



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	April 24, 2025	TIME:	1:00 PM
PLACE:	City of Coolidge Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, AZ Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388 Access Code – 24912841504#		
	520-705-5153 Jason's Cell		
Shaded items are action items: Action may not be taken on any other items on the agenda.			
	TAC Members	Guests/Staff	
Attendees:	Duane Eitel, Casa Grande Ben Navarro, Coolidge Will Randolph, ADOT (V) Matt Rencher, Eloy (V)	Jason Bottjen, SCMPO Irene Higgs, SCMPO (V) (V): Attended virtually	
ITEM			
AGENDA ITEM			
1	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions		1:09 PM
2	Title VI Statement		
3	Call to the Public: This item is to provide an opportunity for citizens wishing to address the Technical Advisory Committee on issues within the jurisdiction of the Sun Corridor MPO planning area that are not on the Agenda. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes or less.		
	A Call to the Public was made and no member of the public was present.		
4	RTAC Update (Information Only)		
	Kevin Adam was not in attendance.		
5	ADOT Planner Report (Information Only)		
	Will Randolph provided the attached update.		
6	ADOT Southcentral District Report (Information Only)		
	Priscilla Thompson provided the attached update.		
7	FHWA Report (Information Only)		
	Romare Truely was not in attendance.		
8	Air Quality Update (Information Only)		
	Jason Bottjen gave the following update: •SCMPO January 2025 (Spring 2024) Air Quality Conformity •We received the final Finding of Conformity Letter from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Association on March 6, 2025. •Amendment #12 to the SCMPO FY2023-2027 TIP (Air Quality Amendment approved at the January 14, 2025, SCMPO Executive Board Meeting) was transmitted to ADOT on March 7, 2025. •The January 2025 Air Quality Conformity cycle is complete. •SCMPO June 2025 (Winter 2024) Air Quality Conformity □The 30-day review and public comment period starts today and runs through May 24, 2025. □Sun Corridor has developed a new TIP as part of this conformity cycle (FY2025-2029) □The new TIP, Finding of Conformity and any public comments received will be on the June 5, 2025 TAC meeting agenda for approval. •SCMPO December 2025 Air Quality Conformity □I'll be sending the TAC the Air Quality projects lists on May 12, 2025 to update. □This cycle has a compressed schedule and you will only have two weeks to update your lists as they will be due back to me on May 23, 2025. Please make these a priority. □Approval of the compiled updated air quality project list and approval for the 30-day public comment period will be on the June 5, 2025 TAC agenda.		
9	MPO Update (Information Only): •MPO Progress Report (9.1) •Federal Ledger (9.2) •Project Update (9.3) •Safe Routes to School Studies Update (9.4) •ADOT TA Program Update (9.5) •SS4A Program (9.6)		

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	<p>9.1: MPO Progress Report •Staff meetings & activities 9.2: Federal Ledger •The Remaining Obligation Authority (OA) is \$0 for FY25.</p> <p>9.3: Design Progress Report •No change to what is in the agenda packet</p> <p>9.4: Safe Routes to School Studies •City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to Study □The consultant has completed the study Project Management Plan, Public Involvement Plan, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four Factor Analysis. □School walking audits are being scheduled oMission Heights Preparatory High School on April 22nd. oGrande Innovation Academy & Pinnacle Charter Schools on April 29th.</p> <p>•City of Coolidge Safe Routes to Study □School observations for all Coolidge schools were completed on March 4th and 5th □The consultant is compiling all data collection results with the Existing Conditions Report due at the end of May 2025. □A study stakeholder meeting took place on April 23rd where the data collection efforts were summarized and presented to the group. □The study team will be attending the Coolidge Public Library Titans event on May 16th to conduct public outreach. The event is for all school age children.</p> <p>9.5: ADOT TA Program Update •Initial applications are due by May 5, 2025 and require: oLetter of Support from Sun Corridor MPO, should have those to you by tomorrow. oLetter of Commitment for the required 5.7% Local Match oCost Estimate oPS&E (plan, specification, & estimate - 60% or 100%) •Final applications are due May 27, 2025</p>
	<p>9.6: SS4A Program •Deadline to Submit: June 26, 2025 •Only 1 application per agency •If the agency is part of a joint application, that counts as the 1 application for each of the joint applicants •The agency can be a partner on multiple applications, which does not count as the 1 application •ADOT can be the administrator – would need to add the admin cost to the cost estimate •Any project that is on an ADOT facility, involves ADOT ROW, or if applicant wants ADOT to administer the project requires an ADOT Grant Support form submitted to ADOT at least 30 days. We are targeting March 23rd to have those grant support forms submitted. •Josh will be reaching out to finalize which projects or bundle of projects you'll want to submit an application for. •\$25M is limit and a 20% local match is required.</p>
10	<p style="text-align: center;">Consent Agenda</p> <p>All items listed below with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion and one vote of the Technical Advisory Committee. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a TAC member or member of the public so requests. In the event of a request, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:</p>
	<p><i>Matt Rencher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ben Navarro seconded.</i></p>
10.1*	<p>Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the February 27, 2025 TAC Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>
	<p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from the February 27, 2025 TAC meeting was approved.</i></p>
10.2*	<p>Recommend Approval of the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update 2025</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>
	<p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the CAG & SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update 2025 was approved.</i></p>
11	<p>Recommend Approval of Amendment #14 to the FY 2023-2027 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED 4-0</p>
	<p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve Amendment #14 to the FY 2023- 2027 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program. Matt Rencher seconded. Agenda Item #11 was approved with the Sun Corridor MPO Administration & Operations funding in FY26 & FY27 removed from the TIP amendment.</i></p>
12	<p>Recommended approval of the FY 2026-2027 Sun Corridor MPO Unified Planning Work Program</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED 4-0</p>
	<p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve the FY 2026-2027 Sun Corridor MPO Unified Planning Work Program. Matt Rencher seconded.</i></p>
13	<p>Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County</p>

