding in July 2025
- Design/Construction Report (13.2) Jason Bottjen stated that there is no change to what is in the agenda packet.
- ADOT Arizona 2024 Safety Performance Projections (12.3)(13.3) Irene Higgs stated that the on August 31, 2023 ADOT established new 2024 Arizona Safety Performance (SP) Projections (Targets). On September 12, 2017, the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board voted to support and adopt the performance targets established in perpetuity or until the MPO should deem it necessary to establish and adopt our own targets.

ALL ITEMS LISTED BELOW WITH AN ASTERISK (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROLITING 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.

Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:

A motion was made by Board Member Craig McFarland to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Micah Powell

*13.A Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2023

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023.

†13.B Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment #2 to the Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee Bylaws

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved Amendment #2 to the Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee Bylaws

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment #4 to the FY 2023-2027 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program

APPROVED

A motion was made by Board Member Craig McFarland to Approve Amendment #4 to the FY 2023-2027 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jenny Howard.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

15 Member Jurisdiction Reports (Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and Pinal County)

Casa Grande - Mayor McFarland stated that Thornton Road construction is completed. Thornton Rd - Selma South to I-8 is being improved by the County and almost done. Duane Eitel stated that the federal earmark project for Peters Rd to Hwy 84 (widening to four lane roadway) is moving forward. McCartney Road Improvement (Pinal Ave to I-10) widening to 4-lanes is currently under design with construction planned for 2025.

Pinal County - Nothing to report.

City of Eloy - Mayor Powell thanked the City of Casa Grande for the traffic signal at Sunland Gin Road and Hwy 84. Asked that SCMPO/Pinal County look to look at La Palma Rd and Hwy 84. A recent accident took place at this location. Irene Higgs stated that the Pinal County Safety Study is underway and we will look at the data for this location. Mayor Powell asked if we could look at the time the accidents are happening.

State Transportation Board - Jenny Howard stated that the Board to approve the Tentative 5-Year Construction Plan in February and released in March for public comment.

Asked for ADOT an update on the Emergency funds and an update on the projects. I travel all around the state and I see that a lot good things are happening in certain areas.

City of Coolidge - Ben Navarro stated that the Coolidge Avenue project had 100% design plans received last week w/ construction to start in May 2024. Coolidge Ave. project out by airport has started and should have first drawdown of funds soon

16 Future Agenda Items

I-10 Undate from ADOT

Uncoming Meetings

- State Transportation Board Meeting, January 12, Maricopa
- CAG/SCMPO/SEAGO Legislative Day, January 18, Phoenix
 RTAC Board Legislative Lunch, January 29, Phoenix
- - State Transportation Board Meeting, February 16, Douglas
 RTAC Board Meeting, February 26, Virtual

Next Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting Dates:

• March 12, 2024 - Pinal County Complex, 820 E Cottonwood Lane, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

APPROVED 19 Adjourn

A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Micah Powell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Steve Miller. Note - Board Member Craig McFarland had to leave the meeting at 11:05.

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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

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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

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



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