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	<p><i>Ben Navarro provided the following update for Coolidge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coolidge Safe Routes to School study is progressing. • The Selma Hwy at Casa Grande Canal Extension Bridge Reconstruction Scoping Meeting took place on March 11th. • Two paving projects will start at the beginning of the new fiscal year; Raymond Ave. & Northern. <p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update for Casa Grande:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCartney, Pinal Ave. to I-10 and Trekell, Rodeo to McCartney are being widened to 4 lanes with raised medians. <p><i>Matt Rencher provided the attached update for Eloy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eloy will be applying for a TAP grant to fund final design and construction. • The Battaglia and Tweedy Lighting project has completed all clearances and is moving to the construction phase. • Completed two public meetings for the Sunland Gin Roadway Improvements project. Both meetings were well attended and the general consensus showed public support for the project. 	
14	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTAC Board Meeting, April 28, virtual • RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting, May 12, virtual • Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting, May 13, Coolidge • State Transportation Board Meeting, May 16, Bullhead City • AzTA Board Meeting, Phoenix • RTAC Board Meeting, May 19, Phoenix 	
15	Future Agenda Items	
16	Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - June 5, 2025 in Eloy	
17	Adjourn	1:41 PM

April 24th, 2025

ATTN: SCMPO TAC Members

Subject: ADOT MPD Report

1. FY26-30 Five Year Construction Program: The tentative Five Year Construction Program is available on ADOT Website for public comment on March 3rd and will be open to public comments through May 23rd. The next public hearing will be in May with final adoption at the STB June 20th meeting. Also open is the Call for Project Nominations for ADOT's P2P process for consideration in ADOT's FY27-31 Five Year Construction program. Any projects nominated need to be submitted through a project nomination form to the P2P manager by May 2nd.

2. Transportation Alternatives: The ADOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program has officially opened for applications. Please see email below and visit the TA Program website for detailed information, program guide and application. <https://azdot.gov/TA>. The application deadline for initial review is May 5, 2025.

3. HSIP Scoping Projects: HSIP eligibility letters have been dispersed April 1st. Please coordinate all JPA requirements to the traffic safety section and approved by your agencies, and send the local match requirement by May 30, 2025

4. ADOT SMART Program: Updates were done to the Request for Grant Application and Agreement (RFGAA) for the SMART program. This year will be a pilot program of the new SMART program while applications are accepted. Questions regarding applications should go to azsmart@azdot.gov <https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund>.

5. Federal Discretionary Grants: Please continue to visit USDOT's website or the ADOT grant coordination page <https://azdot.gov/planning/adot-grant-coordination-group> for the NOFOs and deadlines.

Status of ADOT studies:

1. 287/87 SR Corridor Profile Study: The needs assessment was delivered February 28th and reviewed by the PMT for comments. The PMT comments were sent to the consultant before TAC meeting #3 occurred on March 6th, and the TAC Comments were due March 20th. The next phase of the project is solution prioritization evaluating project life cycles, B/C ratios, and risk analysis. The next PMT meeting is April 23rd to discuss project developments, and the next TAC meeting will occur in June.

2. Passenger Rail Study:

The current FRA Step 1 initiation package—comprising the scope of work, schedule, and budget—has cleared FRA management review and is currently under legal review. This

process is expected to take a few weeks. Once approved, ADOT and FRA will proceed to finalize the Step 2 grant agreement to formally launch the study. While the exact timeline for approval is still being determined, a tentative start date in summer 2025 is anticipated.

The next executive leadership meeting will be held Monday April 28th including members from SCMPO, MAG, and PAG to discuss the latest status of the project while addressing any concerns and comments.

Project Website: azdot.gov/PhoenixTucsonPassengerRail

3. N/S Corridor Tier 2 Study: This study is continuing to move forward while the ADOT MPD regional planner is in coordination with the PM on this study and the SR 287/87 study. Northern Segment 1 - Progress meetings were held with the Four Southern Tribes and cooperating agencies. The NOI was published in April for its 2 year time frame for completing the EIS, and a public meeting will be held in May, 2 in person and 1 virtual. Southern Segment 2 - Had a kickoff meeting with the Four Southern Tribes and cooperating agency meetings are scheduled for May. Deliverables are ongoing, and will continue to have bi-weekly core team meetings.

Please visit the project website for any other needed information.

<https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/north-south-corridor-study-proposed-new-transportation-route-pinal>

4. Other studies are also occurring including freight, ITS studies, and numerous transportation alternative studies.

ADOT SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE - APRIL 2025		
Priscilla Thompson - Assistant District Engineer ADOT Southcentral District		
No.	Project Description	Status
F0270	I10 - Bridges over the Gila River (Outside Sun Corridor)	Currently in Construction by Pulice from 2024-2026 Managed by ADOT Central District
F0336 / F0337	I10 - Gas Line Road to South of SR 387 (Outside Sun Corridor)	Bid- 2025 Construction - 2025-2027 Managed by ADOT Central District
F0641	SR 187 from SR 387 to SR 87 Pavement Rehabilitation (Outside Sun Corridor)	Bid Advertisement - May 2025
CITY OF CASA GRANDE		
F0642	SR 387 at Pinal Avenue and Viola Street - Install HAWK	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - June 2025
T0469	Florence Boulevard and Peart Road - Intersection Improvements	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - August 2025
T0470	Florence Boulevard and Colorado Street - Install Raised Median	Anticipated Bid Advertisemet - July 2025
T0529	Centennial Boulevard and Pinal Avenue (SR 387) - Construct Traffic Signal	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - August 2025
T0530	Thornton Road-SR 84 to Peters Road - Widen Roadway	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - February 2026
T0618	Ash Avenue and Florence Street Roundabout	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - September 2025
CITY OF COOLIDGE		
F0521	SR87 and Skousen Road - Pavement and Traffic Signals	Construction Complete February 2025 Pre-emption on Signals April 18th
F0553	SR87 and Kleck Road - Construct Left Turn Lanes	Finalizing Guardrail and Striping
CITY OF ELOY		
T0472	Battaglia Drive and Tweedy Road - Intersection Lighting	Bids opened on 4/11/2025 and the Lowest Bidder is Roadway Electric LLC
T0539	Battaglia Road - Eleven Mile Corner Road to Sunshine Boulevard - Construct Sidewalk	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - October 2025
PINAL COUNTY		
T0448	Sunland Gin Road, Battaglia Drive and Houser Drive - Pave Shoulders and Rumble Strips	Project will become Shelf Ready for future HSIP application
T0449	Battaglia Drive, Henness Road and Overfield Road - Shoulder Widening	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - July 2025



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Name	Title	Organization	Email Address	Elected Official (✓ if yes)	Federal Funded (✓ if yes)	Hours Worked On Project Preparation Meeting Travel	Miles Traveled	Initials
Irene Higgs	Executive Director	SCMPO	ihiggs@scmpo.org		X			Victoria
James Meyer	HPMS Manager	ADOT	jmeyer@azdot.gov		X			
Jason Botjen	Deputy Director	SCMPO	jbotjen@scmpo.org		X			JB
Jay Gomes	Traffic Engineer	ADOT	jgomes@azdot.gov		X			
Jennifer Henderson	Project Coordinator	ADOT	jhenderson@azdot.gov		X			
Jennifer Love	SR. Transportation Planner	AECOM	jennifer.love@aecom.com					
Tina Munoz	Transit Group Manager	ADOT	tmunoz@azdot.gov		X			
Joe Ortiz	Managing Director of Development Services	Pinal County	joe.ortiz@pinal.gov					
Jon Vlaming	Community Development Director	City of Eloy	jvlaming@eloyaz.gov					
Jothan Samuelson	Transportation Engineer	Works	j.samuelson@worksconsulting.com					
Kevin Adam	Director	RTAC	kadam@rtac.net					
Lucas Murray	GIS/HPMS Analyst	ADOT	lmurray@azdot.gov		X			
Mark Henige	Program Manager	ADOT	mhenige@azdot.gov		X			
Michael James	Planning Director	CivTech	mh.james@civtech.com					
Mike Blankenship	Principal	Green Light TE	mikeb@greenlightte.com					



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